

Affiliates Assembly I
June 27, 2008
8:00pm – 10:00pm
Anaheim Convention Center, room 201 A/B

The meeting was Called to Order by Chair Jay Bansbach at 8:10pm. Chair Bansbach introduced himself; Irene Kwidzinski, Affiliate Assembly (AA) co-chair; Leslie Forsman, AA recording Secretary; Carl Harvey, AA Past Chair; and Cyndi Phillip, AASL Past President. He also introduced the following Regional Directors Elect: Dee Griffith, Region I; Rosina Alaimo, Region II; Cara Cavin, Region III; Diane Chen, Region IV; Lou Greco Region V Director; Maribel Garza-Castro, Region VI; Debra a LaPlante, Region VII; Linda Collins, Region VIII; and Gail Formanack Region IX. Chair Bansbach then introduced Julie Walker, AASL Executive Director; Jen Habley ALA/AASL liaison (who was not in attendance); Jonathan West, AASL Communciations Manager; Allison Cline, AASL's new Deputy Director; and Melissa Jones, AASL's new Communications Specialist.

The minutes from the January 13, 2008 Affiliates Assembly were distributed for comments and corrections. An error in the last name of author Susan Patron's last name was noted. The minutes had been approved at the Affiliates Assembly Executive Committee meeting earlier in the evening, thus no motion to approve them now was needed.

AA Co-Chair Irene Kwidzinski then introduced the candidates for AA Chair Elect: **Sandra Andrews** and **Jane Sharka**. The candidates' biographies were read aloud and the delegates were referred to page 5 of the delegates' handbook for a listing of the duties of the Chair. The affiliates were also asked to nominate candidates for the Recording Secretary position. Each candidate is required to gather at least 10 signatures in their support. The Recording Secretary's duties are also listed on page 5 on the handbook. Nominations are due by the end of the AA I meeting this evening. Time was allowed for potential candidates to gather the required signatures. The following names were submitted for the Recording Secretary position: **Marie Barron** (Region II), **Deb Christensen** (Region IV), and **Jackie Chetzran** (Region VI). The elections for Chair and Recording Secretary will be held during the AA II meeting on Sunday June 29, 2008.

Chair Bansbach introduced **AASL President Sara Kelly Johns** who then addressed the affiliates. President Johns complimented the delegates for being the part of association that brings to the national spotlight the things are happening locally, and takes the national issues home to their local organizations. President Johns invited the affiliates to attend the President's Program on Saturday, June 28 (10:30am to 12:00 noon) focusing on Intellectual Freedom and featuring author Susan Patron (The Higher Power of Lucky). The session will include discussion on self-selection versus censorship. President Johns will present AASL's Crystal Apple Award to the "Spokane Moms" in recognition of their support of and for school library media specialists in the state of Washington. President Johns pointed out that both the Affiliates Assembly and the AASL Board had identified the parents' organizations as the primary groups to help gather support for school

libraries and school library media specialists. The “Spokane Moms” are a prime example of this support. President Johns then suggested that perhaps we should change the questions to stress what won't happen when students do not have access to library materials and personnel. “This is a 21st century student, don't you want one?” could be a marketing example. She mentioned that she was interested in hearing the concerns and commendations and thanked the affiliates for their leadership and efforts on behalf of our students.

Chair Bansbach then asked the affiliates to examine the Statements of Concern as brought forward by the Affiliates Assembly Executive Committee. He noted which Directors Elect would guide each discussion group. He also reminded everyone that all editing and word-smithing must be completed this evening and that the corrected concerns must be returned to him by the end of the evening. After the affiliates broke into their discussion groups, the desire to separate concerns #1 and #13 was brought forward. Diane Chen volunteered to guide the discussion for concern #13. The groups were then led as follows: Marilyn Joyce Concern 1 regarding the need for a rapid response network when programs are in jeopardy; Gail Formanack Concern 3 regarding National Board Certification encouragement and acknowledgement; Rosina Alaimo Concern 6 regarding communications with ASCD and other partnerships with administrators; Debra LaPlante Concern 9 on diversity (and the lack there of); Maribel Garza-Castro Concern 10 on collaboration with ISTE; and Diane Chen Concern 13 regarding the decreasing numbers of certified professionals across the states. The affiliates were then given approximately 35 minutes to discuss the concerns.

Chair Bansbach later collected the amended Statements of Concerns. He reminded the affiliates that they would meet again on Sunday June 29, 2008 from 8:00am until 12:00 noon in the same room ACC 210 A/B. During the next meeting the concerns and commendations will be voted on, and the Chair Elect and Recording Secretary will be elected. TLC will provide breakfast for the affiliates on Sunday morning at the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm.

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Attendance Record

Region I:

David Bilmes	CASL
Lucia Rafala	CASL
Peg Becksvoort	MASL (Maine)
Marilyn Joyce	Director
Kelley McDaniel	MASL (Maine)
Nancy J. Keane	NHEMA
Valerie Diggs	MSLA (MA)
Gerri Fegan	MSLA (MA)
Susan Ballard	NESLA, NHEMA
Sylvia K. Norton	MASL guest

Region II:

Rosina Alaimo	SLMS
Sally Daniels	SLMS guest
Andre Taylor	DCASL
Hilda K. Weisburg	NJASL
Geneva Reeder	PSAL
Nancy Smith Latanision	PSLA
Doug Francis	PSLA guest
Pat Bartoshesky	DSLMA
Sue Gooden	DSLMA
J. Linda Williams	MASL
Marie Barron	SLMS
Fran Roscello	SLMS guest
Leslie Blatt	NJASL
Pat Massey	NJASL guest
Sara Kelly Johns	SLMS

Region III:

Cara Cavin	DirEl, WEMTA
Randee Hudson	ISLMA
Jane Sharka	ISLMA
Jo Kirkbride	MAME
Vicky Schmarr	OELMA
Marie Sabol	OELMA
Karen Lemmons	MAME
Gayla Strack	MASL
Marianne Fues	MASL
Robyn Young	AIME
Jo Ann Carr	WEMTA
Val Edwards	WEMTA
Kathleen McBroom	MAME

Region IV:

Sandra Andrews	NCSLMA guest
Fred Tilsley	KSMA
Evie Topcik	KSMA
Laurel Morgan	VEMA
Terri Britt	VEMA guest
Nancy Dickinson	Dir, TASL
Bruce Hester	TASL
Lynn Caruithers	TASL
Nancy Silcox	VEMA
Kitt Lisenby	SCASL
Valerie Byrd Fort	SCASL
Trudy Moss	NCSLMA
Deb Christensen	NCSLMA
Diane Chen	DirEl, TASL
Allison Roberts	TASL guest
Ann M. Martin	AASL PresEl, VEMA

Region V:

Lou Greco	FAME
Pat Dedicos	FAME
Margie Thomas	LASL
Sherry Grove	GLMA
Melissa Johnston	GLMA

Region VI:

Cindy Buchanan	TASL
Nancy Kubasek	TASL
Jackie Chtezron	TASL
Alison Almquist	NMLA
Buffy Edwards	OASLMS
Jeanna Cook	AR Assoc School Lib

Region VII:

Debra LaPlante	TLD-AzLA
Sandra Yoon	Calif. Sch. Lib. Assoc.
Sally Roof	TLD-AzLA

Region VIII:

Joanna Freeman	WLMA
Merrie Olson	OASL
Gregory Lum	OASL
Dave Sonnen	WLMA
Linda Collins	DirEl, WLMA

Region IX:

Gail Formanack	DirEl
Cindy Pfeiffer	KASL
Barbara Bahm	KASL
Betty Meyer	NLA (SCYP)
Lori Umstead	NEMA
Linda Roberts	Incoming DirEl
Janice Ostrom	Director
Sherry Crow	CASL