

Affiliate Assembly I

Friday, June 24, 2005

7:30 pm – 9:30 pm

McCormick Place

Room N426

Rosina welcomed everyone and discussed the handouts at the sign in table. She also introduced Kathy Agarwal, AASL staff.

Regions were asked to stand and directors were asked to explain where their region is located.

Committee reports:

Veanna Baxter, chair of AASL Nominating Committee

1. Asked the group to assist the committee in getting accurate contact information. She needs a professional card from each state association affiliate to contact and survey state leaders. Her email is vbaxter@mansfield.edu
2. The nominating committee needs people also. Please submit your names using the forms on the back table or through the website.
3. She needs folks to fill out volunteer forms.

Dennis LeLoup and Claudia Myers - AASL Legislation Committee

1. The legislative Committee together with ALSC and YALSA are sponsoring a program and this year's will be during Affiliate Assembly on Sunday entitled "Who's Afraid of the Big, Bad Legislator?" They urged people to attend if possible.
2. They reported that there was a great turn out of school librarians at ALA Legislative Day.
3. The committee is working on getting a listserv up for school library legislative concerns.
4. Last year's affiliate assembly concern regarding NCLB was addressed by the committee with a letter to all congressmen stating the importance of certified school librarians in very school.
5. YALSA and ALSC approached AASL regarding an ALA Council resolution to address the shortage of funding due to NCLB. This will be presented to Council.
6. They reminded us to read the article regarding legislation in Knowledge Quest called "Nagging Cheerleader."

Rosina read a statement from the ALA President requesting feedback at an open hearing on Sunday regarding the Campaign for America's Libraries. There are goldenrod handouts on the back table with more information.

Rosina described the procedure for selecting candidates for Affiliate Assembly Chair-Elect and Secretary. Time was allowed for prospective candidates to solicit the required number of signatures and to submit them for consideration.

Rosina presented the package of commendations and regions were given time to discuss them.

Concern Caucus – Rosina discussed the Statements of Concern and how the group will examine and work on them tonight. The assembly divided itself into groups and addressed concerns that involved them.

Linda Williams reminded us about Celebrate Conference and thanked those who volunteered to speak and helped gather door prizes. She also reminded people that she still needs names for committees and she would like affiliate members involved. williams@aacps.org or jw177@aol.com. Please email her if you are interested in serving on a committee.

The rest of the evening focused on group work on the Statements of Concern.

Announcement of nominees

Chair-elect – Carl Harvey, Andre Taylor

Secretary – Diane Kester, Karen Love

The meeting adjourned abruptly when the power went out at 9:40 PM.