

**AASL Affiliate Assembly
Sunday, January 16, 2005
8:00 AM - 12:40 PM
Sheraton Independence West**

In attendance:

Affiliate Assembly Chair: Rosina Alaimo, New York
Affiliate Assembly Chair-elect: Diane Chen, Tennessee
Affiliate Assembly Recording Secretary: Ty R. Burns, Texas
Region I Director: Sylvia K. Norton, Maine
Region I Director-elect: Irene Kwidzinski
Region II Director: Sara Kelly Johns, New York
Region III Director: Dee Gwaltney, Michigan
Region IV Director: Ann Marten, Virginia
Region IV Director-elect: Virginia Wallace, Virginia
Region V Director: Melissa Johnston, Georgia
Region VI Director-elect: Alison Almquist, New Mexico
Region VII Director-elect: Mary Ann Harlan, California
Region VIII Director-elect: Jim Hayden, Oregon

Alabama Instructional Media Association
Lisa Hathcock
Ann Marie Pipkin

Arizona Library Association, Teacher-Librarian Division
Ann Dutton Ewbank

Association of Indiana Media Educators
Carl Harvey
Rick Jones

Colorado Association of School Librarians
Betty Bankhead

Connecticut Educational Media Association
Dianne Kimball

Delaware School Library Media Association
Janet Shaw
Barbara Ruszkowski

Educational Media Association of New Jersey
Mary Lewis
Hilda Weisburg

Florida Association for Media in Education
James Carey

Illinois School Library Media Association
Leslie Forsman
Lou Ann Jacobs

Iowa Educational Media Association
Joel Shoemaker

Kansas Association of School Librarians
Ann Schuster
Linda Roberts

Kentucky School Media Association
Lisa Hughes
Angi Hawkins

Maine Association of School Libraries
Teri Caouette
Nancy B. Grant

Maryland Educational Media Organization
Dorothy D'ascanio
Jay Bansbach

Massachusetts School Library Media Association
Katherine Lowe
Sandra Kelly
Wendi Rosulek

Michigan Association for Media in Education
Joanne Steckling
Marsha Lambert

Minnesota Educational Media Association
Jane Prosebak
Doug Johnson
Judith Rodgers

Missouri Association of School Librarians
Patricia Bibler
Linda K. Rebstock
Susan Rundel

Nebraska Educational Media Association
Gail Formanack
Donna Helvering
Glenda Willnerd

Nevada Library Association, School and Children's Librarians' Section
Robbie Nickel
Lee Gorda

New England Educational Media Association
Dr. Carol Gordon
Lee Ann Coglesir

New York School Library Media Section
Patricia Shanley
Catherine Marriott

North Carolina School Library Media Association
Karen Lowe
Sandra Andrews

Ohio Educational Library Media Association
Christine Findlay

Oklahoma Association of School Library Media Specialists
Jayme Seat
Buffy Edwards

Pennsylvania School Librarians Association
Anita Vance
Linda Carvell

South Carolina Association of School Librarians
Martha Taylor
Lawren Hammond

Tennessee Association of School Librarians
Allison Roberts
Brenda Moriarty

Texas Association of School Librarians
Tanya Tullos
Jack Strawn

Vermont Educational Media Association
Angel Harris
Merlyn Miller

Virginia Educational Media Association
Kathy Lehman
Dee Griffith
Virginia Wallace

Washington Library Media Association
Jan Weber
Kay Evey

Wisconsin Educational Media Association
Kate Bugher
Annette Smith
Cara Cavin

Affiliate Assembly Chair Rosina Alaimo opened the session and greeted everyone.

Gail Dickinson and Cyndi Phillip, candidates for AASL President, spoke to the assembly.

TLC representative David Burns was thanked for sponsoring the breakfast and David greeted the group.

Rosario reviewed the purpose of affiliate assembly for the new faces in the assembly. She also discussed the handbook and the need for any correction that may have been missed.

Robin Ely and Jennifer, AASL staff, was introduced and staff was thanked for their efforts on our behalf especially during the current staff shortages due to the loss of two staff members.

Rosina reminded the group that our meetings are Sunday morning at Midwinter, Friday night at annual and Sunday morning at annual. Regions were reminded that they are encouraged to hold a meeting during the spring before annual assembly.

Hilda Weisberg Reg. 2 (Irene Kwidzinski , Reg. 1) moved the acceptance of the minutes with corrections. Motion approved. Changes to the minutes from the AASL Affiliate Assembly Minutes from Orlando were noted - New York State School Library Media Section instead of Youth Services Division

Mary Kay Biagini shared information about the AASL 12th National Conference “Every Student Succeeds @ Your Library” on October 6-9.

- Wed night will be a river cruise, Thursday night will be a tailgate party, Saturday night gala.
- Cathy Marriott is in charge of the preconference and members were encouraged to take advantage of the excellent professional development – Joyce Valenza, Patrick Jones, Keith Curry Lance, Ellen Keene, Rod Bowling.
- The exploratorium will be an excellent place to learn about excellent programs as well as successful @ your library campaigns.
- Rosario shared that the first general session speaker will be Levar Burton, the second general session will be at the end of the conference and there will be a panel of excellent speakers.
- One book, one conference will be *Whale Talk* with Chris Crutcher and you will have two opportunities to share about it. Crutcher will also be the Friday evening dinner speaker.
- Jerry Spinelli will be the Saturday breakfast speaker.
- Conference programs will be in your mailboxes by the end of the month.
- Early bird registration is by June 17th.

Dan Fuller shared information on David Loertscher’s “Ban Those Bird Units Model Testing: An Action Research Project” and encouraged representatives to participate.

ALA Council Candidates – Gene Hamon, Kathy Lichman, Sylvia Norton were introduced. AASL Candidates were announced and introduced if they were in the room.

- President-Elect: Gail Dickinson, Cyndi Phillips
- Member-at-large: Dee Gwaltney, Allison Kaplan
- Treasurer: Walter Betts, Dennis LeLoup
- Regional Director elects
 - Region I: Marilyn Joyce, Dorothy Grazier
 - Region III: Carl Harvey, Karen Lemmons
 - Region IV: Martha Taylor, Nancy Dickinson
 - Region VI: Dr. Barbara Ray, Diane Hughes
 - Region VII: Annie Weissman, Robbie Nickel
- ISS Chair-elect: Carolyn Hilles, Pat Moser
- ISS Secretary: Doris Baron, Marie Amy Patterson
- SPVS Chair-elect: Steve Baule, Linda Corey
- SPVS Secretary: Jacqueline Rose

Ty Burns encouraged people to vote for AASL members that were running for office in other divisions. He mentioned about 40% of the membership of YALSA are school librarians, but there is not a school librarian on the board. We want to vote and make our voice heard in ALA and all its divisions.

Regional and affiliate concerns needed to be submitted to Rosina 30 days before annual conference affiliate assembly.

Rosina discussed the discussion points for regional caucuses and the group broke out for caucus discussions. Discussion points were

- What one obstacle or special initiative has your state addressed this year?
- What has your state done in regards to the @ your library school library campaign?

AASL President Dawn Vaughn addressed the affiliate assembly regarding the six concerns brought forth from the Orlando Affiliate Assembly:

1. Copyright Toolkit – working with the copyright specialist in the Washington office (WO). The WO has conducted focus groups on copyright and once the results are compiled they will be sent to the AASL office and a product will be created.
2. Federal policies acknowledge librarians – two documents were distributed in regards to this
 - Highly qualified document that was distributed to every congressman in Washington
 - Legislative action centerWe all need to participate in lobbying and acting when AL-WON alerts go out. More information will also be in Knowledge Quest, but these cannot be timely in regards to the legislation. There may be some changes in NCLB. Funding letter for literacy for libraries will also be sent out to all congressmen. Librarians need to be contacting their Congressman and educating them on this issue. A sustained campaign throughout the year will assist us in educating your elected officials and they will know how to vote in regards to our concerns. The WO will be happy to create a regular legislative report and put it on the AA listserv. It is also very important that school librarians try to attend legislative day on May 3-4.
3. Literacy – reading for Understanding committee is looking at revising statements at this midwinter conference. Next regional institute will be on reading. I-CONnect committee is looking at online courses / professional development courses on the teaching role of the librarian.

4. Language on standardized test update – research committee has been asked to begin to contact the many national testing services and how we can update the questions concerning librarians. Keith Curry Lance is very interested in this topic.
5. National standards for librarians (AASL stamp for programs) – Exec. Board determined that this is too massive of an undertaking at this time especially as AASL is undergoing strategic planning
6. Higher voter turnout, Knowledge Quest contain candidate information, - Next KQ will have a pres. Message regarding voting and an article, Hot Links will also contain the ALA voting / election hot link prominently. If our members will vote, we can have lots of people in prominent positions within the organization.

The AASL board has spent most of midwinter working on strategic planning and she feels there will be some exciting results from the plan.

Regional Caucus Report Summaries on Discussion Points:

Region I - State Initiatives / Obstacles

- Only Maryland has a state Library Media Coordinator
 - No reports on SLMP data or staffing
 - No standards Massachusetts
- Library Media Coordinators are still invisible
- Role of LMS under attack
 - Laptop initiative in Maine
 - You can be a LMS or a Reading Specialist to do the job in New Hampshire
- New England Educational Media Association (NEEMA) Leadership Conference

Region I - State Action on @ Your School Library Campaign

- Part of the Connecticut Conference Theme
- Workshop at NEEMA Leadership Conference

Region II - State Initiatives / Obstacles

Pennsylvania

- Professional Development for PSLA members – issue discussion book – librarians lead groups concurrent educational issues
- PDE – How good is good? What a good library should have matches what exists for teachers. Contact- lindacarvell@comcast.net

Delaware

- During legislative day there was a grassroots movements with students using a virtual campaign and emails as part of a civics lesson resulting \$1 million for libraries passed. Everyone received some kind of money.
- Ross Todd survey on spending on school libraries. For more information contact shawj@christina.k12.de.us

New Jersey

- Mentoring for new library media specialist handbook created. New librarians must be a member of state organization to participate. Mentees receive professional development credit. More info contact maryklewis@optionline.net
- A school library classroom collections document was created with the New Jersey Reading Association.

Maryland - Building Alliances Conference 2 day conference with all different types of libraries. Identified commonalities to develop action plans for common issues. More info contact jbansbach@msde.state.md.us

New York

- Joined with New York Library Association to create letters to legislators similar to ALA online connections.

- Book for parents on importance of school library.

Region II - State Action on @ Your School Library Campaign

New Jersey

- Conference theme for two years
- This past year Dawn Vaughn did a workshop at conference.

Pennsylvania

- PDE cosponsored an advocacy workshop.
- Publishing a manual that expands AASL's applications
- Funded a train the trainers session

Region III - State Initiatives / Obstacles

Minnesota - State has no set of information literacy/ technology standards. Worked with public and academic librarians to develop and hope they will be mandatory for K-12.

Iowa - Iowa Educational Media Association dissolved and is now part of the state library association. There was a loss of membership due to this change.

Missouri - State library and Dept. of Ed survey on Libraries affect on achievement and distributed print results at regional conference, possible work with MLA on co-conference.

Illinois - Lack of awareness of SLMS - have done a survey. Have a rollout and a celebration dinner to which government officials are invited.

Wisconsin - Wisconsin Library Association had a division for school library that dissolved; new membership opportunities for WEMA where there is a dual membership for media specialist

Indiana

- Library Awareness and data collection that was developed into a brochure that will be communicated to members
- Indiana Principal Leadership Academy

Michigan - lack of support and connection in state dept. of ed.; executive director made report and connection

Ohio

- Loss library positions; rules changed; build to counteract that
- Workshops to help LMS collect data
- Leg. Day - lost 200 positions; 70% levy failures

Wisconsin - hosted daylong legislative retreat where reps from 17 different education and library related associations attended; there will be a follow-up.

Region III - State Action on @ Your School Library Campaign

Missouri - one workshop at conference and Dawn Vaughn spoke at the general session

Illinois

- 2005 Conference Title
- Conference jump off point
- Dawn Vaughn attended and presented at the ISLMA conference 2004

Indiana

- 2003 conference logo with one introductory session
- Will be a pre-conference in 2005

Missouri - November 2004 conference theme

Region IV - State Initiatives / Obstacles

- One day summer refresher professional development institute in Kentucky was moved to the eastern section of the state to encourage new participants instead of holding it in the same part of the western region
- "Linking Libraries & Academic Achievement" through D.O.E. and VEMA

- Collaboration with D.O. E., administrators, teachers, and state library regarding state standards and their impact on achievement
- Delegates sent to AASL Fall Forum and a training is being developed by the participants
- Sponsored a "Leadership Institute"
- Consortium of school, public, etc. to talk with legislatures
- Joined with other organizations - State Dept. of Ed. For Volunteer Voices & Coalition for Tennessee Futures

Region IV- State Action on @ Your School Library Campaign

State???

- Sessions at conference
- Display exhibit at conference
- Notepad with slogan
- "What's Your Message @ Your Library" training workshop
- Dawn Vaughn at conference talking about the initiative

Virginia

- Academic Success @ Your Library
- One community had a parade and all librarians were invited to participate in the parade entry - Librarians won prize for most original entry

Region V - State Initiatives / Obstacles

Alabama - hired a lobbyist for our library money. We also worked with AEA. We had a legislative day. We received our funds. State Dept. of Ed is requesting an increase from \$135 to \$200 per teacher unit.

Georgia - continuing lobbying efforts, postcards, letter writing, Library Legislation Day in two weeks

Florida - left out of state Florida Reads Initiative. Funding is flowing to the initiative and none to the libraries. Working at the state level with language arts and reading caucus. Trying to develop a political campaign on role of SLMS in literacy.

Region V- State Action on @ Your School Library Campaign

Georgia - Went to training at San Diego Midwinter and presented to the Georgia State Library Conference

Alabama - Terri Kirk and Ann Marie Pipkin presented @ your library workshop at the Alabama Instructional Media Association Conference

Florida - A state supervisor attended training in San Diego. Materials were handed out to district supervisors.

Workshop is planned for Oct. 5 at FAME conference

Louisiana - @ your school library training

Region VI - State Initiatives / Obstacles

New Mexico - Funding Bond for Libraries (16.3 million), \$5000 per school plus \$8.50 x # of students

Oklahoma

- Defeated legislation that would allow anyone with a master's degree to become a certified librarian
- In the process of a time task analysis which when completed the data will be used to demonstrate the importance of certified LMS.
- Created guidelines outlining a standard, proficient, and exemplary LMC program. We plan to disseminate the guidelines across the state. They are also being used in Library Education courses and students shared that the guidelines give a clear picture of what a library should look like.

Texas - Hosting an all day conference for school administrators during the state conference. Targeted administrators that deal with budget issues for school libraries. Librarians nominated administrators that needed more information concerning the importance of SLMS and SLM programs.

Region VI- State Action on @ Your School Library Campaign

New Mexico - AASL President promoted during annual conference

Oklahoma - Introduced at state conference, not heavily used, but they are in the development stage

Texas - Introduced at state conference - grassroots effort - librarian to librarian

Region VII - State Initiatives / Obstacles

California -

- 20,000 copies of the State standards published with the help of Scholastic. Delivered to all legislators, district superintendents, the governor, and all CSLA members free
- Vendor / exhibitor "rally" before conference to develop strategy to help libraries flourish

Arizona

- Working on classifying all teacher librarians as "instructional" rather than "administrative" in auditor general classification (relates to statewide reduction of administrative dollars)
- Working on certified full time librarians in all schools (currently 67%) - got stats from FLR
- Focusing on educating legislators and meeting with chairs of state legislative education committees

Utah - working on re-affiliation

Nevada - holding steady

Region VII- State Action on @ Your School Library Campaign

Arizona - Workshops around state districts using brand NCLB @ your library - virtual tour still up at storytrail.com/noschoolleftbehind.html

California - presented at conference - "What a Good Idea Showcase"

Nevada - workshops using @ your library campaigns local using 3M materials

Region VIII - State Initiatives / Obstacles

Alaska - certification process no longer requires school librarians to have a teaching certificate

Oregon - Concern about significant disinvestments in school library services has been occurring the past two decades

Washington

- Adm. Code revision to continue to include libraries as a recommendation
- WLMA committee to establish the "highly qualified librarian" certification for state

Region VIII- State Action on @ Your School Library Campaign

Alaska

- Resented at state principals conference
- First annual summer leadership for school librarians

Oregon and Washington - Fran Rosella presented at state conferences October 2004

Region IX - State Initiatives / Obstacles

Colorado - changing date of state conference to accommodate AASL Pittsburgh

Kansas

- Working with KLA to define the differing missions of public and school libraries - helping to redefine guidance document at state level
- Input to state as to what constitutes "suitable education" as part of new school funding initiative

Nebraska - Meetings with commission of education to revise accreditation and restate mandatory collection standards

Region IX - State Action on @ Your School Library Campaign

Kansas

- Presentations / training at district workshops
- 3-year advocacy plan defining target groups (admin, teaching staff, legislators, community...)

Nebraska

- Train the trainers session

- Offer training in 6 districts/regions

Colorado

- State library consultants trained in each region
- CASL used this as theme of spring workshop

Christine Lind Hage, ALA presidential candidate, addressed the group concerning her candidacy.

Roger Ashley addressed the group regarding the Freedom to Read Association. There are concerns that of the 23 cases being examined and funded by the FRA a large number of them concern SLMS. We as AASL members really need to be a part of this group. Every state's School Library Media Associations are asked to make a contribution to FRA.

Ruth Toor, ALA Legislative Committee, brought information from the committee. They are trying to get NCLB changed to include librarians. The only way we can do this is to reopen it and add high schools. Things TO DO:

- Make your case as to why you need money and why it helps students and communicate it to your legislators.
- Partner with groups concerning your concerns
- ALA Legislative Day (May 2 and 3) attend and be trained to lobby your legislators.
- Department of Education grants. They do pay \$500 for the opportunity. To do this the information is always in Hot Links / please watch for it.
- They are asking for one representative from each state to be the contact for legislative issues. This person is expected to disseminate information and get people to write in about our issues. Please get more people to write and contact their legislators.

Ruth also left information on

- Important ALA Websites to bookmark
- School Library Fact Sheet
- OITP Project Briefs on CIPA and E-Task Task Force Activities
- Improving Literacy Through School Libraries

Leslie Berger, candidate for ALA president addressed the group concerning her candidacy.

Stephen Hoffman disseminated information concerning passwords to be able to go in online and change affiliate information for the different states. Stephen fielded many questions concerning changing passwords and editing fields. Any questions should be directed to him through email.

AASL Legislative Committee reported on NCLB and the May 3 & 4 Legislative Day. The committee has requested that they are on all AASL meeting agendas, a regular column in *KQ*, placing legislative information on LM_net, and other Listservs. Encouraging as many school LMS to participate in the legislative day and all members contact their legislators concerning what they are doing. Looking at having a social gathering at LD for AASL members. Asking for a school library break out day with Joshua from the Washington office.

Linda Williams discussed the ALA Ahead 2010 document and input was sought concerning our evaluation of the document. Linda collected information and will compose a response from the Affiliate Assembly. Individual members were also encouraged to provide input on the ALA website.

Veena Baxter discussed the AASL volunteer forms. There are 17 AASL committees. Committee members are contacted from each region. The AALS President-elect needs a form from everyone. Even seasoned or veteran

members need to complete a form so she knows your interest and you can be placed on a committee you are interested in serving on for AASL. Linda would like to put you on a committee where your interests are.

Sarah Kelly Johns reported that the next institute would address reading strategies for library media specialists. She needs names of professionals that teach reading collaboratively.