

**American Association of School Librarians  
Affiliate Assembly II  
June 25, 2006**

**Welcome and Introductions**

The Affiliate Assembly of the American Association of School Librarians met June 25, 2006, at the Morial Convention Center in New Orleans, LA, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. There were 74 delegates in attendance (see list at back of minutes). Chair Diane Chen welcomed everyone and introduced David Burns from TLC, thanking him and his company for providing breakfast. David spoke briefly to the group.

**Special Presentations**

- **Gene Haimer** from the Colorado State Library showed a DVD on library services that improved CSAP scores in Colorado through collaboration, test scores, research. The target group for the DVD is principals, but there is a subliminal message to teacher-librarians. Gene gave a copy of the DVD to each delegate and asked that feedback on its use be sent back to him. The DVD may not be duplicated.
- **Betty Bankhead** updated the group on the Leadership Institutes being offered. She has presented at 16 or 17 Leadership Institutes and encouraged the delegates to pick up a flyer with information about them and think about offering one or more in their states. Sandra Andrews from North Carolina talked about the two that were held in her state, one in the east and one in the west. There were about 60 participants, but Sandra felt this small number was very committed to growing in leadership skills. Two presenters were used, Betty and Helen Adams. Sandra felt it was one of the most beneficial staff development opportunities for media specialists her state has offered.

**Requests for Audience**

- **Legislative Committee-Erin Haggerty** of the Washington, D.C. office (ALA-WO) organizes National Library Legislative Day and Virtual Library Legislative Day. At the ala.org web site you will find current issues (there are five there now) with a summary of the issue and the action that will be taken, and legislators are listed. There is a “Take Action” button, “Compose” button, or one can go back and cut and paste from the posted message. It’s easy to make one’s voice heard. Just log in and register and you’re ready to go.
- **Beverly Becker** announced a grant from Dollar General titled “Beyond Words.” Dollar General is looking for volunteers for training and developing a toolkit. Beverly also told the group that AASL was considering a proposal for a Vision Summit. Each Affiliate would nominate a representative by July 15 to send to the summit. AASL will reimburse/pay expenses to the Affiliate.
- **Chair-Elect Carl Harvey** announced that the next AASL conference would be in Reno, NV, October 25-28, 2007. The theme is “the future begins @ your library.” More information can be found at <http://www.ala.org/ala/aasl/conferencesandevents/national/reno2007.htm>

**Election of Officers for Affiliate Assembly**

There were two candidates for Chair-Elect: Jay Bansbach, Program Specialist for the Maryland Department of Education and Karen Lowe, Education Consultant for the Northwest Regional Educational Service Alliance in Wilkesboro, North Carolina. Dee Griffith from Virginia was

nominated for Secretary. Ballots were distributed and votes were cast by eligible delegates only. Jay Bansbach was chosen for Chair-Elect and Dee Griffith for Secretary.

### **Remarks by AASL Leadership**

- **Julie Walker** confirmed that First Lady Laura Bush would be holding a Town Meeting on Monday at 1:00. This pushes the Awards Luncheon back to an Awards Brunch at 10:30. She also announced that AASL would continue to support the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills effort (see [www.21stcenturyskills.org](http://www.21stcenturyskills.org)). Materials are being developed in two states at present, North Carolina and West Virginia. There is a publication titled, *Why You Should be a P21 State*.
- **AASL President Linda Williams** thanked the Assembly for their hard work at Midwinter. She wanted the group to know that she had read the report and that the Board was addressing the Affiliates' concerns. Linda then mentioned the Vision Summit, saying that there will be one nomination per state. This person does not have to come from the Affiliate Assembly; just someone who has a vision of what AASL will be in the future.
- **AASL President-Elect Cyndi Phillip** also thanked the group for the response to the call for volunteers. She reminded everyone of the form for volunteers to fill out and the need for more volunteers. Cyndi then called the group's attention to the brochure that outlines AASL travel to state affiliate conferences and stated that visits would be made this year to VT, MI, GA, TX, ND, and NJ.
- **Dr. Nancy Everhart** of Florida State University shared information about a new program that is totally online called "Project Lead." It has three prongs: 12 post-graduate credits; a 30-hr. specialist degree; and National Board certification. She made brochures available to those who were interested.

### **Reports by Regional Directors-Elect**

- **Commendations:** Four commendations were recommended to the group. Presentations on each commendation were made by nominators and/or affiliates. The Assembly then went into work groups to discuss whether or not to approve the commendations (see full text at end of minutes).
  - Becky Robinson, LBSS
  - Becky Robinson, "Libraries Matter"
  - Sue Rahn, Institute for Library and Information Literacy Education
  - Lawren Hammond, "Children, Libraries and Literacy – An Initiative for SC"
- **Motions on Commendations:**
  - LBSS, **Approved**. (Motion: Valerie Edwards; Second: Joel Shoemaker)
  - "Libraries Matter," **Approved**. (Motion: Merlyn Miller; Second: Marsha Lambert)
  - ILILE, **Approved**. (Motion: Vicky Schmarr; Second: Linda Weatherspoon)
  - "Children, Libraries and Literacy," **Approved**. (Motion: Hilda Weisburg; Second: Sandra Andrews)
- **Concerns:** There were five concerns presented to the Assembly for consideration. The Assembly again divided into work groups to consider the concerns:
  - **Concern 3:** The school library media specialists in Vermont are currently without the guidance, wisdom and support of a school library media consultant at the Department of Education. Many of Vermont's school library media specialists work in isolation and are in great need of a consultant working as a liaison with the Department of Education is critical for the development and continuation of effective school library media programs.

- **Concern 5:** Cuts to jobs of SLMS and library programs
- **Concern 9:** We are experiencing a decline in media supervisors, losing funding, and losing positions in the library (professional and clerical)...We feel there is a need for quantitative measures such as part of the national standards to identify, promote, and support exemplary school library media programs.
- **Concern 10:** As school library media specialists and professional developers of collections, we want the right to override the filtering at our local sites. We include links to electronic materials as part of our collection development. We have the expertise to determine appropriate online resources. We need the ability to immediately access and determine appropriateness of sites for our students and our school community.
- **Concern 11:** The LMS role in reading and comprehension skills of high school graduates and middle school students.

After discussion and editing, the groups re-convened and approved two of the five concerns, Concerns 3 and 9 (see full text at end of minutes):

- **Concern 3,** Approved. (Motion: Kathy Lowe; Second: Nancy Dickinson)
- **Concern 5,** Not approved.
- **Concern 9,** Approved. (Motion: Irene Kwidzinski; Second: Marcia Eggleston)
- **Concern 10,** Not approved. (Motion: Hilda Weisburg; Second: Robbie Nickel)
- **Concern 11,** Not approved. (Motion: Hilda Weisburg; Second: Sandy Kelly)

#### **Additional Requests for Audience:**

- **Melinda Greenblatt, AASL/ACR Co-Chair,** in speaking to next year's program, informed the group that an online toolkit is being developed to foster collaborative relationships between schools and universities. Melinda can be contacted at [melinda.greenblatt@archny.org](mailto:melinda.greenblatt@archny.org)
- **Deb Levitov, Advocacy Committee,** announced an Advocacy Institute in January that will be available to Affiliates. Other members include Rosina Alaimo, Deb Logan, Carl Harvey and Veanna Baxter. The group was encouraged to look at the Definition of Advocacy on the website ("an ongoing process that requires a vision") and the Definition of PR and Marketing. There is also a toolkit and focus on conferences.
- **Keith Curry Lance** updated the group on the latest research being planned and the implications of the research being replicated nationwide. His survey will be titled, "The AASL Longitudinal Study of School Libraries," and will be conducted by his Colorado Research Group, AASL, ACRL and the Affiliates. This time the research will include private schools and there will be a full marketing campaign. He plans to launch the latest study at Midwinter in Seattle and the research will be done between Mid-March and Spring Break. It will be an online survey. Keith's email address is [keithlance@comcast.net](mailto:keithlance@comcast.net)
- **Linda Williams** spoke about the ALA Emerging Leaders Program. AASL has 100 slots so each state can sponsor two school librarians, preferably under 35 years old. She referred the group to Leslie Burger's announcement letter. Applications will be available July 1.

With one correction to the Midwinter Meeting minutes, the minutes were approved. Robbie Nickel made the motion that they be approved; Marcia Eggleston seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Lowe, Secretary  
AASL Affiliate Assembly, 2005-2006

Diane Chen, Chair  
AASL Affiliate Assembly, 2005-2006

**Affiliate Assembly II  
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Attendance Roster**

**Region I**

Irene Kwidzinski, Director  
Marilyn Joyce, Director-Elect  
Janet Roche, CEMA  
Merlyn Miller, VEMA  
Chris Barlow, CEMA  
LuAnn Cogliser, CEMA  
Ann Pelham, MSLMA  
Sandy Kelly, NEEMA  
Kathy Lowe, MSLMA  
Kelly McDaniel, MASL

**Region II**

Sara Kelly Johns, Director  
Jay Bansbach, MEMO  
Marcia Eggleston, NYLA  
Hilda Weisburg, NJASL  
Mary Moyer, NJASL  
Janet Shaw, DSLMA  
Andre Taylor, DCASL  
Geneva Reeder, PSLA  
Mary Foster, PSLA  
Rosina Alaimo, SLMS  
Leslie Blatt, NJASL  
Angela Crockett, NJASL

**Region III**

Floyd Pentlin, Director  
Karen Lemmons, Dir-Elect  
Val Edwards, WEMA  
Annette Smith, WEMA  
Jo Ann Carr, WEMA  
Joel Shoemaker, IASL  
Dea Borneman, MASL  
Linda Weatherspoon, MASL  
Marrasine Fries, MASL  
Becky Robinson, ISLMA  
Marsha Lambert, MAME  
Leslie Forsman, ISLMA  
Jo Kirkbride, MAME  
John McDonald, AIME  
Kim Carr, AIME  
Sue Rahn, OELMA  
Vicky Schmarr, OELMA  
Judith Rodgers, MEMO

**Region IV**

Darlah Carman, KSMA  
Sandra Andrews, NCSLMA  
Angie Hawkins, KSMA  
Jackie Pierson, NCSLMA  
Lawren Hammond, SCASL  
Ida Thompson, SCASL  
Laurel Morgan, VEMA  
Dee Griffith, VEMA  
Kathy Lehman, VEMA  
Nancy Dickinson, TASL  
Margaret Hausauer, TASL

**Region V**

Kathryn Arrington, LASL  
Melissa Johnston, GLMA  
Bettie Cox, MLA

**Region VI**

Barbara Ray, Director-Elect  
Diane Hughes, AASL-Ark.  
Mary Jo Humphreys, TASL  
Maribel Castro, TASL  
Alison Almquist, NMLA

**Region VII**

Robbie Nickel, NSCLS  
Mary Ann Haslun, CSLA  
Linda Renfro, AzLA  
Barbara Culbreth, AzLA  
Judi Moreillon, AzLA

**Region VIII**

Kay Evey, WLMA  
Jan Weber, WLMA  
Jim Hayden, OEMA  
Allen Kopf, OEMA  
Lynn McNamara, AKASL

**Region IX**

Janice Ostrom, Director  
Martha House, KASL  
Linda Roberts, KASL  
Kim McCain, NSCYP  
Sherry Crow, CASL  
Nance Nassar, Co. St. Lib.  
Joanne Proctor, KASL  
Betty Bankhead, CASL  
Glenda Willnerd, NEMA  
Gail Formanack, NEMA



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**AFFILIATE ASSEMBLY STATEMENT OF COMMENDATION**  
**Due to Regional Director-Elect by May 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**To be completed by the Affiliate Organization**

Name and Contact Information of Affiliate Organization:	Illinois School Library Media Association P.O. Box 598 Canton, IL 61520 islma@islma.org
Describe the Program or Event to be Recognized:	When the Library Book Selection Service (LBSS) voted to close its doors, and liquidate its assets (investments, remaining inventory, sale of building), the LBSS Board of Directors selected ISLMA, as their beneficiary to continue its mission of providing quality of literature to youth in Illinois.
Contact Person: (Letters and certificates, if awarded, will be sent to the Affiliate to distribute.)	Becky Robinson 1718 Cardinal Dr. Galesburg, IL 61401

**To be completed by the Regional Director-Elect**

Contact Information of Regional Director-Elect submitting Commendation	Karen Lemmons Camaraife@aol.com
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**To be completed by the Affiliate Assembly Chair**

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Name and Contact Information of Affiliate Organization:	Illinois School Library Media Association P.O. Box 598 Canton, IL 61520 islma@islma.org
Describe the Program or Event to be Recognized:	The "Libraries Matter" blue bracelet campaign was developed by the Alliance Library System (a multi-type regional group in Illinois) to advocate for, and create public awareness of, the importance of libraries.
Contact Person: (Letters and certificates, if awarded, will be sent to the Affiliate to distribute.)	Becky Robinson 1718 Cardinal Dr. Galesburg, IL 61401

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Name and Contact Information of Affiliate Organization:	Kate Brunswick c/o Ohio Educational Library Media Association 17 South High St., Suite 200 Columbus, Ohio 43215
Describe the Program or Event to be Recognized:	The Institute for Library and Information Literacy Education (ILILE) focuses on enhancing and developing collaboration between classroom teachers and school library media specialists. The project has four areas of focus: 1. education and training of preservice teachers and administrators 2. curriculum development 3. promotion and outreach 4. research and evaluation Through lesson plans, pathfinders, instructional modules, assessment tools and research generated by its projects and programs, ILILE is becoming both a resource and a model for information literacy and school library initiatives in Ohio and throughout the United States.
Contact Person: (Letters and certificates, if awarded, will be sent to the Affiliate to distribute.)	Christine Findlay, Past President c/o OELMA 5120 Crispy Dr. Dayton, OH 45440

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Name and Contact Information of Affiliate Organization:	SCASL – Lawren Hammond, lhammond@aiken.k12.sc.us
Describe the Program or Event to be Recognized:	<p><b>“Children, Libraries and Literacy - An Initiative for South Carolina</b></p> <p>USC’s School of Library and Information Science has launched a \$6 million, multipart effort to raise the literacy level across South Carolina. It all starts with teaching the state’s youngest residents to read.</p> <p>The Center for Children’s Books and Literacy is the renamed expansion of the library school’s former BEST Center for book evaluation housed at the State Library in Columbia. The Center will apply the best practices developed by the [Augusta] Baker Chair’s research. A satellite center is being created at the Gateway/Child Development and Research Center on the USC campus as a pilot project for program development in the setting of a child care center.</p> <p>Community outreach is our delivery system—online and on wheels. The initiative will have an active Web presence and a “Readmobile” [a.k.a. The Cocky Express] to deliver programs and training to underserved communities of the state.</p> <p>“USC’s student government organized the program in cooperation with the university’s School of Library and Information Science’s “Children, Libraries, and Literacy” initiative. The initiative, which began in September, strives to eliminate illiteracy across South Carolina.</p> <p>“http://www.libsci.sc.edu/ccbl/cockyreading/cockyreading.htm”</p>
Contact Person: (Letters and certificates, if awarded, will be sent to the Affiliate to distribute.)	Dean Charles Bierbauer of the College of Mass Communications and Information Studies, University of South Carolina, Columbia.

**To be completed by the Regional Director-Elect**

Contact Information of Regional Director-Elect submitting Commendation	Nancy Dickinson, Region IV <a href="mailto:Fzufan23@charter.net">Fzufan23@charter.net</a>
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**AFFILIATE ASSEMBLY STATEMENT OF CONCERN  
Due to Regional Director-Elect by May 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**To be completed by the Affiliate Organization**

Name and Contact Information of Affiliate Organization	TN Assn of School Librarians, Brenda Moriarty, <a href="mailto:bmoriarty@k12k.com">bmoriarty@k12k.com</a> NCSLMA, Sandra Andrews, <a href="mailto:sdandre2@uncg.edu">sdandre2@uncg.edu</a> KSMA, Darlah Carman, <a href="mailto:darlah.carman@meade.kyschools.us">darlah.carman@meade.kyschools.us</a> SCASL, Lawren Hammond, <a href="mailto:lhammond@aiken.k12.sc.us">lhammond@aiken.k12.sc.us</a> Region 2 – Hilda Weisburg, Region 2 Director
State Concern	We are experiencing a decline in media supervisors, funding, and positions in the library (professional and clerical). We feel there is a need for quantitative and qualitative measures as part of the national standards to identify, promote, and support these uses of exemplary school library media programs.
Action (if any) taken by Affiliate Organization	North Carolina and Kentucky have state guidelines which have quantifiable measures. The South Carolina SDE has guidelines for districts, but there is not a requirement to follow them.  LaDawna Harrington/Pam Chesky (CISSL) – NJASL presentation: "The Internet is not a School Library." (vetted to make part of advocacy school kits)  PSLA – Professional Development Workshops "Tapping Your Influential Potential: Building Influence With Teachers and Administrators" "Measuring Up: The Research on Student Learning and School Libraries" "School Library Media Specialists: Our Battle to Have a Role in the Literacy Movement"
Action Requested of AASL	Request a task force to support National standards by developing guidelines which include quantitative and qualitative measures that identify exemplary media programs with assessments that include rubrics (e.g. rubric showing levels of preparation of professionals, FTE staff in ratio to student populations, and percentage of collaborative projects).  Identify and collect successful advocacy programs that each state could download from the AASL web site and modify to its needs.

**To be completed by the Regional Director – Elect**

Contact Information of Regional Director-Elect	Nancy Dickinson, Region IV <a href="mailto:Fsfan23@charter.net">Fsfan23@charter.net</a>
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**To be completed by the Affiliate Organization**

Name and Contact Information of Affiliate Organization	Lawren Hammond, President South Carolina Association of School Librarians P. O. Box 2442 Columbia, SC 29202
State Concern	Poor reading and comprehension skills of high school graduates and middle school students.
Action (if any) taken by Affiliate Organization	Promotion of the SCASL Young Adult Book Award program across the state to encourage high school students to read more for pleasure, but no skills-oriented program statewide at this time.
Action Requested of AASL	Form a committee to address the library media specialist's role in reading and comprehension skills of high school and middle school students and tie it to high school reform initiatives. Look at connections between reading, writing, and research skills in collaboration with the curriculum specialists. Investigate partnerships such as IRA, PTA, YALSA, NEA, ALSC, and NCTE when developing the program or institute.  Help secondary level media specialists by developing a program or regional institute that emphasizes improvement of reading skills at the high school level as preparation for success in post-secondary studies and careers.  Develop a tool kit of comprehension strategies for secondary students.

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Contact Information of Regional Director-Elect submitting Concern	
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