

**American Association of School Librarians
Affiliate Assembly I
June 22, 2006**

Welcome and Introductions

The Affiliate Assembly of the American Association of School Librarians met June 22, 2007 at the Washington Convention Center in Washington, D.C. from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. There were 62 delegates in attendance (see list at back of minutes). Chair Carl Harvey welcomed everyone. The minutes of the Affiliate Assembly Midwinter Caucus were distributed and Carl asked for approval of the minutes. A motion was made to approve the minutes (Linda Witherspoon, MO); seconded (Elaine Twogood, WA) The minutes were approved.

Carl announced that this is the 30th Anniversary of Affiliate Assembly. In celebration of this event, AASL provided a cake. Cyndi Phillips, AASL president helped serve the cake to Affiliate Assembly members.

Nomination Process and Petitions

- **Chair Carl Harvey** reviewed the nominations process for electing officers of the Affiliate Assembly. A new procedure for Chair-Elect was implemented this year. Information about each Affiliate Assembly Chair candidate is available on the AASL Affiliate Assembly Community site <http://communities.ala.org/CommunityHome/tabid/5675/Default.aspx>. Candidates are: Karen Lowe, Val Edwards and Irene Kwidzinski. Carl also announced that the Affiliate Assembly Recording Secretary position is open. A nomination form is on page 53 in the Affiliate Assembly Handbook.

Committees Requesting an Audience

- **Ann Ewbanks** spoke on the importance of running for ALA Council. She asked those currently holding a Council position to please stand and be acknowledged. Those in attendance that were newly elected were Linda Jo Williams and Diane Chen. Ann encouraged Affiliate Assembly members to submit a petition to become an ALA Council candidate. The self nomination forms are due by September 1 or petition candidates can be submitted at ALA Midwinter.
- **Diane Chen** asked for volunteers for the AASL booth. She announced the dates and times. Diane asked all members to participate in Library Day on the Hill. There will be a great press conference at noon Tuesday, June 26 at the Cleveland Book Mobile where an announcement from Senator Reed and Senator Cochran will be made regarding the inclusion of library media specialist in the highly qualified category with regard to the NCLB legislation.

Discussion of Concerns and Commendations

The six concerns and four commendations that were approved during the Executive session were presented to the Affiliate Assembly for validation, discussion and editing in regional and issue-specific groups.

Concerns

- Concern #1 (facilitated by Marilyn Joyce) AASL members need to know AASL's position on the role of reading in their teaching. AASL lacks an updated position statement on the library media specialist's role in teaching reading strategies and promoting reading. MASL and NEEMA request that AASL clarify the role of the library media specialist with regard to reading.

- Concern #2 (facilitated by Robbie Nickel and Rosina Alarmo) NEEMA requests that AASL assist affiliates in reaching out to parent and community organizations that can help advocate for school libraries.

- Concern # 6 and 13 (facilitated by Nancy Dickinson and Diane Chen) There is a need to attract new an dynamic members to the profession and AASL as a professional organization

Concern # 7 (facilitated by Karen Lemmons) There is not currently a centralized location for affiliate organizations to post publications in various formats that can be utilized by other affiliate organizations.

Concern # 8 (facilitated by Gail Formanack) NET Standards are imbedded in NCLB, but do not show the essential role of the library media specialist in implementation and student achievement of those standards.

Concern #9 (facilitated by Barbara Ray) We are concerned about the future of our profession regarding capitalizing on the experience and expertise of our retirees.

Each group was to decide which concerns and commendations they were willing to support. Action will be taken on the concerns and commendations at the Affiliate Assembly Session II Sunday morning.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dee Griffith, Secretary
AASL Affiliate Assembly, 2006-2007

Carl Harvey, Chair
AASL Affiliate Assembly, 2006-2007

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Attendance Roster**

Region I

Irene Kwidzinski, Director
Marilyn Joyce, Director-Elect
Nancy Keane, NHEMA
Janet Roche, CEMA
Merlyn Miller, VEMA
Gerri Fegan, MASLA
Susan Ballard, NEEMA
Ann Perham, MSLMA
David Bilmes, CEMA
Sylvia Norton, MASL
Teri Caonette, MASL
Donna Chale, MASL

Region IV

Nancy Dickinson, Director-Elect
Darlrah Carman, KSMA
Johan Karen, KSMA
Margaret Hausauer, TASL
Laurel Morgan, VEMA
Kathy Lehman, VEMA
Dee Griffith, VEMA
Diane Chen, TASL
Jackie Pierson, NCSLMA
Trudy Moss, NCSLMA
Kitt Lansing, SCASL
Ida Thompson, SCASL
Valerie Byrdport, SCASL

Region IX

Janice Ostrom, Director
Glenda Willnerd, NEMA
Martha House, KASL
Toni Reese, SCYP
Sherry Crow, CASL
Laura Soash, KASL
Cindy Pfeiffer, KASL
Gail Formanack, Director-
Elect

Region II

Hilda Weisburg, NJASL
Jay Bansbaut, MEMO
Nancy H.G. Smith, PSLA
Margaret Foster, PSLA
Rosina Alaimo, Director-Elect
Janet Shaw, DSLMA
Geneva Reeder, PSLA
Barbara Ruskowski, DSLMA
Cynthia Byce, MASL
Sally Daniels, NYLA
Andre Taylor, DCASL
LaWanda Manor, DCASL

Region III

Karen Lemmons, Director
Robyn Young, AIME
Val Edwards, WEMA
Gayla Strack, MASL
Kim Carr, AIME
Jane Sharka, ISLMA
Vicky Schmarr, OELMA
Becky Robinson, ISLMA
Jo Kirkbride, MAME
Marianne Fries, MASL
Linda Weatherspoon, MASL
Cara Cavin, WEMTA
Kathy Halsey, OELMA
Carl Harvey, AIME

Nancy Silcox, VEMA
Kathy Meredith, VEMA
Lynn D. Caruthers, TASL
Ann Martin, VEMA
Allison Roberts, TASL

Region V

Margie Thomas, LASL
Idella Washington, LASL
Nancy Everhart, FAME
Sherry Grove, GLMA

Region VI

Buffy Edwards, OASLMS
Ramona Abernathy, AASLMS
Diane Hughes, AASLMS

Region VII

Robbie Nickel, Director-Elect
Ann Ewbank, ALA
Debra LaPlante, ALA
Mary Ann Harla, SCLA
Linda Renfro, AzLA

Region VIII

Pam Juel, ILA
Elaine Twogood, WLMA
Gregory Lum, OEMA
Linda Collins, WLMA
Joanna Freeman, WLMA