

American Association of School Librarians
Affiliate Assembly II
June 24, 2007

Welcome and Introductions

The Affiliate Assembly of the American Association of School Librarians met June 24, 2007, at the Washington Convention Center in Washington, D.C., from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. There were 73 delegates in attendance (see list at back of minutes). Chair Carl Harvey welcomed everyone and introduced Annette Murphy and Garth Snyder, thanking them and TLC for providing breakfast. Annette and Garth spoke briefly to the group.

Requests for Audience

Co-Chairs Carl Harvey and Allison Kaplan announced that the next AASL conference would be in Reno, Nevada, 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>

AASL Appointment Committee Chair, Ann Moreno invited all to fill out the committee forms and to share them with others in Affiliates to become involved in AASL.

Roger Ashley spoke with Affiliate Assembly members about the Freedom to Read Foundation. He encouraged Affiliates to join. The cost is \$100 per Affiliate for membership. He urged each Affiliate to respond and show support for this Foundation.

Literacy Standards: Barbara Foster (PA) asked the Affiliates to provide information on the following questions:

- Does your state have information literacy standards?
- Are your information literacy standards able to stand alone, imbedded, or do you have none? (stand-alone: library information standards are separate)
- State website address
- Comments with regard to standards

She is going to collect this information and create a spreadsheet that will be placed on the Affiliate Assembly site sharing this information.

Legislative: Diane Chen shared that the task force has been working on the Strengthening and Library Information Skills Act (Co-written by Senator Reed and Senator Cochran). She announced that there will be a press release Tuesday, June 26 at 12:00 She encouraged all to attend and to invite friends and colleagues. This is a wonderful opportunity to step up and support school libraries. Please be on the Hill Tuesday at noon for this press release.

Carl also thanked Diane for her work in getting volunteers organized for the AASL Booth 2525.

SLJ Summit: Members of Affiliate Assembly were invited to attend SLJ Summit to be held November 30-December 1 in Phoenix, AZ at the Biltmore. There is no charge to attend the Summit. This year's theme is: Where is the Evidence: Understanding the Impact of Evidence Based Practice on School Libraries. Ross Todd will be involved with spearheading the focus of the Summit.

Election of Officers for Affiliate Assembly

There were three candidates for Chair-Elect: Val Edwards, Karen Lowe and Irene Kwidzinski. Leslie Forman was nominated for Secretary. She was not in attendance as she was working the membership

booth. She will have an opportunity to speak at a later time. Carl asked the three Chair-Elect candidates to speak before the Assembly. Ballots were distributed and votes were cast by eligible delegates only. Irene Kwidzinski was chosen for Chair-Elect and Leslie Forman for Secretary.

Concerns and Commendations

Carl explained the process for concerns and commendations to Affiliate Assembly.

Six concerns were recommended by the group from Friday's Affiliate Assembly meeting. Carl shared the revised concerns. They were shared and discussed and the following actions were taken:

- **Concern #1:** 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. (Janet Roach / Robbie Nickel)

Action: Passed

- **Concern#2:** NEEMA requests that AASL assist affiliates in reaching out to parent and community organizations that can help advocate for school libraries (Hilda Weisburg/ Deborah Leplante)

Action: Passed

- **Concern: 6 & 13:** There is a need to attract new and dynamic members to the profession and AASL as a professional organization. (Val Edwards/Gregory Lum)

Action: Passed

- **Concern #7** Currently, there is not a centralized location for affiliate organizations to post or warehouse publications in various media formats that other affiliate organizations could utilize or customize for their own audience. This might include but not be limited to brochures, PowerPoint, video, assessments, programming ideas, organizational policies, presentations, pod casts and evaluations. (Jane Sharka/ Mary Ann Fuse)

Action: Passed

- **Concern #8:** 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. (Mary Ann Arlin / Jane Sharka)

Action: Passed

- **Concern #9:** We are concerned about the future of our profession regarding capitalizing on the experience and expertise of our retirees. (Hilda Weisburg/ Barbara Ray)

Action: Not Passed

Motions on Commendations:

Four commendations were recommended to Affiliate Assembly. Carl explained the process and qualifications for commendations. The commendations were shared and discussed and the following actions were as follows:

- **Commendation #1:** New Jersey Department of Education (Mary Moyer/ Robyn Yost)

Action: Approved

- **Commendation #2:** Augusta Baker's Dozen – A Celebration of Stories – Richland County Public Library (Jackie Pierson/ Margaret Hausauer)

Action: Approved

- **Commendation #3:** One for Books – Scholastic Book Fairs (Dorothy DeScania/Ida Thompson)

Action: Approved

- **Commendation #4:** Annual Statewide Read-In, South Carolina State Library

(Carla Harmon/ Jerry Keegan)

Action: Approved

Carl thanked all for their work on concerns and commendations.

Remarks by AASL Leadership

AASL President, Cyndi Phillips commended Carl and Affiliate Assembly for their work on commendations and concerns. She thanked Affiliate Assembly and the AASL staff for all of their help and work this year. She introduced the following AASL staff: Lyndsey Laczak and Pamela Wateri, student volunteers. Kelly Bishop, Manager of Professional Development, Kathy Agwaar, communications specialist (Hotlinks), Jen Hably, Affiliate Assembly liaison, Andrea Parker, marketing specialist, Julie Letigar, Event coordinator, Beverly Becker, department executive and Julie Walker, Executive Director. Elliott Mondell, Administrative assistant could not be here this year.

Cyndi announced that the AASL display in the Rayburn building on the Hill was created by Ann Martin and Linda Williams on 21st Century Libraries. In addition, Ann Ewbanks spearheaded a resolution at council a few years back. Linda Williams created the task force on this resolution (65% Solution). Regional Directors will receive a letter regarding the governor's letter on the education summit. Cyndi encouraged all to get a copy of the membership books in the AASL office located in the convention center. Since the fall summit was a sell-out, AASL is considering having 2 speakers and 2 locations for the next summit. The AASL Vision Summit was successful. AASL awarded 24 grants for disaster relief to schools. More states are joining the Partnership for 21st Century skills. The Crystal Apple Recognition will be awarded to Scholastic for the document: School Libraries Work Concerns that were brought forth to AASL Board last year resulted in 2 task forces: 1. Quantitative Measures (Nancy Dickinson, chair) 2. State Department Inquiry Committee Work. The Legislative Committee, the Intellectual Freedom Committee and the Advocacy Committee will remain as is. Directors-Elect have the final draft of the learning standards document.

AASL President-Elect Sarah Kelly Johns reminded Affiliate Assembly about the responsibilities for each state with regard to the presidential visits to affiliates. This schedule is listed in the AASL Presidential rotation brochure. AASL will be sponsoring (\$1000 each) two emerging leaders this year. The deadlines are July 1. She encouraged Affiliates to apply to AASL for this. Kelly asked that ideas for projects be shared with her and the AASL Board. Additional information can be found on the AASL web page.

It is not too late to submit forms for committee participation. Please get this information to Sarah by July 15. She is working on filling committee spaces.

Learning Standards still need to be polished, but they will be finished and ready for the AASL conference in Reno. Sarah encouraged the Affiliate Assembly to keep Affiliate Listserv active. She asked members to share issues on a regular basis. Sarah shared if you are having an event, the publications office of ALA will help with sending out a press release. ALA is such great support.

Regional Caucus Topics

The following topics were proposed amongst respective regions as topics/questions to address at Midwinter:

Region I

- Recruiting membership and officers
- Connecting with college programs

- Web 2.0
- Collaboration with other organizations that share the same mission
- “new learner” – students of today and tomorrow and how the way they learn is changing
- Data driven decision making
- Evidence-based practice (including use of technology in accessing)

Region II

- Standards
 1. Look at within affiliates
 2. New National Standards implementation
- Electronic Social Networking
- Open Source – Moodle, Open Commons Movement
- Professional learning communities
- 21st Century Partnership Skills

Region III

- Membership
- Collaboration between divisions
- Assessments
- Standards

Region IV

- Conference planning (ideas for speakers)
- P21 – How to get it started
- Mentoring (new librarians and retirees)
- Utilizing Blogs, Ning, pod casting
- Public relations campaigns
- Collaborations (school and public libraries)

Region VI

- New Standards – break down, discussion and application
- Review information literacy standards from states within region

Region VII

- Regional accreditations and school libraries (need for quantitative standards)
- Charter Schools and the school librarians

Region VIII

- Implementation of the New Learning Standards
- How to use AASL/Affiliate Assembly electronic resources (mini training)
- Organizational Flow Chart

Spotlight: Partnership for 21st Century Skills: Julie Walker, AASL Executive Director asked members involved in this process at their state level to join. Each state should have a state leader’s action guide for Partnership for 21st Century Skills. This is an advocacy group whose mission is “to bring 21st Century Skills to every child in America by serving as a catalyst for change in teaching and assessment and as an advocate among education policy makers through a unique partnership among education, business, and government.” AASL was originally involved as an education advisor. Julie serves as secretary. There are 35 members. The Partnerships dues are \$35,000 a year. The additional cost for this involvement for AASL is approximately \$30,000. This is the single largest investment that AASL makes in an advocacy effort. AASL’s investment in this provides the state affiliates the opportunity to be involved at their state level. AASL is represented in the 21st century framework through information literature skills, the learning environment and collaboration. There is a state

partnership committee. Julie is on the executive committee. When Julie hears of state meetings she contacts members of state affiliates with regard to this meeting. They advise that each state have an advisory group. She encouraged that we (AA members) be involved on that advisory group. It was shared that involvement in Colorado was competitive for being involved in their state's group. Vicki Smyer(Ohio) thanked AASL for the opportunity of being part of the first information meeting on P 21 skills. It provided an opportunity to speak on the natural process of putting information skills and collaboration into practice. Ohio's group met with Ohio's First Lady and they were able to meet with state education representatives. Jackie Pearson (North Carolina)was the first library association to partner with P21 Foundation. Their Governor spearheaded this effort. NC always operated on SIP goals. Mandate has come down from the Governor's office that all SIP goals must include P 21 goals/skills. NC is already incorporating these skills into their curriculum. Julie shared that the Learning Standards Task Force worked to align the P21 with document goals and wording. Wisconsin found out this spring that they'd be a partner state. It was realized that all academic standards need to be reassessed and reworked. It was made clear that there would be a library media specialist on all curriculum design committees. Sandy Kelly (Massachusetts) shared that they are a new P21 state. This connection provided contacts that can help to make positive changes. P21 resources have literacy maps for all areas.

Julie encouraged all Affiliates to be aware of these opportunities and to become involved in the process.

Information on the P21 working meeting was shared. There was a great deal of discussion on the lack of collaboration and the need for it. Mary Ann, Debbie Abilack and Rob Darrow participated in these strands and were able to share with the academic members on how we (K-12 librarians) are collaborating already to meet these goals. All attending felt it was very positive experience where they were able to show the K-12 libraries are doing this.

How does a state get to be a P21 state? Julie www.21stcenturyskills.org

1. Leadership has to come from anywhere (application is on site)
2. State must show broad consensus that there is support for involvement in this process.
3. Good idea: form a coalition with other assoc. (NEA/state org)

Julie has a form showing the status of all states

Emerging Leaders

Cyndi asked Carl to clarify that emerging leaders must be 35 yrs or younger and only in the profession for 5 years or less.

Carl thanked Jay, Diane and Hilda for their hard work on the AASL 101 session. It was very successful.

The meeting adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dee Griffith, Secretary
AASL Affiliate Assembly, 2006-2007

Carl Harvey, Chair
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Attendance Roster

Region I

Irene Kwidzinski, Director
Marilyn Joyce, Director-Elect
Janet Roche, CEMA
Merlyn Miller, VEMA
Ann Pelham, MSLMA
David Bilmes, CEMA
Donna Chale, MASL
Teri Caonette, MASL
Geri Fegan, MASLA
Linda Frial
Susan Ballard, NEEMA
Anne Gallivan
Nancy Keane, NHEMA

Region II

Sara Kelly Johns, Director
Jay Bansbach, MEMO
Barbara Ruskowski, DSLMA
Hilda Weisburg, NJASL
Mary Moyer, NJASL
Andre Taylor, DCASL
Geneva Reeder, PSLA
Mary Foster, PSLA
Rosina Alaimo, SLMS
Leslie Blatt, NJASL
Angela Crockett, NJASL
Dorothy D'Ascanio, MASL
Nancy H.G. Smith, PSLA
Sally Daniels, NYLA

Region III

Floyd Pentlin, Director
Karen Lemmons, Dir-Elect
Val Edwards, WEMTA
Cara Cavub, WEMTA
Jo Ann Carr, WEMTA
Joel Shoemaker, IASL
Linda Weatherspoon, MASL
Marianne Fries, MASL
Becky Robinson, ISLMA
Jo Kirkbride, MAME
Jane Sharka, ISLMA
Judy Hauser, MAME

Robyn Young, AIME
Kim Carr, AIME
Kathy Halsey, OELMA
Vicky Schmarr, OELMA
Gayla Strack, MASL

Region IV

Darlah Carman, KSMA
Trudy Moss, NCSLMA
Lynn Caruthers, TASL
Jackie Pierson, NCSLMA
Kitt Lansing, SCASL
Ida Thompson, SCASL
Laurel Morgan, VEMA
Dee Griffith, VEMA
Nancy Silcox, VEMA
Nancy Dickinson, TASL
Margaret Hausauer, TASL
Allison Roberts, TASL
Diane Chen, TASL

Region V

Nancy Everhart, FAME
Idella Washington, LASL
Margie Thomas, LASL
Rosalind Dennis, GLMA

Region VI

Barbara Ray, Director-Elect
Jackie Chetzron, TASL
Denise Kornegay, TASL
Diane Hughes, AASL (ARK)
Buffy Edwards, OASLM
Maribel Castro, TASL
Mary Jo Humphrey, TASL
Alison Almquist, NMLA
Carlyn Gray, TASL

Region VII

Linda Renfro, AzLA
Debra LePlante, AZLA
Alison Grant, NSCLS
Robbie Nickel, NSCLS
Mary Ann Haslun, CSLA

Region VIII

Linda Collius, WLMA
Joanna Freeman, WLMA
Gregory Lum, OEMA

Pam Juel, ILA
Elaine Twogood, WLMA

Region IX

Janice Ostrom, Director
Toni Reese, NSCYP
Sherry Crow, CASL
Cindy Pfeiffer, KASL
Laura Soush, KASL
Mary Katherine Johnson, CASL
Glenda Willnerd, NEMA
Gail Formanack, NEMA
Martha House, KASL