

**American Association of School Librarians  
Affiliate Assembly I Meeting Minutes  
American Library Association Annual Conference  
Friday, July 10, 2009  
8:00 – 10:00 p.m.  
Hyatt Regency Chicago, Grand Ballroom I/J**

Irene Kwidzinski called the meeting to order at 8:14.

Welcome to Affiliate Assembly I, Affiliate Assembly II will be on Sunday, not too far from this room.

Thanks to the Illinois State Library Association for putting a brand new penny on all of our tables. We will remember our visit to Chicago. Thank you, Illinois.

Most announcements will be on Sunday but Ann Martin wanted everyone to be reminded of the fantastic program on Saturday at 9:30 on Standards and Guidelines. It is in room 184W. There are different programs on each day. A celebration of Think, Create, Grow and Share and special buttons were designed by Jen Habley. There will be Learning 4Life posters and bookmarks that can be ordered. After the Standards and Guidelines presentation will be the President's Program.

Another announcement – the research award has a sponsor – Heinemann-Raintree just agreed to sponsor this award. Irene Kwidzinski asked Jen Habley to stand and be recognized for all of her hard work.

Irene Kwidzinski turned the meeting over to Sandra Andrews to request for nominations for recording secretary. Only one person is running for chair elect. Please nominate yourself or someone else to be recording secretary. The job description was read from the handbook. The form to use for nominations is in the handbook on pages 47 and 48. Nominations are today and the vote will be on Sunday.

Irene Kwidzinski said that the Affiliate Assembly Executive Committee meeting took place just prior to this meeting. All directors-elect, officers at this table and the past chair are on the committee. The committee went over the concerns and commendations and filtered them a bit. Commendations are to honor programs or events that deserve national commendation. The commendations are grouped by topic. Will look at ones the Executive Committee wanted to pass on to you for comments and possible approval to send to the AASL Board for action.

There are five reading programs that were sent in for commendation - No. 1, from KS, No. 2 from SC, No. 5 from NE, No. 8 from NC and No. 9 from TN.

- 1) "The William Allen White Children's Book Awards program of Kansas was the first state-wide children's choice award program in the United States." Barb Bahm from Kansas motioned to approve this commendation. Linda Williams seconded. This commendation was approved to send to the AASL Board.

- 2) "No Book Left Unread is a summer reading program offered by the South Carolina State Department of Education. It is open to all schools in South Carolina." Motion to approve made by Becky Jackman. Fred Tilsley seconded. Motion passed.
- 5) "Nebraska Golden Sower Award - 66, 614 students across Nebraska voted for their favorite books from those nominated." This was not approved by the Executive Committee because it was not seen as nationally unique.
- 8) "The North Carolina Center for the Book is "a collaborative project of the community of the book to focus public interest on books, reading, libraries, literacy, print culture, and the literary heritage of the state..." Motion to approve by Mary Lou Cassotto. Second by Kelly Brannock. Discussion followed that this was not a unique program because every state has a center for the book. Motion failed.
- 9) "Read 20 is a public/private partnership promoting literacy skills for early childhood, in an effort to create a community of readers, and in support of Hamilton County's community literacy goals." This was not approved by the Executive Committee.
- 3) "Funds for Public Schools' Library REACH New York City retailers contribute to this fund. Competitive grants totaling up to \$10,000.00 per school have been awarded to school libraries." Motion by Hilda Weisburg to approve. Gerri Fegan seconded. Motion passed.
- 4) Commend the Office of Intellectual Freedom. "The Office of Intellectual Freedom, guided by Judy Krug for many years, has advised, informed and defended censorship challenges in schools across our country." This was not approved by the Executive Committee. A letter of appreciation will be sent to OIF for all the help they give libraries and librarians.
- 6) "Event to be Recognized: 'CASL Kickoff to TIE' The Colorado Association of School Libraries (CASL) board has joined efforts with Technology in Education (TIE) board, the Colorado ISTE affiliate, to jointly host workshops for teacher librarians during the TIE Colorado Conference." Not approved by the Executive Committee. Needs clarification.
- 7) "East Carolina University (ECU) has held a Librarian to Librarian Networking Summit for the past four years. This is a one-day event that brings together librarians from mainly the central and eastern regions of the state." Motion to approve by Lorri Monprode. Karen Figgatt seconded. Motion passed.
- 10) "Workshops and Membership: The Teacher-Librarian Division has been very pleased and excited with the workshops that have been provided by the Arizona State Library and Archives." This was not approved by the Executive Committee. State libraries in other states do the same thing.
- 11) "NEASC/Commission on Public Secondary Schools: The New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) is the accrediting agency in Region 1 and is the nation's oldest accrediting association. NEASC's mission is the establishment and maintenance of high standards for all levels of education, from pre-K to the doctoral level. NEASC serves more than 2,000 public and

independent schools, colleges and universities in the six states of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont, and American/international schools in more than 65 nations worldwide.” Motion to approve by Gerri Fegan. Bruce Hester seconded. Motion passed.

The last six commendations (Nos. 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17) were all for legislators. We do not send commendations to individuals but Cassandra Barnett can send a letter to these legislators. A representative from Washington State said that at some point there is a hope that there will be a way to recognize individuals. Irene Kwidzinski said that that idea was discussed at the Executive Committee meeting and will be looked at in the future.

Irene Kwidzinski said the regions had extra time to caucus. The groups were instructed to discuss nominating someone for recording secretary. Nominations should be given to Sandra Andrews. Regions discussed nominations for recording secretary and brought their nomination forms to Sandra.

Irene Kwidzinski called the group back to order at 9:15 and told the delegates that the room was available until 10 pm so they could stay longer if they wanted to. Region IV turned in a nomination form for Melissa Gardner from Kentucky and Region IX nominated Cindi Pfeiffer for recording secretary.

Fred Tilsley moved that we adjourn and Irene Kwidzinski adjourned the meeting at 9:18 p.m.

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Region I

Ann Perham	Massachusetts
Valerie Diggs	Massachusetts – MSLA
Susan Ballard	New England School Library Association, NESLA
Lucia Rafala	CT, CASL
Jackie Galante	CT, CASL
Mary Lou Cassotto	CT, CASL
Gerri Fegan	Massachusetts - MSLA
Nancy Keane	NHEMA
Marilyn Joyce	Region I Director, Maine (MASL)
Donna Chale	Maine – MASL
Peg Becksvoort	Maine – MASL
Sylvia K. Norton	Maine - MASL

Region II

Sally Daniels	SLMS/NYLA
Rosina Alaimo	SLMS/NYLA
Sara Kelly Johns	SLMS/NYLA
Judith Everett	NJASL
Pat Massey	NJASL
Hilda Weisburg	NJASL
Angela Crockett Coxen	NJASL
Jay Bansbach	MASL
Nancy (Smith) Latanision	PSLA
Marg Foster	PSLA
Carole Kupelian	SLMS – New York
Marilyn Kulkarni	DSLMA – Delaware
Andre Taylor	DCASL
J. Linda Williams	MASL

Region III

Jo Ann Carr	Wisconsin Educ. Media & Tech. Association
Vicki Bulta	AIME, delegate
Jill Youngblood	AIME, delegate
Sarah Thornbery	OELMA, delegate
Marie Sabol	OELMA, delegate
Gail Janz	ISLMA, delegate
Randee Hudson	ISLMA, delegate

Maggie Newbold	MASL
Marianne Fues	Missouri Association of School Librarians (MASL)
Lynn Gordon	MAME, delegate
Karen Appleton	Iowa Association of School Librarians (IASL)
Val Edwards	WEMTA, delegate
Kathleen McBroom	MAME, delegate
Karen Lemmons	MAME

#### Region IV

Fred Tilsley	KSMA
Melissa Gardner	KSMA
Becky Jackman	TASL
Bruce Hester	TASL
Terri Britt	VEMA
Nancy Silcox	VEMA
Kelly Brannock	NCSLMA
Deb Christensen	NCSLMA
Joseph Myers	SCASL
Amanda LeBlanc	SCASL
Karen Figgatt	WVLA
Cathy Davis	WVLA
Allison Roberts	TASL, Director-elect
Nancy Dickinson	TASL, Director, Region IV
Diane R. Chen	TN Guest, ALA Executive Board
Sandra Andrews	Chair-elect
Alice Bryant	ISS-TASL
Karen Lowe	NCSLMA

#### Region V

Deb Svec	Director-elect, Region V
Lee Anna Mills	AIMA
Suzy Spiceland	AIMA
Margie Thomas	LASL
Lisa Hathcock	AIMA
Ann Marie Pipkin	AIMA
Cecelia Solomon	FAME
Idella Washington	LASL

#### Region VI

Jayme Seat	OASLMS
Buffy Edwards	OASLMS

Cindy Buchanan	TASL
Susan Geye	TASL
Alison Almquist	NMLA
Tanya Tullos	TASL
Susi-Parks Grissom	TASL
Maribel Castro	TASL

#### Region VII

Robbie Nickel	NV-NSCLS, Director VII
Ann Ewbank	AZLA
Kerrlita Westrick	AZLA
Connie Williams	CSLA
Linda Kim	HASL
Anna Koval	CSLA

#### Region VIII

Lorrie Monprode	WLMA
Dave Sonnen	WLMA
Linda Collins	WLMA
Ann Morgester	AKASL
Merrie Olson	OASL

#### Region IX

Barb Bahm	Kansas Association of School Librarians
Debbi Maddy	KS Assoc. of School Lib.
JoAnn Perry	Colorado Association of School Librarians
Susan Gilbert	Colorado Association of School Librarians
Linda Roberts	Region IX, Director-elect
Lori Umstead	Nebraska Educational Media Association
Gail Formanack	Region IX, Director
Judy A Henning	Nebraska