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**AASL Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
2017 ALA Midwinter Meeting & Exhibits
Board I - Saturday, Jan 21, 2017 Georgia World Congress Center (A303)**

Board Members Present:

President, Audrey Church
President-Elect, Steven Yates
Immediate Past President, Leslie Preddy
Treasurer, Robbie Nickel
Member-At-Large, Melissa Jacobs
Member-At-Large, Devona Pendergrass
Representative to Council, Diane Chen
Region 1 Director, Pamela Harland
Region 2 Director, Laura Hicks
Region 3 Director, Linda Weatherspoon
Region 4 Director, Pam Renfrow
Region 5 Director, Wendy Stephens
Region 6 Director, Kathryn Lewis
Region 7 Director, Katie Williams
Region 8 Director, Craig Seasholes
Region 9 Director, Ann Schuster
ESLS Representative, Jody Howard
ISS Representative, Robert Hilliker
SPVS Representative, Sarah Searles
Ex-Officio, Sylvia K. Norton, Executive Director

Guests:

Elizabeth Burns Standards & Guidelines Editorial Board
Loida Garcia-Febo, candidate for ALA President
Jody Gray, Director, Office of Diversity, Literacy and Outreach
Ann Martin, BARC Chair and liaison to AASL
Marcia Mardis, Chair, Standards & Guidelines Editorial Board
Ellen McNair, Standards & Guidelines Implementation Task Force
Emily Sheketoff, Associate Executive Director, ALA Washington Office
Joyce Valenza, Standards & Guidelines Implementation Task Force

Staff Present:

Communications Manager, Stephanie Book
Program Coordinator, Shannon Carter
Editor, Meg Featheringham

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

President-Elect Steven Yates called the meeting to order at 8:05. Executive Director Sylvia K. Norton called the roll. President Audrey Church then arrived to preside over the meeting.

2. Standards & Guidelines Editorial Board

Chair Marcia Mardis provided an update to the Board of Directors on the remodeled AASL standards and how they were perceived in a peer review.

3. Consent Agenda

MOTION made by Jody Howard and seconded by Kathryn Lewis to approve the consent agenda.

>>APPROVED

4. Action Agenda

Bylaws Change

MOTION made by Rob Hilliker and seconded by Katie Williams to approve a Bylaws amendment be placed on the 2017 ballot to remove a Member-At-Large position and add a position designated for a one year term for the Affiliate Assembly Chair with a proviso stipulating that, if the amendment is adopted, the person who holds the removed At-Large position at the time the amendment is adopted will be allowed to complete her or his term of office.

>>**APPROVED**

Position Statement on School and Public Library Cooperation

MOTION made by Wendy Stephens and seconded by Melissa Jacobs to approve a Position on School and Public Library Cooperation Task Force with a charge to develop a statement of best practice or position statement on school/public library cooperation while maintaining independent programs and facilities. The Task Force will submit completed work to the Board of Directors by April 1, 2017.

>>**APPROVED**

5. Information Agenda

Discussion under Board calendar information item

MOTION by Rob Hilliker and seconded by Kathryn Lewis to empower the Executive Committee to determine an appropriate incentive to encourage members and nonmembers to attend the Virtual Membership Meeting.

>>**APPROVED**

6. Candidate for ALA President

Loida Garcia-Febo spoke to the Board about her candidacy and answered the three questions that had been provided in advance.

7. ALA Washington Office

Emily Sheketoff updated the Board on recent activity and the unknowns as a new administration transitions. She remains hopeful about the strides we have made in ESSA. Emily will be retiring after the National Library Legislative Day event in May.

8. Budget Analysis and Review Committee (BARC)

Chair Ann Martin provided an update on ALA budgeting.

9. Office of Diversity, Literacy and Outreach

Director Jody Gray provide an overview on the activities of her ALA office.

10. **MOTION** to Adjourn by Ann Schuster and seconded by Melissa Jacobs.

ADJOURNED at 11:16am

AASL Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
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Board II - Sunday, Jan 22, 2017 Georgia World Congress Center (A406)

Board Members Present:

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Guests:

Susan Ballard, ALA President Julie Todaro Presidential Initiative, School Library Group
Judy Deichman, Standards & Guidelines Implementation Task Force
Karen Downing, ALA Executive Board
Terri Grief, candidate for ALA President
Dorcas Hand, ALA President Julie Todaro Presidential Initiative, School Library Group
Mary Keeling, Chair, Standards & Guidelines Implementation Task Force
Sara Kelly Johns, ALA President Julie Todaro Presidential Initiative, School Library Group
Jamie LaRue, Director, Office of Intellectual Freedom
Joyce Valenza, Standards & Guidelines Implementation Task Force

Staff Present:

Communications Manager, Stephanie Book
Program Coordinator, Shannon Carter

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

President Audrey Church called the meeting to order at 1:05pm after a Board luncheon and video recording of individual board members. Executive Director Sylvia K. Norton called the roll.

2. Standards & Guidelines Implementation Task Force

Chair Mary Keeling updated the Board on the plan being developed by the Task Force.

3. Office of Intellectual Freedom

Director Jamie LaRue discussed filtering in schools and offered tools and checklists as practical starts to conversations with principals and IT directors.

4. ALA Executive Board

ALA Executive Board liaison to AASL, Karen Downing, updated the board on ALA activities and talking points.

5. Information Agenda

Get Out the Vote

Board members reviewed the messages they will carry to region and section members to have more AASL members vote for a stronger school librarian voice in ALA.

Operational Plan

Board members will review the draft and post additional items to consider for the operational plan supporting the next two years of the strategic plan. The operational plan will be reviewed by the Executive Committee at the Spring meeting and on the agenda for Board discussion and approval at Annual.

6. **MOTION** to adjourn by Jody Howard and seconded by Rob Hilliker.

ADJOURNED 3:37pm

