



**ALSC Online Board Meeting – August 26, 2020
FINAL Minutes as of September 10, 2020**

Attendees

Board Members: Kirby McCurtis, Africa Hands, Amber Creger, April Mazza, Ariana Hussain, Cecilia McGowan, Kimberly Patton, Lucia Gonzalez, Meredith Steiner, Soraya Silverman-Montano

Staff Members: Aimee Strittmatter, Alena Rivers, Angela Hubbard, Anne Michaud, Elizabeth Serrano, Laura Schulte-Cooper, Sarah Polen

Guests: Amy Forrester, Danielle Jones, Hilary Witt, Kay Weisman, Mary Voors, Melody Frese, Michael Rogalla, Nina Lindsay, Sarah Park Dahlen, Tanya Prax, Tara Phethean, Tony Carmack

Proceedings

- Meeting called to order at 12:02 p.m. by President Kirby McCurtis
- Board agreed to hold the meeting in an informal manner and within the guidelines of the ALSC Community Agreements document
- Agenda approved
- Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

MOTION: move to accept the ALSC board meeting minutes of June 10 and June 17, 2020, motion passed

Discussion

Revised ALSC Competencies

The Board discussed the draft revisions of the 2020 Competencies for Librarians Serving Children in Public Libraries. Education committee co-chair Tony Carmack was in attendance to answer questions and discuss the competencies as outlined. Questions from board members attending in person and sent ahead via email were addressed. Concerns about the use of the word and designation of the word public were considered.

ACTION: The board asked the committee to revise the title of the document and remove references specifying public libraries to make the language describing libraries more universal and bring revisions back to the board for review. Kirby and Aimee will also follow up with AASL as a courtesy.

Membership Proposal

Nina Lindsay was in attendance to discuss the Board Action Form containing a COVID-19 emergency membership proposal for furloughed and laid-off members. The board discussed the outlined options contained in the

submitted form. Questions from the board were in relation to diversity and inclusion, the participation requirement, engagement within ALSC and the implementation processes for both options.

ACTION: The board will continue this discussion during the upcoming September board meeting.

Review of ALSC Blog Policies and Guidelines

ALSC Blog Manager, Mary Voors was in attendance to discuss current blog policies and guidelines. A discussion around the guidelines for all types of posts and potential changes to current procedures and process was started.

ACTION: The board will continue this discussion during the upcoming September board meeting.

MOTION: move to adjourn, motion passed.