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Policy Statement:

Educator of School Librarians Section Community of Scholars Committee will serve as a steering committee to cultivate and maintain the development of a community of scholars in the school library research field, or scholars ancillary connected to school library research.

Focus:

Primary: Educators of School Librarians Section

Secondary: AASL Board of Directors, AASL Members

Purpose:

To define the roles and responsibilities of the Educators of School Librarians Section Community of Scholars Committee.

Procedure:

1. The Community of Scholars Committee shall:

1.1. Plan activities and events related to establishing, connecting and sustaining a network of researchers, practitioners, and students interested in school library research and inquiry. Such as:

- Conduct an online research “town hall”
- Explore development of a research agenda for AASL
- Plan and oversee the Community of Scholars session at the AASL National Conference

1.2. Highlight accomplishments in school library research. Such as:

- Oversee the aggregation of research by school library scholars from the previous calendar year and report findings in an SLR publication
- Review submissions for the AASL/SLC research award

1.2 Promote professional development and growth related to research. Such as:

- Work with other ESLS officers to coordinate the ESLS Research Symposium for the AASL National Conference
- Work with other ESLS officers to coordinate submission of ESLS proposals to AASL National Conference and/or ALA Conference sessions.

2. Committee Composition

2.1. The Community of Scholars chair is appointed by the ESLS Chair-elect in consultation with the ESLS Chair. The position is limited to four consecutive years and the chair may resume the committee chair position after one year off the Community of Scholars committee. Prior experience as a Community of Scholar Committee member is preferred.

2.2. The Community of Scholars committee should consist of a minimum of three members,

appointed by the ESLS Chair-elect in consultation with the ESLS Chair and review of the ESLS Executive Committee recommendations, for two-year terms. The position is limited to four consecutive years.

3. Committee Appointment Process:

- 3.1. The ESLS Executive Committee will accept nominations, including self-nominations, immediately following the ALA Midwinter ESLS Business Meeting
- 3.2. The ESLS Executive Committee will make selections and nominees will be notified of appointment decisions by May 15.
- 3.3. New committee members will begin their terms on July 1 of the current year.