



PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOL LIBRARIANS ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
BUSINESS MEETING  
Hershey Lodge  
Hershey, PA  
May 14, 2016  
7:30 AM

- I. Call to Order
  - A. President Nailor called the meeting to order at 7:46 am.
  
- II. Minutes (Lindsey Long)
  - A. The minutes were posted to the PSLA conference website prior to the meeting.
  - B. Natalie Hawley moves to accept the minutes of the May 2, 2015 meeting; Alice Cyphers seconds. Motion carries.
  
- III. Treasurer's Report (Natalie Hawley) (EXHIBIT A)
  - A. The budget balance as of March 31, 2016, the balance is \$222,697.37.
  - B. Treasurer's report will be filed subject to audit.
  
- IV. PA Department of Education/State Library (Glenn Miller)
  - A. Thanks to Susan Pannebaker with her help in Glenn Miller's new role
  - B. Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)
    - 1. Department of Education is engaged in process and wants to include school library voices
    - 2. Allison Mackley and Allison Burrell are involved in two key working groups
  - C. STEM/Makerspace Activities
    - 1. Concern that there are too many instances of STEM/Maker activities replacing libraries rather than being in addition to libraries
  - D. Importance of libraries
    - 1. Major focus of his role is to attack the idea of libraries being invisible at all levels
    - 2. Asks that PSLA help him learn the business of school libraries so that he can be a better advocate for school libraries
    - 3. Shared thoughts about importance of libraries and the job done by all librarians

- V. AASL Update (Eileen Kern) (EXHIBIT B)
  - A. Eileen represents AASL as Region 2 Director
  - B. ESSA
    - 1. ESSA support documents available at <http://www.ala.org/aasl/advocacy/legislation/essa>
    - 2. Plan will be developed and submitted to AASL Board of Directors about how these documents can be implemented
  
- VI. President's Report (Michael Nailor)
  - A. Moment of respect for Eliot Shelkrot, former head of Free Library of Philadelphia, who passed in March
    - 1. Former director of the State Library
    - 2. Opened LSTA grants to school libraries
    - 3. Created the position of School Library Advisor in PDE
  
- VII. Committee Reports
  - A. Conference (Jenn Bates)
    - 1. Conference Attendance
      - a. 507 attendees this year
    - 2. 2017 Conference
      - a. Gene Anbaum of Unshelved will be Keynote Speaker
      - b. Maureen Johnson will do the Author Presentation
      - c. March 30-April 1, 2017 will be next conference
  
- VIII. Old Business
  - A. Organizational Restructuring
    - 1. Goal: More practicing librarians in the leadership of our organization
    - 2. Goal: Streamlining the organization to better respond to the needs of our members
    - 3. Goals: Empower members to take on meaningful work for our organizational ends
    - 4. Padlet: What can PSLA do for you?
  
  - B. Special Interest Groups
    - 1. PSLA must find a way to better use Special Interest Groups
    - 2. Local affiliate groups must be revitalized
  
  - B. Emerging Leaders Academy
    - 1. Emerging Leaders 1 are finding ways to represent and serve the organization
    - 2. Emerging Leaders 2 will be presenting Session E4 at 10:30

3. Sustaining Leaders will begin Academy this summer
4. Thanks to coaches, program coordinators, and mentors who have made all of this possible

IX. New Business

A. PA Educator Effectiveness

1. School Librarian’s Guide to the PDE Educator Effectiveness System available
2. Ongoing Survey of how PA school librarians are being evaluated
3. More questions than answers

B. Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

1. Federal
  - a. AASL scored a big victory in that school librarians are specifically mentioned in new federal funding and may be included in funding
2. State:
  - a. Advocacy for school libraries as PA spins out its implementation
  - b. School libraries have not been at the table for the last number of years
  - c. Allison Burrell and Allison Mackley are in working groups present at the State level
3. Local
  - a. Advocacy must come from district librarians

C. Resolutions (EXHIBIT C)

1. Lindsey Long—PSLA Board of Directors

WHEREAS: Lindsey Long has served as secretary of the Board of Directors for the Pennsylvania School Librarians Association for six years and;

WHEREAS: Lindsey Long has served to maintain and organize impeccable records, correspondence, and planning of events within and pertaining to the organization and;

WHEREAS: Lindsey Long has served as a dedicated agent of PSLA maintaining meticulous records of communication between the board and the membership;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the members of the Pennsylvania School Librarians Association express their sincere appreciation for her dedication to the field of school librarianship and service to the membership of the Association.

Moved by Jennifer Bates and seconded by Allison Burrell. Motion carries.

2. Jeffrey Weiss

WHEREAS: Jeffrey Weiss has served as member of the Board of Directors for the Pennsylvania School Librarians Association for two years and;

WHEREAS: Jeffrey Weiss has served to advance the mission of the association and;

WHEREAS: Jeffrey Weiss has served on the Model Curriculum Committee and acted as a Regional Coordinator;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the members of the Pennsylvania School Librarians Association express their sincere appreciation for his dedication to the field of school librarianship and service to the membership of the Association.

Moved by Allison Burrell and seconded by Jennifer Bates. Motion Carries.

X. Future Dates

- A. ALA Annual Conference—June 23-28, 2016—Orlando, FL
- B. PSLA Leadership Summit—Tuesday-Wednesday, July 12-13, 2016—Hershey, PA
- C. PSLA Board Meeting—Thursday, July 14, 2016—Hershey, PA
- D. AASL Gaming as Meaningful Education—September 23-24, 2016—Rochester, NY
- E. AL Midwinter Meeting—January 20-24, 2017—Atlanta, GA
- F. PSLA 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference—March 30-April, 2017—Hershey Lodge
- G. ALA Annual Conference—June 22-27, 2017—Chicago, IL

XI. Adjournment

- A. Eileen Kern moves for adjournment. Bob McConnell seconds. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:36 am.

- Exhibit A Treasurer's Report
- Exhibit B AASL Report
- Exhibit C Resolutions