



Summary of PSLA Board Meeting on January 16, 2016

President's Report:

- Heather Lister and Allison Mackley represented PSLA at the annual PAC-TE/KCEA event on October 26-28.
- Kevin Harley represented PSLA at the PA Senate Policy Hearing on October 28.
- Michael Nailor met with Glenn Miller, Deputy Secretary and Commissioner of Libraries, to discuss the Educator Effectiveness System and its impact on school librarians.
- Michael represented PSLA at the AASL Affiliate Assembly in Boston. He participated in leadership training and the round table event between states in attendance.
- Michael and Eileen Kern met with Mary Kay Biagini regarding the current and next cycles of LSTA funding.

AASL Report:

- Allison Burrell and Jennifer Bates represented PSLA at the 17th National Conference held in Columbus, OH, on November 5-8, 2015. Eileen Kern attended as the Region 2 Director of AASL.
- PSLA leadership represented PSLA at ALA Midwinter held in Boston, MA, on January 9-10, 2016.

Old Business:

- Organization Tax Status: PSLA is considering a change in tax status to benefit the organization. Natalie Hawley and Michael Nailor will conduct a conference call with PSLA's accountant before May.
- Bylaw Change Rationale: Board approved a revised draft of the Bylaw Change Rationale.
- Staffing Survey 2015-2016: Board discussion about survey data and the need for another PSLA member to spearhead next year's survey.
- Conference Update: Jenn Bates reviewed upcoming changes to the 2016 Conference exhibit space.
- AASL Focus Group: AASL is remodeling their standards and guidelines and will hold two focus groups on this topic at the 2016 PSLA Conference.
- Strategic Plan Update: Board approved the 2012-2018 Strategic Plan as updated in January 2016.

New Business:

- Awards and Contest Winners: Board approved the winners of PSLA's annual awards and contests to be awarded at the 2016 Conference.
 - **Outstanding Administrator District Level:** Maureen McQuiggan, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Professional Development and Joan Cusano, Director of Technology, Radnor Township School District
 - **Outstanding Administrator Building Level:** Nathan Davidson, Southern Lehigh School District, Assistant Principal, Southern Lehigh Middle School
 - **Outstanding Author and/or Illustrator:** David Wiesner, Glenside, PA winner of 3 Caldecott Medals and 2 Caldecott Honor Medals.
 - **Outstanding Contributor:** Candace Blessing
 - **Outstanding District:** Wilson School District, Reading, PA
 - **Outstanding Individual School Library:** New-Hope Solebury High School Library, Mary Schwander, Librarian, New Hope, PA
 - **Me? A School Librarian High School Contest:** North Penn School District - Nicole Mackowiak, Junior at North Penn High School, Librarian, Stormy Vogel; Tidioute Community Charter School – Amber Borland, Junior, Librarian, Sara Robinson
- Outstanding Administrator Rubric: Board approved the Outstanding Administrator Rubric as amended.
- PA Author and Illustrator Rubric: Board approved the Outstanding PA Author and/or Illustrator Awards as amended.
- Archive Concerns: Operations Committee chairs investigated the possibility of archiving PSLA's web and social media content. They will continue to explore these possibilities per Board direction.
- AASL Leadership Development Training: Board approved sending President-Elect Allison Burrell to AASL Leadership Development Training in Orlando, FL, on June 24, 2016.
- PSLA Re-affiliation with AASL: Board approved PSLA's AASL re-affiliation application.
- PSLA Affiliates: Board approved re-affiliation applications from the Western Pennsylvania School Librarians Association, Cumberland County School Librarians Association, and Westmoreland County Association of School Librarians.
- Maker-Librarian Special Interest Group: Board approved the creation of a Special Interest Group of Maker-Librarians.
- GAME: Board approved sending Allison Burrell to the GAME Initiative in Fall 2016.