



## Summary of PSLA Board Meeting on May 12, 2016

### President's Report:

- Allison Burrell and Allison Mackley will serve on PDE stakeholder groups to help with the implementation of Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).
- Ellen Zschunke and Kelly Gustafson represented PSLA at ALA's National Legislative Day.

### AASL Report:

- ESSA Development Working Group has been formed with the charge to develop a plan for awareness, advocacy, and preparation for implementation of ESSA.
- AASL is partnering with Future Ready Schools and will there will be a presentation at ALA Annual about Future Ready Librarians.
- AASL developed a Pre-Service Toolkit for Principals and Teachers that can be used to help educate future principals and teachers about the significant role of quality school library programs.
- ALA and AASL School Library Snapshot Tool is available on the ALA website to help librarians create a tailored infographic that represents how their library aligns with provisions in the ESSA.
- PSLA member Ann Yawornitsky from Wilson Southern Middle School won the AASL Roald Dahl Miss Honey Social Justice Award, along with two fellow teachers, for a Holocaust Project.
- Stevens Yates, instructor and acting school library coordinator at the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa, was elected as the 2017-2018 AASL President.
- PSLA submitted a commendation to AASL for the PA Information Literacy Summit.

### Old Business:

- Organization Tax Status: Board approved PSLA to apply for Pennsylvania tax exempt status.
- Ongoing Committee Reorganization: Members present at the 2016 Conference will be asked to fill out a Survey Monkey regarding their participation in committee work.
- Staffing Survey 2016-2017: Board approved another staffing survey in 2016-2017 to be coordinated by Eileen Kern and Natalie Hawley.
- 2017 LSTA/University of Pitt Grant Activities: Sustaining Leaders Academy will begin in July 2016. Drive-in trainings will be provided this summer on the Model Curriculum and Educator Effectiveness.
- Strategic Communications: Board discussion about the role of Quantum Communications in PSLA's advocacy efforts. A newsletter was disseminated by Quantum on PSLA's behalf in May.

- ESSA: PSLA will work in the future to train members in advocacy and ESSA law so that members can advocate for funding.

#### New Business:

- HSLC: HSLC is in the process of changing its name to Hosting Solutions and Library Consulting and continues to work on trainings while providing new opportunities for librarians.
- eBook Consortium: Heather Lister created a statewide eBook Consortium for school libraries in Pennsylvania. It will be hosted by Mackin VIA and partnered by HSLC who will handle administrative concerns and billing.
- 2016 PA Forward Information Literacy Summit: Sessions this year will all be offered by academic librarians.
- Operations: The Operations Committee is working to develop new guidelines for work done within the committee.
- Earmarking Funds: Board approval to earmark \$18,000 for Quantum Communications contract renewal.
- Debit/Credit Card Policy: Board approval to amend the Debit/Credit Card Policy.