



Summary of PSLA Board Meeting on October 24, 2015

President's Report:

- Michael Nailor attended the 2015 PA Information Literacy Summit at Penn State University Library. Allison Burrell, Cathi Fuhrman, and Brenda Boyer presented at the Summit.
- As part of the LSTA grant, PSLA members are developing a document to help PA school librarians deal with the Educator Effectiveness initiative.
- Michael and Allison Burrell met with members of Secretary Rivera's staff to discuss lending support to school library staffing efforts as funding becomes available to school districts.
- Michael presented to the Governor's Advisory Council regarding PSLA hot topics.
- Michael represented PSLA at the annual PaLA banquet.
- Allison Burrell represented PSLA at the annual conference of the Principals Association where she presented awards to elementary and secondary librarians.
- Mary Kay Biagini is in the process of preparing a grant proposal for the next round of LSTA funding.
- Quantum Communications sent a "Back to School" e-mail from PSLA on September 21 to stakeholders as part of PSLA's strategic communications.
- Michael wrote an article about the PA Young Readers Choice Program called "PA Kids Choose their Favorite Books" for the PA PTA newsletter in August. In October, he wrote an article called "Books and Backpacks" about new research showing the importance of getting books into the hands of students with economic needs.
- Allison Mackley attended a dinner for the PA Keystone Consortium of Educational Associations. Heather Lister attended a luncheon with the same group on October 28.

AASL Report:

- AASL reorganized the structure of the Affiliate Assembly to make a more efficient calendar and streamline the commendations/concerns process.
- Board approved PSLA to submit a commendation to AASL to recognize PaLA for the PA Forward Information Literacy Conference.

Old Business:

- Committee Restructuring: Board discussion focused on involving general membership, former regional coordinators, special interest groups, and former committee members in committee tasks.
- Staffing Survey 2015-2016: As of October 24, 259 out of 500 school districts had completed the survey.
- LSTA/Pitt Grant: 2016 LSTA grant proposal focuses on mid-career librarians.
- Strategic Communications: Board discussion that many people are still not receiving newsletters from Quantum Communications.
- Strategic Plan Review: Board discussion about items on the Strategic Plan to change responsibility, identify items that are complete, and highlights items that are outdated or no longer of value.

New Business:

- Constitution and Bylaws Changes: Board approved submitting to the membership the proposed changes to the Constitution and Bylaws.
- Communications: Board discussion about the need for more timely communications and the need to clarify the roles of communication within PSLA.
- 2016 Conference: Board discussion about vendors and sponsorships for the 2016 Conference.