



## Summary of PSLA Board Meeting on May 20, 2017.

### President's Report

- **Resolution:** On April 19, I had the opportunity to be on the floor of the PA House as the representatives voted on a resolution to declare April as School Library Month, as proposed by Rep. Kristin Phillips-Hill. Rep. Phillips-Hill shared some very supportive comments in her remarks ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L\\_EoAegw1oQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L_EoAegw1oQ)).
- **School Library Connection Article:** An article for the summer online issue about the School Library Month resolution is in the works.
- **Keynote Speaker:** On April 23, I had the privilege of being one of two keynote speakers at Kutztown University's annual library science banquet and celebration of their Alpha Beta Alpha's 60th anniversary (<https://www.kutztown.edu/libraryscience>).
- **Requests for Support:** PSLA has been contacted several times recently with requests for support when school librarian positions are threatened. Megan Murray Cusick, the Grassroots Specialist in the ALA Office for Library Advocacy, also sent letters from ALA to those districts whose librarians contacted that office for support.
- **EveryLibrary:** Allison Mackley and I joined Deb Kachel and John Chrastka, executive director of EveryLibrary, on a conference call to discuss what that organization can offer us. This cost-free partnership would help us get our message out to a larger audience as well as develop a "toolkit" for our members to utilize when they discover that positions are in jeopardy.
- **Note of Thanks:** In this, my last President's Report, I would like to thank our Board members, officers, and committee chairs for a job well-done in this past year. I look forward to seeing what the coming years bring, as I know that with our incoming leadership team, PSLA will grow, change, and certainly accomplish great things. From the bottom of my heart, I thank you for the opportunity to serve this organization that has done so much for school libraries, librarians, and for me.

### Old Business

- **Organization Tax Status:** PSLA applied for sales tax exemption. The application was denied because PSLA doesn't give enough to charity to qualify for sales tax exemption. Natalie Hawley will follow up and ask what specifically we need to do to qualify and we will consider if it makes sense to take those next steps.
- **Conference Co-Chair:** Cathi Fuhman will be the Conference Co-Chair.
- **Teaching & Learning Committee Co-Chair:** Kristin Crans will take Cathi Fuhman's position and work with Dustin Brackbill.
- **Professional Development Survey Results:** Survey participants represent a broad range of grade bands and geographical locations. This will be a helpful tool for the Teaching & Learning Committee.
- **Newsletter Update:** The next newsletter will be coming out soon. A recap of the conference will be included.

## New Business

- **Earmarking:** Funds were earmarked for Quantum Communications for 2017-2018.
- **MemberClicks:** After a demo, the Board had many positive remarks about MemberClicks, which also includes web design services, as a possible replacement to RegOnline. The Board will seek more information about costs and cost comparisons before proceeding further.
- **EveryLibrary Partnership:** EveryLibrary is a national organization dedicated exclusively to political action at a local level to create, renew, and protect public funding for libraries of all types. It is a nonprofit Political Action Committee chartered to work exclusively on local library ballot initiatives. More information will be gathered about a potential partnership and this item will be discussed at Summit.
- **Summer Summit Plans:** July 11-13, 2017; Tuesday: Board Retreat, Advisory Council Meeting; Wednesday: Committee Meetings; Thursday: Board Meeting.
- **Conference Contract:** The Board approved the Contract for PSLA Annual Conference—April 15-17, 2021 at Hershey Lodge.
- **Conference Policy:** Revisions to the Conference Policy were approved.
- **Conference Proposal Rubric:** A rubric to evaluate conference proposals using a formalized method was approved.
- Michael Nailor offered his thanks and appreciation, as this was his final PSLA Board Meeting, but noted that he will continue to be involved in PSLA.

## Email Votes

- Hempfield SD was approved to use the PSLA Logo for the purpose of creating a shirt for the 2017 Outstanding School Library Program District to be given to the Hempfield SD librarians.