



Summary of PSLA Board Meeting on April 30, 2015

President's Report:

- Michael Nailor represented PSLA at the AASL Affiliate Assembly in Chicago, IL.
- Michael met with Kevin Harley of Quantum Communications and the new chair of the Education Committee in the PA Senate, Senator Shmucker, to discuss the state of school libraries.
- Governor Wolf cited concerns about school libraries as one of his justifications for calling for more money for Pennsylvania schools.
- Michael met with Kevin Harley and the new chair of the PA House Education Committee, Representative Saylor, who offered to hold hearings this summer in Harrisburg to bring public attention to the problems in school library programs.
- Quantum Communications published two newsletters and is working on a third newsletter.
- Michael sent the professional development survey to eight PSLA leaders and received responses with minimal modifications.
- The June 2014 PDE decision to include the reading specialist certification as an add-on certification has been put on hold.
- The new president of PA PTA, Debbie Munson, asked Michael to continue a column in the state newsletter. Michael wrote an article titled "Hot Summer, Cool Technology" highlighting two great websites to continue summertime learning.
- Sybil Farwell from FAME contacted Eileen Kern and asked if PSLA would share our Social Media Networking Policy which she found through our strategic plan.

AASL Report:

- The ALA Midwinter Meeting was held in Chicago, IL, on January 29-February 1.
- Discussion focused on important themes and issues facing all of the state associations such as tools/resources, communication, advocacy, and continuity. These topics will form the agenda of the AASL Presidential Initiative Affiliate Assembly Leadership Institute to be held in San Francisco during summer 2015.
- AASL delegates from Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, and Maryland met for two days near the end of April to discuss concerns and commendations.

Old Business:

- Conference: Board approved Allison Burrell and Jenn Bates to review and renegotiate the PSLA 2016 Conference contract.
- Emerging Leaders Academy: Current emerging leaders graduated at the conference and will be moved into positions within PSLA. A 2015-16 Emerging Leaders Academy is planned.
- Strategic Communications: Board approved Allison Burrell to contact Quantum Communications to continue PSLA's relationship with them pending a final approval based upon fee structure and goals.
- Committee Restructuring Transition Planning: Board members will contact committee chairpersons for feedback regarding the transition.
- Constitution & Bylaws: Board approved changes to the following policies: Board of Directors Organizational Policy, Fixed Assets Policy, Officers Policy, PSLA Handbook Policy, PSLA Representative Policy. Board archived the Leadership Project Policy.
- Professional Development Survey: Board approved the updated Professional Development Survey.
- Professional Standards: School Librarian job description is posted on the PSLA website.
- Professional Standards: SLO Examples will be posted on the PSLA website by the end of May.
- GAC Platform to New Governor: Board approved a thank you to the Governors Advisory Council and will endorse the Governor's Platform.
- PA Forward Information Literacy Summit: Summit will take place in July 2015.
- PSLA E-mail Accounts: Board approved eliminating and changing PSLA e-mail accounts to account for changes in leadership positions.

New Business:

- Earmarking funds for 2015-16: Board approved earmarking funds for Quantum Communications, equipment, and public relations.
- AASL Leadership Institute: Board approved sending Allison Burrell and Michael Nailor to the AASL Leadership Institute in San Francisco on June 26, 2015.
- Learning & Media: Board approved the resignation of chairperson Sally Myers. Board approved proposing to the membership an amendment to the Bylaws by eliminating Article VI, Section 4, letter N, 1-8, Learning & Media.
- Legislation: Board approved the resignation of co-chairperson Deb Kachel.
- Letter to President of Kutztown University: Board approved that PSLA contact the administration of Kutztown University to voice our opposition of the moratorium beginning fall 2016 of the undergraduate library science program.

Board E-mail Votes:

- Junior Library Guild Scholarship: Board approved that PSLA support the creation of a Junior Library Guild Scholarship to be awarded for the 2015 Conference.

- Cumberland County School Librarians Association Affiliate Application: Board approved the Cumberland County School Librarians Association as an affiliation of PSLA for 2015.
- Nomination Letter for David Brown for National Legislative Day Grant Award: Board approved the nomination of David Brown for the National Legislative Day Grant Award.
- Lanyon/RegOnline Contract: Board approved a contract of services with Lanyon/RegOnline for the period of April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2018.
- Contact Information for Conference Registrants: Board approved that PSLA should share contact information for conference registrants who opt-in by selecting the appropriate checkbox on the conference registration form with vendors who request that information.
- Conference Program: Board approved that amend Board policy for placing ads in the Conference program, effective beginning with the 2015 Conference, to read as follows:

All are welcome to purchase an ad in our program; however, if a business that is school-library related is seeking to place an ad, it must first be an exhibitor. This means that a financial planner could purchase without being a PSLA exhibitor at our conference, but a book vendor would need to be an exhibitor. *However, school-library related businesses may place an ad for their first year with us without having to be an exhibitor, with the stipulation that they would need to be an exhibitor to place ads in subsequent years.*
- Executive Director of the Conference: Board approves Caitlin Linsenmann as the new Executive Director of the PSLA Conference, effective July 1, 2015.