



## Summary of PSLA Board Meeting on January 18, 2014

### President's report:

- Second annual PSLA Stakeholders Meeting will be held on February 24, 2014, at the Hershey Lodge; the purpose is to update the PSLA Advocacy Action Plan developed in 2013.
- Eileen Kern and Cathi Fuhrman attended the Governor's Symposium on Early Childhood Education on December 11, 2013.
- Eileen and Michael Nailor attended the AASL 14<sup>th</sup> National Conference in Hartford, CT, on October 13-17, 2013.
- Eileen participated in a conference call on December 17, 2013, dealing with the potential restructuring in POWER Library participant fees for 2015-16.

### Old Business:

- 2013-14 Staffing Survey: Information is being disseminated to stakeholders. Position cuts were less than in past year with twelve districts adding librarian positions. The report is posted on the PSLA Website <http://www.psla.org/publications/psla-publications/>
- 2014 Conference: Board reviewed information about upcoming conference, approved fee structure for advertisements in conference programs, and decided that all recorded sessions will be archived rather than streamed live.
- Future Conferences: Board approved May 12-14, 2016, and March 30-April 1, 2017, as dates for the 2016 and 2017 conferences.
- Teacher Effectiveness (Act 82): Sessions at the 2014 Conference to provide information.
- Guidelines for School Library Education Programs: The guidelines are being revised. The committee is editing the draft form at this time.
- Declaration for the Rights to Libraries (ALA Midwinter): Two signing events, first at Free Library of Philadelphia on Thursday, January 23, sponsored by ALA, PaLA, NJLA, NJASL, and PSLA; second at Library Company of Philadelphia on Monday, January 27, sponsored by Association of Philadelphia School Librarians.
- Emerging Leaders Academy for School Librarians: Proposal has been submitted for LSTA Statewide Grant.
- Leadership Book Project: Board decided that these books would be best discussed at the Leadership Summit in July 2014.
- Pennsylvania Association of College and Teacher Evaluation: Michael attended a meeting to discuss the role of school librarians in *Teaching in Pennsylvania: Successful Preparation*.
- Strategic Communication Project: Board will be meeting with several firms in March to discuss potential services that these firms could provide to PSLA.

#### New Business:

- EPLC Education Programs and Project Funding: Board approved a donation to Education Policy and Leadership Center (EPLC) to support the distribution of *The EPLC Education Notebook*, a weekly report of what is happening in the PA Legislature.
- PA School Library Project Website: Board approved continued funding for PA Project Website Lib Guides with HSLC.
- Gifted Report Response: Board discussed issue and determined that no further action is necessary on the part of PSLA.
- Education Law Center, PA Partnership for Children: Deb Kachel will represent PSLA at the School Funding Stakeholders Meeting.
- Local Affiliations: Board approved the continued affiliation of the PSLA Local Affiliations.
- AASL Representatives to Affiliate Assembly: Board approved appointment of Allison Burrell as a voting delegate to the 2014 Annual ALA AASL Affiliate Assembly.
- Learning 4 Life (L4L) Coordinator: Board approved Eileen Kern to serve as the Pennsylvania L4L Coordinator for 2014.
- 2014 PSLA Awards: Board approved the slate of 2014 PSLA Awards winners.
- Learning & Media Issues: Board approved combination of Winter/Spring issues of Learning & Media.
- Me? A School Librarian? Award: Board will seek further information before approving a winner.
- Conference 101 Website: Board reviewed online Conference 101 Guidebook and provided several corrections to the Students Committee.
- Ten Ways to Promote Summer Reading: Board reviewed document and made several corrections before approving the revised document.
- Synopsis of Board Meetings: Board secretary will compose a summary version of Board meeting minutes to be posted on the PSLA website.
- Superintendent Letter 2014: Board approved the updated superintendent's letter that can be requested to be sent to school districts that are considering reducing or eliminating certified school librarians positions. Any librarian from within that district can request this letter by contacting Deb Kachel at [dkachel@psla.org](mailto:dkachel@psla.org). The requesting librarian will need to provide the mailing and email address of the Superintendent. If librarian wishes that a copy of the letter be sent to any other administrator or school board member, please supply the email address.
- Stakeholders Meeting 2014: Board approved funding for the 2014 PSLA Stakeholders Meeting.
- Potential Chairpersons: Board discussed potential committee chairperson for Michael's tenure as President.

#### Board E-mail Votes:

- Slate of PSLA Officers and Directors: Board approved proposed slate for the 2014 Officers and Directors election.
- PA Educators of School Librarians Special Interest Group: Board approved the formation of the PA Educators of School Librarians Special Interest Group based on the request received.