



Summary of PSLA Board Meeting on July 22, 2015

President's Report:

- Senator Schmucker, new chair of the Education Committee in the PA Senate, visited Manheim Township High School Library on May 7 to network with students and staff about school libraries.
- Michael Nailor represented PSLA at a visit to Broad Street Elementary in Mechanicsburg to see a presentation by Troy Andrews, author of "Trombone Shorty."
- Allison Burrell will replace Michael as the PSLA point person in a working relationship with Quantum Communications. Please continue to send positive stories about school libraries to Kevin Harley (kharley@quantumcomms.com) for inclusion in Quantum's newsletter.
- Michael spoke briefly at the Rally for Fair Funding in Education at the State Capitol rotunda.
- Michael attended AASL's Affiliate Assembly. Comments below.
- A professional development survey was sent out to membership. The greatest needs are training on SLOs, technology integration, using social media, genrefication, RDA cataloging, and grant sources.
- Michael wrote an article titled "A Library is a Library is a Library" for the PA PTA newsletter.

AASL Report:

- Michael and Allison Burrell represented PSLA at the 2015 AASL Affiliate Leadership Summit. Training topics included "The Road to Leadership," "Developing Leadership," "Affiliate Roles and Responsibilities," and "Membership Development."
- Michael and Allison attended the Affiliate Assembly. Information was presented on the Freedom to Read Foundation (www.ftrf.org), the AASL 2015 National Conference and Exhibition in Columbus, OH, and the Every Child Achieves Act recently at the federal level. The US Senate approved an amendment making effective school library programs a priority in this legislation.
- Concerns of common interest were reviewed by the Affiliate Assembly and will be addressed by AASL during the next year.

Old Business:

- Annual Conference: Board reviewed feedback from 2015 conference and discussed ideas for the 2016 Conference. Board approved the rates, budget, and schedule for the 2016 Conference.

- Emerging Leaders Academy: Twenty-two Emerging Leaders met in Hershey in July 2015. They focused on administrators, school board, and parents, and will present at 2016 Conference.
- Completion of Current LSTA/Pitt Grant: Funds available until September 30 will be used on a two-day workshop in which participants will create documents on SLOs to be used as models for librarians and administration.
- Strategic Communications: Board discussion about the newsletter being prepared and sent from Quantum Communications. Board approved PSLA to register as a lobbyist per request from Quantum Communications.
- Professional Development Survey: Board reviewed data from the last survey and discussed reissuing the survey in 2015-2016.
- Strategic Plan Review: Board approved a presidentially appointed task force of Board members to review the Strategic Plan and bring a proposal for change to the October 2015 Board meeting.

New Business:

- Conference Transfer: Board approved a transfer of \$10,000 from the Conference treasury to the general Association treasury.
- Conference 2016 Issues: Unified Ask brochure will be uploaded to reflect 2016 Conference information. Board discussion about changing the seating set-up of Conference sessions to accommodate more people.
- Committee Restructuring: Board discussion about changing PSLA's standing committee structure. Board approved vacating all standing committees listed in Article VI, Section I of the Bylaws, except the Conference committee, for the 2015-2016 year. Board approved the creation of the following special committees for the 2015-2016 year, in accordance with Article VI, Section II of the Bylaws: Awards, Communications, Operations, and Teaching & Learning. Board approved board liaisons and chairpersons for special committees.
- Staffing Survey 2015-2016: Board approved a staffing survey for the 2015-2016 year.
- LSTA Grant Application: Board approved a presidentially appointed task force to investigate a potential change in PSLA's tax status. Board approved participation in a LSTA Grant application with the University of Pittsburgh to include PSLA Committee co-chairs.
- Social Media: Board discussion about Buffer App and mobile version of PSLA website.
- Jack R. Luskay Scholarship: Awards committee will investigate the particulars of this scholarship process and report back to the Board.
- AASL National Conference: Board approved Jenn Bates as PSLA representative to the AASL National Conference.

E-mail Board Votes:

- 2020 PSLA Conference: Jenn Bates moves that PSLA schedule the 2020 PSLA Conference for April 30-May 2 at the Hershey Lodge and authorize the conference chair and executive director to sign any contracts required to schedule this event. Lindsey Long seconds.