



## Summary of PSLA Board Meeting on May 1, 2014

### President's Report:

- Michael Nailor, Marg Foster, and Eileen Kern attended the ALA Midwinter Conference in Philadelphia, PA, on January 23-27, 2014. Eileen represented PSLA at two public signing events for *The Declaration for the Right to Libraries*.
- Second annual PSLA Stakeholders Meeting was held on February 24, 2014, at the Hershey Lodge; 2013 PSLA Plan of Action was updated.
- Eileen is working with PA Forward's Basic Literacy Subcommittee on the Author and Illustrators Speak Up! for PA Libraries project, to be held on November 6, 2014. For more information see <http://www.psla.org/advocacy/community>
- The PA Forward 2<sup>nd</sup> Information Literacy Summit will be held on Wednesday, July 23, 2014, at Penn State University. Eileen and Allison Mackley will present the keynote addresses on Stage 2 of *The Model Curriculum for PA School Library Programs*.
- Eileen joined the Council of State School Library Consultants so that PSLA could have communication with other state leaders from the departments of education.
- Eileen attended the Pennsylvania Association of College-Teacher Educators Conference on April 1, 2014, at the Penn Stater in State College, PA. She spoke with keynote speaker Charlotte Danielson about the role of school librarians with regard to student teachers in the breakout session.
- Pennsylvania libraries were the topic of the April 13<sup>th</sup> edition of Focus on Education that appeared on the Pennsylvania Cable Network. Show is available at <http://pcntv.com/new-series-focus-on-education/>

### AASL Report:

- Eileen filed the PSLA Affiliation Application on April 2, 2014.
- Representatives of Region 2 affiliates met on April 5-6, 2014, at the Comfort Suites in Scranton, PA. Representatives discussed the accomplishments and concerns of each affiliate group.

### Old Business:

- Conference 2014: 449 attendees and 66 exhibitors as of Thursday, May 1.
- Conference Sponsorship/Exhibitor 2015: Board approved a contract with SO Tactics to develop a conference sponsorship/exhibitor package for the 2015 Conference.
- Conference Site 2018: Board approved a conference contract with the Hershey Lodge for 2018.
- Declaration for the Right to School Libraries: Declaration is displayed outside the exhibit area and attendees will be asked to sign a page next to the display.

- Emerging Leaders Academy for School Librarians: Twenty-three librarians were selected based on an anonymous scoring and ranking process. Sally Myers, Denise Lynch, Bob McConnell, Marg Foster, John Emerick, and Carol Heinsdorf will serve as mentors; Allison Burrell, Mary Grace Kelly, and Allison Mackley will serve as coaches.
- Strategic Communication: Board approved an agreement with Quantum Communications of Harrisburg to provide strategic communication services for PSLA.
- Education Law Center, PA Partnership for Children: PSLA will act as an endorsing member.
- Model Curriculum: Trainings are scheduled and Stage 3 is in development.
- Guidelines for School Library Education Programs: Document is moving through the Bureau of School Leadership.
- Staffing Survey 2014: Board approved a 2014 fall staffing survey to be conducted by PSLA.
- Learning & Media: Board discussion with Sally Myers about the future of Learning & Media. Board approved the creation of a task force to determine the best ways to communicate with membership.

#### New Business:

- School Librarian Job Description: Profession Standards Committee will take AASL job description and endorse it or make changes to it.
- AASL Award Winners: Deb Kachel won the AASL Distinguished Service Award; Brenda Boyer from Kutztown Area High School won the AASL Collaborative School Library Award.
- PA Election Lib Guide: Board recommends that Deb Kachel move the page to her personal LibGuides page and PSLA will link to it to ensure compliance with IRS requirements.
- Letters to Superintendents: Three letters were sent this year, including one to have a job reinstated.
- PA Young Readers Choice Sub-Committee Chairs: Board approved the appointment of Stephanie Gibson and Alice Cyphers as chairs of the PA Young Readers Choice subcommittee.
- Review Year for Media Selection & Review lists: Board decision to maintain current review year.
- Earmarking of Funds: Board approved earmarking funds strategic communications.
- Board Vacancy: Board approved that Stephanie Pennucci complete Allison Burrell's term as Director, effective July 1, 2014, until June 30, 2015.
- Committees to Temporarily Suspend: Board approved the temporary suspension of the Act 48 and Special Needs committees with responsibilities being assigned to the Conference Committee. Board approved the temporary suspension of the Intellectual Freedom Committee with responsibilities being assigned to the PSLA Board.
- Committee Chairs 2014-16: Michael Nailor will send an e-mail to the Board with committee chairs for approval.
- Board Liaisons for Committees 2014-15: Board approved the Board Liaisons for committees 2014-15.
- Board Meeting Schedule for 2014-15: Board approved a meeting schedule of October 11, 2014, January 24, 2015, and April 30, 2015.

Board E-mail Votes:

- PSLA Conference Program Advertisement: Board approved regulations for Conference Program.
- Me? A School Librarian Contest Winner: Board approved Kylie Chichester as the 2014 winner.
- PAC-TE Conference Sponsorship: Board approved PSLA's financial support for the PAC-TE conference.
- Streaming of the PSLA Conference Sessions: Board approved the streaming of the keynote speaker, author presentation, one session per workshop, and the Model Curriculum training.
- Top Ten Lists: Board approved Top Ten Lists created by the PSLA Library Promotions Committee.
- POWER Library Ask: Board approved raising the "ask" for Library Access Line item to \$6 million in alignment with PaLA.
- PA Young Reader's Choice Award Facebook Page: Board approved the creation of a PA Young Reader's Choice Award Facebook page.