



January 7, 2023

10:09 am-noon

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Meeting called by: Tamara Cox		Type of Meeting: Board Meeting
		Note taker: Gloria Coleman
In attendance (virtual)	In Attendance: Tamara Cox, President; Katherine Malmquist, Past President; Michelle Spires, President-Elect; Gloria Coleman, Secretary; Tiffany Anderson, Treasurer; Diane Ervin, Executive Secretary; Elizabeth Graham, Regional Network Director; Kelly Rider, Archives; Traci Nelson, Book Awards; Amanda Cox, Bylaws; Emily Bsccomo, Editorial; Jill Tyner, Intellectual Freedom; Tenley Middleton, Legislative; Julie Putnam, Supervisors; Elizabeth Gregory, Retired. Jamie Gregory, Awards Chair; Angie Gray, Paraprofessional; Loni Lewis, Diversity, Equity, Inclusion; Tracey Burel, Pre-Service; Mike Leroy, Standards; Jenna Spiering, USC-SLIS; Keisha Grant, SCDOE; Katherine Freligh, IT; Valerie Byrd Fort, Presidential Advisor	
NOT in Attendance:	Amy Marshall, Advocacy	

AGENDA ITEMS

I. Welcome & President's Update-----Tamara Cox

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:14 am
2. A model policy was made, and Emily will put it in the next Messenger, and Katherin Freleigh will put it on the website under the Intellectual Freedom page.
3. The Celebrating the Right to Read event is on Feb. 11th at the SC State Museum. Valerie Fort is heading that event. SCASL will contribute to the event by running a storytime and a Makerspace schedule setup by SCASL volunteers.
4. Tamara briefly met with ALA's president Emily Drabinski. She has greatly supported school libraries and wants to be notified if the organization needs media attention. Tamara will inform her if media attention is needed based on upcoming legislation.
5. Two potential Censorship panels are coming up. One at the Pat Conroy Literacy Center in Beaufort and the other by the Americans for Prosperity. Tamara will inform the group of any dates if the events occur.
6. The Superintendent Library Committee was not set up before Molly Spearman left office. The new superintendent has not responded to any correspondence from SCASL. Tamara will use the link to the law to continue to get a response from her office.

7. Keasha Grant is planning a meeting to create an Exemplar of the Library Plan for the library evaluation system.
8. Book Award logo update: We have a quote from Reccio about the logo stickers, which will be about eight or nine cents each if we order 4000 of each logo. They will be ordered for the conference. The stickers will be sold for twenty cents for the blue and white stickers and 25 cents for the gold foil stickers. The bookmarks will be sold for 10 cents to cover the shipping increase.
9. There are enough orders to purchase the T-shirts for the conference. The organization must order 24 t-shirts to get them for \$15.
10. Tamara is working on a digital breakout where members must read The Messenger to answer several questions. When they have answered correctly, the new logo is revealed.
11. Tamara is encouraging people to submit stories for "The Share Their Story" project that will be presented to our legislators on Hill Day. Please encourage members to submit their story. Tamara is requesting several in each district, if possible. The deadline is January 20th.
12. Tamara wants Michelle and Jamie to be registered for the 2023 AASL Conference. We will get a discount if we register by the end of this month (January). The conference will be in Tampa Bay, where SCASL will be recognized for Chapter of the year. There was no discussion. Tamara gave the go-ahead for Michelle and Jamie to register.
13. Our next meeting will be at the conference. Please let Tamara Cox know if any member cannot complete their term on the board for next year, so she can ask other members to fill that position.

II. Review and Vote on Minutes-----Gloria Coleman

1. Gloria motioned that the minutes be accepted. Julie Putnam seconded the minutes. No discussion. The motion to accept the minutes was approved.

III. Treasurer's Report-----Tiffany Anderson

1. As of December 26, 2022, the checking account is \$64, 784.45 and the savings is \$31, 989.51.

IV. Executive Secretary Report-----Diane Ervin

1. Membership update: 778 members
2. Let Diane know if anyone wants the old stickers and bookmarks so she can bring them to the conference.
3. Conference registration is currently at 226. Last year on this date, there were 190 registered.
4. The organization is getting a lot of sponsorships. We currently have \$8000 in sponsorships.
5. The post office box fee and the Freedom to Read Foundation dues were paid.

V. Past President's Report-----Katherine Malmquist

1. The Emerging Leaders is going well. They are working on their projects and finishing up their ideas.
2. The last virtual meeting of Emerging Leaders will be on February 7, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. I have invited Kathy Carroll to speak to our ELs about state and national leadership. Please let Katherine know if you would like to join the next meeting.
3. The Emerging Leaders will finish at the conference, and SCASL will also welcome the new Emerging Leaders at the conference.
4. Currently, there are 18 applicants for Emerging Leaders. The applicants have to be members of SCASL before the conference. Their acceptance as Emerging Leaders depends on being members of the organization before the conference.
5. If anyone is interested in being a mentor to the upcoming Emerging Leaders, let Tamara know.
6. The election slate is set for next year.

VI. Conference Update-----Michelle Spires

1. Michelle is requesting that committee chairs contribute to a group recorded session describing your committee, goals, and how to join, as well as a Google Slide for each committee. An updated Google Slide for your committee or section and short videos can be sent to me at mspires@laurens55.org. The slide for the Committee Showcase is <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1p7bqpX6-cgP30l1AFpX8284M9DTLeDfd3bGkMmXLcHA/edit?usp=sharing>. Please highlight in green once the slide has been updated.
2. Currently have 62 section proposals. Michelle will be working on the proposals this weekend.
3. Concerning the hotels, the Hilton is completely booked, and the Hampton Inn has a few rooms. The hotels are booking quickly. Other hotel options in downtown Columbia and parking at the convention center exist.
4. There have been a few more vendors added, and there has been a success with sponsors picking up the cost for the keynote speaker and badges.
5. Current number of attendees for the conference is 226, which is great at this point.
6. Michelle will start sharing information on social media as an update to the conference.
7. There are lots of books for door prizes. Tamara is helping with door prizes, and Angela Durham is helping with virtual author visits. Michelle will contact different companies to send in items for the door prizes.
8. Traci and Michelle will attend LearnX, hoping to secure vendors from that event and pick up more books.
9. The Emerging Leaders will meet during morning pre-con, and the board meeting will be from 1:00 pm-3 pm on Wednesday.

Committee Reports

IX. Regional Network-----Michelle King

1. Since the last board meeting, all but five districts/groups (75) have a confirmed point of contact. 93% of districts have a confirmed person to receive and re-distribute information for their district. Still working on the districts without anyone – McCormick, Florence 5, and no confirmations from Florence 4, Dorchester 4, and Jasper
2. Beginning in February, Michelle will create a basic Google form for people to fill out about themselves and a social media template to drop the information in so it can be shared easily. Hoping to spotlight the “average” SCASL member to help others get to know them and maybe give them more of a sense of connection to the organization.
3. The Regional network and Emerging leaders breakfast sign-up form will be sent to Michelle so they can respond if they plan to attend the breakfast
4. Tamara will put the Regional Network coordinators on a slide during the Awards session to recognize their services.
5. Michelle will send numbers to Diane of names who will be at the Regional network breakfast for the conference.

X. Intellectual Freedom Update-----Jill Tyner

1. Jill is working on creating a “State of the State” report on censorship to be published in the Spring Messenger and elsewhere.
2. The winner of the 2023 Intellectual Freedom Award has been selected. Once the winner is notified, Jill will inform the board and update her conference slide.
3. Email Jamie Gregory about anyone wanting to share their intellectual freedom story so that she can share their story and data.

XI. Supervisor's Report-----Julie Putnam

1. The Supervisors Committee presented a motion for SCASL to adopt the document “Achieving Exemplary Libraries (2023)” as SCASL’s official Program Standards for South Carolina’s School Libraries. After discussion, the motion passed.
2. Julie will send the document to the State Department of Education, which will also go on their website, and the document will be presented at the conference.
3. Julie needs about fifteen people to work on the next document updating the collection development. Let her know if anyone is interested in helping.

XII. Awards Update-----Jamie Gregory

1. Jamie announced that many board members are winners of regional School Librarians of the Year. They are ● Lowcountry region: Katherine Freligh (Charleston) ● Midlands region: Tenley Middleton (York 4) ● Upstate region: Jill Tyner (Greenville)
2. The PeeDee region School Librarian of the Year is Lessie Bernshouse (Sumter).
3. The Awards committee has scheduled the virtual interviews. Purchasing plaques and securing sponsors are in the works.
4. The committee is working on side shows and ways to honor everyone. Let the committee know if any other people should be recognized. Also, send any ideas on how to honor others to the committee.

XI. Advocacy Update-----**Tamara for Amy Marshall**

1. The Advocacy committee needs more school library tours to add to the advocacy website.
2. The committee is looking for someone to do a short webinar on ASL Standards–tips and tricks.

XII. Legislative Update-----**Tenley Middleton**

1. Hill Day is coming up on Feb. 14th There is time if someone is interested in participating in -person. Tenley will be opening it up on Monday to the SCASL listserv. There are only ten or twelve more slots. Tenley will share talking points with participants.
2. Christy James did a webinar in December about professionalism and important points when addressing legislators and board members.
3. Approximately 150 pieces of legislation have been filed about education so far.

XIII. Book Awards and discussion -----**Traci Nelson**

1. The committee is wrapping up everything that will go on the website.
2. Applications to be on the Book Awards Committee will go back up soon.
3. The committee needs good representatives from all over the state for the book award committee.
4. The voting deadline is Feb. 24th for book awards. Everything is due March 3rd. Traci will announce the deadline on the SCASL website along with helpful links.
5. Traci emailed Follett to have them sponsor the bookmarks. She will call them again this week.
6. Traci motioned for SCASL to accept Sarah Young as Vice Chair for the 2023-2024 SCBA. The motion passed.
7. Traci motioned for SCASL to accept the 2023-2024 Book awards final list. The motion passed.

XIV. SCASL Messenger Update-----**Emily Baccomo**

1. Emily reminded the board that February 10th is the deadline for the next messenger. Theme-Leadership through Literacy. Send all material for inclusion in the Messenger to her.

Adjournment: Tamara motioned to adjourn, and Julie second. The meeting adjourned at 11:16 am.

The next meeting is on 3/22/2023

The board reports are due: on March 13th

The final meeting is on 5/6/23

The board reports are due: on April 26th