



September 10, 2022

10:00 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; Amy Marshall , Advocacy; 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. Traci Nelson , Book Awards; Mike Leroy , Standards; Jenna Spiering , USC-SLIS; Keisha Grant , SCDOE; Katherine Freligh , IT; Valerie Byrd Fort , Presidential Advisor	
NOT in Attendance:	Jamie Gregory , Awards Chair; Angie Gray , Paraprofessional; Loni Lewis , Diversity, Equity, Inclusion	

AGENDA ITEMS

- I. Welcome & President's Update-----Tamara Cox
 1. The meeting was called to order at 10.01 am.
 2. The Core Values Book Study has begun. Fifty-four people signed up to participate, and it is going very well.
 3. A podcast that Tamara recorded with School Libraries United was posted. Tamara talked about recruiting and shortages in critical needs areas. Jamie Gregory will be on the next podcast talking about Media Literacy.
 4. Tamara sent numerous reminders to Supt. Spearman's office to encourage Supt. Spearman to appoint a State Library Committee before she leaves office. Having a State Library Committee is a State requirement. The office says they are working on it.
 5. Fits News wrote an article concerning what was shared at the Supervisor's meeting. They were trying to create attention and controversy, but nothing transpired.
 6. Tamara asked for volunteers to help update the mission statement.
 7. AASL is doing an advocacy project. They sent copies of the AASL standards to the state chapters hoping they would present the standards to leaders in the state, i.e., Teacher of the Year, State Librarian, an administrative leader, and the Superintendent of Education. Tamara is working on putting packets together. She and Emily have made a brochure.
 8. At some point, Tamara would like to continue the discussion of the ALA conference attendance. Tamara suggested that the President-Elect and the Book Awards chair

attend the conference instead of her. The debate will continue as the conference date gets closer.

9. Tamara and her principal presented at the SCASA conference this past June. She is hoping they will invite them back.

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

1. The board approved the minutes pending corrections.

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

1. A down payment was made for a three-year contract with the Columbia Convention Center for the conference (Approximately \$15,603).
2. As of 9/9/2022, the checking balance was \$39,343.59, and the savings was \$31,984.98.

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

1. As of this date, the organization has 523 members, which is approximately 33 more members than last year at this date.
2. Book award sales are \$171.
3. Diane thinks the organization should consider raising the price of bookmarks and stickers in the future due to increasing mailing and printing costs. The board made no final decision.
4. Diane has emailed committee chairs to notify members who still need to pay their dues.
5. Diane is currently working on the mailing list for The Messenger. The number of mailouts this year may be around 3200.

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

1. SCASL received a check from USC for \$2,300, which came from the registration for the Summer Institute and the school tours.
2. Katherine has met with emerging leaders twice so far. The remaining meetings are on October 11, December 6, February 7, and March 22. On October 11, Julie will join the group to discuss district leadership. December 6 is regional leadership, and February 7 is state leadership. Katherine extended an invitation to the board to join the sessions are submit any topics for the group. The emerging leaders have also started on their leadership projects and will share them with Katherine for feedback.
3. The signed contract with the Columbia Convention Center is on the website for viewing. SCASL paid the fee for the three-year contract, locked in before the increase.
4. Katherine is working on the slate of officers. There has been a lot of interest in the Member-At-Large position. She has one person possibly interested in the President-elect and the Secretary position, but she is waiting to find out more information before they accept. Let her know if the board knows anyone interested in either position.

VI. Conference Update—-----Michelle Spires

1. Diane Geddings will chair the newly formed unofficial conference committee.
2. Michelle needs someone to be a part of the steering committee for door prizes, tours, and entertainment, preferably a high school librarian.
3. She is most concerned about filling the entertainment chair position because of the logistics.
4. The conference is from March 22 -24 at the Columbia Convention Center. The theme is School Libraries the Greatest.
5. The General session keynote speaker is Jennifer Sturge, Carole Boston Weatherford will be the Book Awards keynote, and Jamie Gregory will be the Professional Awards keynote.
6. Precon presenters are Jennifer Sturge & Donna Mignardi–Book Club/Student Choice ○ Valerie Byrd Fort, Christine Shelek, Liz Hartnett, Jenna Spiering–Teacher Collaborations ○ Jamie Gregory–Media Literacy.
7. Authors attending so far are Carole Boston Weatherford, BB Alston, Ryan Graudin, Megan Hoyt, Chris Negron, Mark Oshiro, Natalie Lloyd, Camille Andros, Kathleen Burkinshaw, Kelly Starling Lyons, Mary Beth Wishart, Marjy Marj, Sheila Turnage. She is working on getting more authors.
8. DJ Alana Lewis will be doing the entertainment for the Exhibit Hall opening.
9. The new vendor prospectus with sponsorship levels are ready to send out.
10. Michelle and Diane Gedding will review the menu items and finalize the tours.
11. The call-to-conference form will be on the website by October 15, and the Google form by November 1 for proposals.

Committee Reports

VII. Bylaws—-----Mandi Cox

1. Mandi proposed that the conference committee be added as a standing committee to Page 6, Article VIII, Section 1, g.
2. The wording is: The duties of the conference committee shall be to work with the President-Elect to plan and execute the annual conference.
3. The motion was passed. The members will vote on the motion at the conference.

VIII. Regional Network—-----Michelle King

1. Her goal is to make sure that there is a contact in every school district. She needs six coordinators for district regions 1 b, 2, 4A, 6, 9B, and 10.
2. Another goal is to find ways or contests to recognize membership and promote growth. The board shared some ideas.

IX. SCASL Messenger Update—-----Emily Baccomo

1. The president recognized Emily for creating and designing The Messenger, which an outside vendor typically does.

2. The pdf version of The Messenger is with the publisher. She is waiting on the total number count from Diane before publishing. Diane will send the final numbers to her on Monday.
3. The next issue of The Messenger will have the theme of "Steaming Ahead." The deadline for articles is November 11.

X. Regional Workshop Update-----Tamara Cox

1. The regional workshop Midland registration is open for October 7. The Upstate is next, then Pee Dee, and then the Low Country. The format will be the same.
2. A speaker is needed for the Pee Dee region. Please let Tamara know anyone willing to speak at that regional workshop.
3. There will be vendor tables at the workshops this year. Follett will sponsor lunch. Also, a justification letter is available for librarians who may have difficulty getting off.

XI. Community Outreach Initiative-----Valerie Byrd Fort

1. Valerie will find out on Monday if SCASL has the prime spot at the Okra Strut.
2. Valerie will encourage librarians at the regional workshops to be a part of the festivals in their area by setting up a tent to do some read-alouds.
3. This initiative can coordinate with public librarians as community outreach.
4. Local events are a great way to collaborate with retired school librarians.

XII. Awards update and discussion-----Jamie Gregory

1. Jamie wants The School Librarian of the Year to have more responsibilities posted on the website.
2. More information will be forthcoming.

XIII. Book Awards Update/Logo Discussion-----Traci Nelson

1. The next book awards meeting is on October 8.
2. The committee decided to limit each school's bookmarks to its three top choices per category.
3. They are looking for a better way to submit the bookmarks because judging is time-consuming.
4. To help with bookkeeping and tracking, the committee decided that all checks for the winners would go to the school.
5. The committee discussed the bookmark logos and felt they needed updating.
6. Book voting will be Friday, February 24
7. The committee will adjust the voting forms as needed.
8. The logo discussion continued regarding costs and the historical aspect and implications of the logo. More debate is forthcoming as we get more information.
9. Diane checked with Kathy Sutusky to see if she would look back through her records to see if she could find more information.

XIV. Advocacy Update-----Amy Marshall

1. Amy and Traci spoke with the student teachers at Anderson University.
2. Traci is trying to connect with Clemson University to present to their student teachers.

3. Speak-Up SCASL is continuing on social media. The purpose is for other librarians to showcase their library programs. They want to remind the librarians to hashtag legislators and district personnel to get the word out about their library programs. There is a link for the graphic of Speak-up SCASL in the advocacy report.
4. The committee sent out a survey asking how you want information conveyed to you? Of the 92 respondents, seventy-seven percent preferred on-demand webinars. The committee is working on creating videos to put on the website that people can access anytime. One of the committee members is working on a video clip concerning financial aid forgiveness and how it affects school librarians. Another committee member is working on reading incentives that librarians can use in their schools. Amy is asking librarians to video record their reading incentive and send it to Amy, who will put it together.
5. Another topic for the on-demand webinars people wanted to know about is using the ALA standards in their library. She is asking people to prepare short video clips and send them to her concerning how the standards are used in their library. The link for the graphic for the on-demand webinars can be found in the advocacy report.
6. The committee is working on virtual tours of school libraries around the state. Tamara has consented to do the first virtual video tour of her library, which will go up on the website. Others are welcome to do a virtual video tour of their library. Please send it to Amy.

XIV. Intellectual Freedom Update—-----Jill Tyner

1. Jill has been sending out the SCASL tool kit for censorship and intellectual freedom inquiries.
2. She has been talking with people running for the school board to pre-emptively get them on the librarian's side. She is encouraging others to do the same.
3. She is working on getting information out to acquire nominations for the Intellectual Freedom Award. Requirements for this award are on the website.

Adjournment: Julie Putnam motioned to adjourn, and Mandi seconded the motion.

The next meeting is 11/12/2022

Board reports are due: on November 2, December 28, March 13, and April 26