



**SCASL Board Minutes
Business Meeting (Virtual)
November 13, 2021**

I. Welcome and Call to Order - Katherine Malmquist- 10:04 am

II. Roll Call Introduction

- A. In Attendance:** Katherine Malmquist, President; Heather Loy, Past President; Tamara Cox, President-Elect; Gloria Coleman, Secretary; Camellia Harris, Treasurer; Elizabeth Graham, Regional Network, Michelle Spires, Advocacy; Tambra Pingle, Archives; Jennifer Nix, Awards; Melanie Starks, Book Awards; Amanda Cox, Bylaws; Edie Crook, Editorial; Jill Tyner, Intellectual Freedom; Katherine Freligh, IT; Tenley Middleton, Legislative; Kim Mistler, Non-Public; Tracey Burel, Pre-Service; Jenna Spiering, USC_SLIS; Elizabeth Gregory, Retired; Julie Putman, Supervisors; Martha Taylor, Presidential Advisor, Diane Ervin, Executive Secretary
- B. Not in Attendance:** Jennifer Nix, Awards; Alana Lewis, DEI; Elizabeth Gregory, Retired; Mike Leroy, Standards.

AGENDA ITEMS

II. Executive Secretary's Report-Diane Ervin

- a) Membership up to 681. Nov 10th. last year we were at approximately 640.
- b) Book awards we are doing okay. We do not make a lot from Book Awards.
- c) Webinars-There was a problem last Thursday night with people having trouble getting in. The webinar was recorded and put on the website.
- d) Conference is off and running. There are 65 people already registered for conference compared to 23 registered last year.
- e) Camellia suggested that the person in the Executive Secretary position and the Treasurer to serve as the key executives, so that changes can be made when a treasurer or Executive Secretary goes out. That was done last week.
- f) It is time to renew our membership in Freedom to Read. Diane will take care of that.

III. Updates from the President-Katherine Malmquist

- a) Katherine shared a video on the highlights of SCASL and what the organization offers to Old English Consortiums which is in the Rock Hill area.

- b) Heather Loy was able to go to ALA conference instead of Tamara Cox. The conference required everyone to wear masks other than when eating. We need to keep in mind that our conference should have spaces where people can spread out. Katherine visited every vendor. Was also able to pitch IASL and Lucy Green was also there to pitch as well. Kids Discover was there.
- c) **IASL UPDATES**
- A. There has been one planning committee with IASL via zoom and in-person. Diane also attended.
 - B. USC will provide the Cocky Reading Express which will cut down on the bus.
 - C. It will be limited to 22-25 people to come and others who are local can follow the bus.
 - D. Need to figure which schools in the area would want the bus to come to their school locally.
 - E. A small committee will be formed to address the issue.
 - F. They also want a simultaneous virtual tour as well.
 - G. The one in Texas went over very well as an example.
 - H. Let Katherine know of any ideas for the tour.
 - I. Working on the Summer Institute which will be July 11th. IASL is now excepting proposal.
 - J. Anyone on the board has ideas of someone who would be willing to present in front of an International audience as a speaker, please let her know.
 - K. IASL is charging \$50 for the tour and lunch will be provided. It will be held the last day of conference. It will be held the Friday afternoon, the last day of conference.
- d) **SCASL Response on Governor McMaster News Conference**
- A. Diane was able to talk to the news reporter and give SCASL a heads up before the organization was approached by media. The media did call.
 - B. Christy James, Jamie Gregory, Tamara Cox, Alana Lewis, Tenley Middleton, Jill Tyner drafted a statement from SCASL. The statement has been emailed and placed on Social Media. Two reporters reached out and were given a statement.
 - C. A reporter wanted to do a zoom interview. Decided to pass due to possible things taken out of context. Instead sent a text with a blurb from the statement.
 - D. We are not identifying a certain book, it's the idea of censorship.
 - E. Comment from Katherine Freligh concerning the issue at hand. Suggested to lookup Book Riot article on Texas-850.
 - F. Board comments on censorship of books.
- e) **Conference**
- March meeting at conference. Please purchase lunch for the Wednesday meeting. Will be in a separate board meeting. Bright Star Teacher will be performing at lunch

IV. Review & Voting of July Minutes- Gloria Coleman

- a) Corrections received from Katherine and Amanda
- b) Motion to approve minutes with corrections made by Gloria Coleman
- c) Second by Tracey Burel
- d) Motioned voted and passed unanimously

V. Treasurer Report -Camellia Harris

- a) Current checking is at \$52,186.41
- b) Savings is at \$31,982.05

VI. Past President's Report- Heather Loy

- a) The Emerging Leaders last meeting was Oct. 2nd. Julie Putnam shared District Level Leadership with the group. Also discussed book challenges.
- b) Next meeting is Dec. 7th. Topic is regional and state leadership. Members on the board are welcome to attend. Feb. 8th is the overflow meeting. It will be a casual setting.
- c) The last Emerging Leaders meeting is at conference where they will do their presentations
- d) Still working on conference venues. Have gotten some suggestions. Continue to send suggestions. Hope to have something in January.
- e) The Elections committee presents their 2022 slate of officers presented-Michelle Spires for Present-elect, Tiffany Anderson for treasurer, members at large are Konya Bing, Julie Noland, and Zakarie Schmidt.
- f) Motion from Heather Loy for slate of officers. No discussion.
- g) The election committee presents the attached to the SCASL board for approval as the 2022-2023 SCASL Slate of Officers
- h) Motion voted and passed unanimously.

VII. Conference Update--Tamara Cox

- a) Waiting on vendors and attendees to register. Trying to get everyone excited.
- b) Finalizing details with vendors.
- c) We have 30 sharing session proposal submissions so far. They have until the end of December.
- d) We are doing the donation baskets and will be promoting after Christmas.
- e) There is unlimited space for pre-recorded sessions in the SCASL2go. Encourage people to sign up to present.
- f) Confirmed vendors-Perma Bound, Camcor, Bright Star Theatre, PSTA has a teacher clothes closet. Ask people to contribute to the PSTA project. A service project.
- g) Everything's going along well.
- h) Board members are eligible to win author visits. All the authors donated virtual visits.

- i) Scholastic has not responded to help. She will continue to pursue them.
- j) Julie will talk with Tamara about an idea to get vendors
- k) Question asked-Have you considered a special for first time vendor discount? Not right now-Want to be fair to the other vendors.
- l) First year offering non-education businesses to contribute. Bojangles may contribute.
- m) **Note from Katherine:** The March meeting will be at conference. She is requesting that the board order lunch to meet the goal for the tickets that need to be sold. Bright Star Theater will be performing during lunch.

VIII. Bylaws Changes-Amanda Cox

- a) Three motions to be made.
- b) Motion to add the Budget Committee to Article 6, The Board of Directors, Section. 3, Standing Committees. It is a table change. No discussion. Motion voted and passed.
- c) Second motion to move the Auditing Committee from Article VIII Committees, Sections and Regional Network, Section 1 Standing Committees, Part c to Section 4, Special Committees.
- d) Discussion-The motion was changed to annually. The Auditing Committee shall function as a permanent special committee. The duties of the Auditing Committee shall be to audit the Treasurer's accounts at the close of the fiscal year, and to report to the Executive Board annually. Motion voted and passed.
- e) Third motion to add the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee to Article VIII Committees, Sections and Regional Network, Section 1 Standing Committees, Part f.
- f) No Discussion. Motion voted and passed
- g) Amanda will send the bylaws to the membership a month before conference for the membership to vote on at conference.

IX. Professional Awards-Jeni Nix

- a) Wants to know if anyone has an idea on how to notify the School Librarian of the Year regional winners. Please email Jeni if anyone has any ideas.
- b) Suggestions were given.

X. Book Awards- Melanie Starks

- a) The list of the South Carolina Book Award Nominees were shared.
- b) Titles were revised and some removed
- c) Discussion- of a possible conflict on one title "The Brave" by James Bird.
- d) Motion from the Book Awards Committee to accept the list the 2022-2023 SC Book Award Nominees as presented. Discussion- Motion voted and passed

XI. Intellectual Freedom/Book Awards

- a) Suggested to have materials available for members and non-members on material challenges. Perhaps make a pre-recorded session and make available on the website.
- b) Suggested to reach out to the author and get the author to make a comment.
- c) Further discussion on challenges presented on titles- “Woke” & “Stamped”
- d) Suggested to attend physically at the district board meetings to support the librarian
- e) Suggested to put resources toolkit on website for challenges to make it easily accessible resources
- f) Suggested to put under advocacy as well and in quick links
- g) Discussion on libraries who have had challenges and books pulled
- h) Suggested to continue advocacy in our own schools
- i) Discussion on how to support individual librarians who are experiencing individual challenges. Suggestion on membership in the Palmetto State Teacher’s Association and SCEA can be used for support for individual librarian that may need legal support.
- j) Suggestion to have SCEA and PSTA come and speak on the support they offer.
- k) Suggested to get parents and teachers to advocate at the board meetings.
- l) Please send the individual names to the board who have been called out.

XIII. Other Committee Business

- a) Legislative-Asked not to share out the toolkit that they gave out.
- b) Asked if any library organizations in the state have a paid lobbyist?
- c) Important to build partnerships
- d) ALA Transformed campaign is one way to share about libraries.
- e) ALA tracks legislation and may reach-out.
- f) People can report things anonymously to ALA. All reports are confidential. Any type of censorship can be reported-displays, self-censorship, etc.
- g) Important to have a collection development policy

XV. Adjournment, Next Meeting

- a) The President reminded board members to remain professional and watch what is said since we represent SCASL
- b) Katherine made a motion to adjourn at 11: 55 am.
- c) Heather Loy second
- d) Board voted and approved
- e) Adjourned at 11:55 am
- f) **Next Meeting is 01/ 08/2021**