

Colorado Association of School Libraries
Board Meeting Minutes
Saturday, November 16, 2002
Wasson High School, Colorado Springs, CO

In attendance: Judy Barnett, Nance Nassar, Karen Kargel, Betty Bankhead, Dave Sanger, Glenda Hawkinson, Kim Sutherland, Jacque Ossian, Heidi Baker

Meeting was called to order at 9:40 A.M. Minutes from the August 1-2 retreat were read and approved unanimously.

Budget Report: (Judy Barnett) \$6,300 has been requested from CAL for CASL operating expenses for 2003. The budget was unanimously approved as proposed.

Regional Directors Reports:

Kim Sutherland from Arkansas Valley reported that they are working on committee nominations from their area. He also reported positive feedback from the October conference.

Glenda Hawkinson from Plains & Peaks also reported positive feedback from the conference.

Publications: Catherine 'Cat' DeRose from Denver Public Schools has agreed to be the CASL representative to the CAL publications committee. Other positions remain available. At this time we still need someone who would solicit and edit articles for the CASL newsletter as well as someone who would be willing to solicit and edit articles for the School Line column in Colorado Libraries.

State Library Report (Nance Nassar)

12 workshops have been completed across the state on the topic of collaboration and technology. Nance reported that the presenters have visited at least 50% of all school districts in the state to present the workshops. Follow-up workshops have been requested before March to allow participants to work on their Literacy/Technology plans required by their districts. Many of the attendees at these workshops have been school library media specialists, educational technology teachers, principals and superintendents.

Endorsement standards have been sent across the state for input before final submittal. Some editing remains. Once these standards have been adopted, the Place Exam will be rewritten.

Website/Listserv/Information Dissemination Update: Upon the board's request, Gene Hainer will discontinue the CEMAnet listserv and will send a message to all subscribers asking them to join LIBnet if they have not already done so.

The CEMA website now forwards users to the new CAL website automatically; this will be confirmed with webmaster Gene. CASL currently has a page on the CAL website which lists officers and contact people. This page can offer other helpful information to members as needed. A current CASL member is being sought to add helpful links for school library media specialists' use to our page. At this time, board members are asked to send Vicki Nichols (CAL webmaster) any helpful links and information they would like to suggest. Heidi will send her e-mail address to board members to facilitate this process.

Judy Barnett recommended that School District Library Directors be asked to disseminate useful CASL information to their school library media specialists. The information on upcoming events

could then be sent directly to these directors so that everyone would know about them in advance. Judy asked Heidi to prepare a list of district directors.

Higher Education (Clara Sitter/ Dave Sanger)

The School Library Media program at DU has been launched. Schools willing to host students in their two-week practicums are asked to let Clara know. Dave Sanger, who is teaching in the UCD program, reported that there are currently 18 students in the UCD School Library Media program, 18 students on campus and 25 students in off campus classes. It was reported that UNC also has a School Library Media Program in place.

CAL Conference Wrap-Up

*Financially the conference came out at least even, with 1300 people in attendance. This number includes authors and vendors.

*CASL member Kim Meyer will continue next year as co-chair of the conference committee.

*It was noted that several people suggested that more sessions need to be dedicated to school libraries.

*Food was very well done at conference events.

*Betty Bankhead reported on the AASL affiliate assembly. She is looking for ideas to attract more CASL members to join AASL. Next year's AASL conference will be in Kansas City, two days after the CAL conference. Scholarship opportunities, possibly in conjunction with CAL's associate CLEF, will be explored to help members who would like to attend both conferences.

*The CASL annual members meeting on October 18th was well attended. The meeting was informal and members were asked what funding cuts have affected them, what they need from CASL and to contribute Spring workshop suggestions.

National Board Certification Report: (Clara Sitter and Dawn Petty)

Dawn Petty, Clara Sitter, and Dawn Vaughn represented CASL and CAL at the AASL national standards meeting in October.

The current cost to apply for this certification is \$2400. You must have 3 years teaching experience before you can apply. There are 10 separate requirements, three of which require portfolios. It takes about a year to put all the materials needed together. The portfolios also require videos. There are 7 tests which make up about 40% of the program. The hope is that this certification would be transportable between states. There are 750 Library Media Specialists who have applied for the certification, 1 in Colorado. The names of those who pass will be on the National Board certification web site later this month. Clara will work on CASL providing a link to their site from the CAL website as well as an article about the program in the next CASL newsletter.

Clara Sitter made a motion to endorse this program for school library media specialists. The motion was seconded by Glenda Hawkinson and it passed unanimously.

Upcoming CAL Board Meeting

The next CAL board meeting will be held on December 12th. Judy Barnett and Dave Sanger will attend. Clara Sitter will prepare a report on the AASL national standards meeting.

Looking Ahead: Spring Workshop

After discussion of typical association/division workshops and topics suggested by CASL members centering around collaboration, instruction, CSAP, and technology, it was decided that the first CASL Spring workshop will be held at Wasson High School in Colorado Springs. The date of the workshop will be Saturday, April 26th from 9 – 3;

even though this conflicts with the High Plains regional retreat this was selected because there are so few dates open. The topic will be collaborating around technology plans and standards.

The tentative schedule will be:

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| 8:30 | Check-in |
| 9:00-10:00 | Introductions and General Session |
| | BREAK |
| 10:15 | Break out groups—small groups process speaker content |
| 11:00-12:00 | Whole group report session |
| | LUNCH |
| 1:00-1:45 | Power Library Schools present several model lessons by grade level |
| 1:45-2:15 | Individual time to work on lesson improvement |
| | BREAK |
| 2:30-3:00 | Speaker |

*Credit instructions will be available at the conclusion of the workshop.

Judy will reserve Wasson HS, confirm the date with CAL and submit a notice for the newsletter, and check with PPRLSS on offering continuing ed credit. By the next meeting, Nance will confirm CDE's Stevan Kalman's availability as the main speaker and Dave will request that Jared Polis speak in the afternoon and bring the technology bus. Nance will confirm other CDE guests, with Nancy Bolt introducing Stevan. Judy and Glenda will coordinate food. Registration will take place through Kathleen at the CAL office. Heidi will solicit district listserv addresses for publicity. Betty will draft a list of presenters from High Performance Power Libraries in levels K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12, perhaps to include bilingual lessons and different subject matters.

At our next meeting, we will discuss presenters, A/V, small group facilitators, publicity, and structure of each session.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:15pm

Next meeting: Cottonwood Elementary, Saturday, January 11, 9:30-2:00.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jacque Ossian.

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