

## Colorado Association of School Libraries

January 31, 2004

*In attendance: Board members Judy Barnett, Glenda Hawkinson, Betty Bankhead, Dave Sanger, Sherry Crow, Susan Gilbert, Kim Meyer; joined by Bonnie McCune-CSL and Heidi Baker-CAL staff*

*Absent: Clara Sitter, Nance Nassar, Janice Fisher-Giles, Kim Sutherland, Penny LoFaro*

July 31, 2003 minutes were unanimously approved.

October 2003 business meeting member input notes were read.

**Regional Representative Position Description:** There was a discussion of the need to revise this position description because regional libraries will soon be defunct. We could keep the present geographic configuration, or we could go with congressional districts. Consensus was to keep the present regional districts to provide better representation of all areas of the state. The description was edited slightly for shift from the regional libraries. There was discussion of possible regional membership meetings at the CASL annual meeting. Heidi will provide lists of CAL members/non-members for each region.

**Recruiting School Presenters for CAL Conference:** Start recruiting in March for school presenters to submit online conference workshop proposals; advertise on libnet.

**Board members/Board List:** Board membership could be promoted through meeting by conference call. We are without representatives from Arkansas Valley, Southwest, and, due to ongoing absence, High Plains. Bonnie volunteered to help recruit through regional workshops and a notice will also be posted in the CAL newsletter.

**AASL Conference Report:** Betty Bankhead presented her report. It was suggested that it be published in *Colorado Libraries* and also posted on the CAL website. We will also do a roundtable presentation at CAL by those who attended the conference in 2003—Sherry Crow, Betty Bankhead, Judy Barnett and Glenda Hawkinson. There was a discussion of staffing an ALA booth at CAL, with profits funding scholarships to the 2005 AASL Conference.

**CAL Board Meeting:** Heidi Baker provided a handout summarizing this meeting. Items to submit to CAL newsletter were discussed.

**CAL/CASL Membership:** Suggestions from Pat Wagner (via Kim Meyer) to increase membership were to stay connected all year to possible members found through the Library Research Service List, continue networking, and put a school library “track” back into the CAL convention. Other discussion about increasing membership included how to show value to possible new members through coupons, discounts, and/or toolkits. We talked about sending emails and letters to old CEMA members who didn’t join CASL. Also, a membership drive needs to be made at the regional library spring workshops. We outlined the contents of a membership packet that would be mailed out to prospective

members: brochures, a letter summarizing CASL and membership benefits, and a survey. Betty and Heidi will work in cooperation with Bonnie/CSL spring presentations.

**Spring Workshop:** The CASL annual spring workshop will be held May 8. The title is “Leaders @ Your School Library” and is based on the national ALA @ your library campaign. Dave Sanger wrote a grant to AASL/ABC-CLIO to partially underwrite the costs associated with presenting the workshop, and repeating sessions on the Western Slope and at the CAL conference. The goals listed in the grant application include ongoing meetings to introduce, teach, follow up and present school library leadership ideas. Bonnie McCune and Nance Nassar will conduct the spring workshop, which will also include a special speaker, possibly from Tucson’s @ your library program implementation. There is a strong possibility that mini-grants will be issued for action plans written by workshop participants. Bonnie McCune will ask Nance Nassar to invite a State Board of Education member to the workshop. Judy Barnett and Kim Meyer will look into possible locations for the workshop; we are expecting up to 100 attendees.

**Future Meeting Dates:** February 28, 10:00-12:00 at the Phillip S. Miller Library, Castle Rock. Possibly March 17 as well.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sherry Crow  
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