

Colorado Association of School Libraries

March 12, 2005

*In attendance: Board members Kim Meyer, Dave Sanger, Sherry Crow, JoAnn Perry, Susan Gilbert; joined by Jody Howard (Higher Ed.), and Heidi Baker (CAL staff).
Absent: Gwen Giddens, Jennifer Hubbard, Penny LoFaro, Sharyn Markus, Nance Nassar and Betty Bankhead.*

Officer Reports: Kim Meyer, President:

Kim reported the “grumbles” Sharyn Markus and others received when asking members about the use of LIBNET as a voice for CASL. One problem seems to be that a daily digest cannot be created in this venue. The issue was tabled until the summer retreat as we had just endorsed joining LIBNET in the newsletter. She also reported on the Colorado School Library Leaders (CoSLL) meeting she attended in order to promote the CASL Spring Workshop and where suggestions for future CAL conventions were discussed.

Dave Sanger, Past President:

Dave reported on the Power Library Committee’s development of a rubric for evaluation of candidates. He also reported on his activity on the AASL SLIMPY committee (School Library Media Program of the Year Award).

Jody Howard, Higher Ed.:

Jody reported on the large number of people interested in attaining library media endorsement in the state; 50 people had attended informational meetings. She also reported on the activity of Gene Hainer, Nance Nassar, and CoSLL members working with Colorado Association of School Executives (CASE) in sending a letter recommending that schools under NCLB need certified library media specialists to be considered highly qualified.

Susan Gilbert, Central Region:

Susan is working to regain members in her region lost after the conversion from CEMA.

Sherry Crow, Secretary:

Sherry attended an International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme for librarians in Nassau, Bahamas. She described the strength of the IB program with regards to its recommendations for strong libraries (collaboration, flexible scheduling, leadership) and the common challenges and rewards of librarians from all over the world.

Membership:

Heidi reported on our progress in membership renewal. Nineteen former members have renewed since the old member ‘sandwich method’ was instigated; there are 181 current CAL/CASL members and a total of 540 on the CASL mailing list. The 14ers sandwich is in progress, with Kim distributing information on membership and the workshop to CoSLL and 14ers. The new librarians sandwich will be addressed at our next meeting. Methods for inviting library students and getting them a member discount was discussed. Dave Sanger made a motion that CASL propose a reduced due structure for recognized library program students. This reduced rate was proposed as \$35.00 with a time limit of three consecutive years. Kim will bring the proposal to the CAL board.

New Business:

Betty Bankhead will create a gift of a certificate from CASL for state librarian Nancy Bolt's retirement.

Kim was asked by CAL if there was a need to rewrite the criteria for the Exemplary Library Media Center Award. A motion carried to recommend to the award committee that the criteria for the award match the three areas of an exemplary program as described in *Information Power* (learning and teaching, information access, and program administration), including the necessary criteria of an endorsed library media specialist. It was pointed out that the recipients of the award could then easily apply to be considered for the AASL national award.

Kim reported that Mary McCarthy of Colorado Young Adult Advocates in Libraries suggested a statewide school/public library partnership week during the January meeting. It was suggested that we do this in 2006 in conjunction with National Library Week.

The board discussed recommendations to send to the CAL conference committee for keynote speakers. It was decided that Kim contact the conference co-chair representing schools, Glenda Hawkinson, with CASL's recommendation of Stephen Krashen as a keynote speaker. It was also discussed that it would be beneficial to members if the CAL conference program would include icons by each workshop designating the specialized area addressed (public, school, academic, etc.).

April 9 Spring Workshop:

Kim presented an agenda developed by the workshop subcommittee. The qualifications of the speaker, Judith Hilton, were discussed. She is an expert in authentic education. Jody and Dave will be co-planning a working session on backwards instructional design. One hour credit at UCD will be arranged by Jody. UCD students will be recruited as small group facilitators.

The afternoon breakout sessions were discussed and tweaked. Included will be summer reading programs, high school research, book awards, library assessment, and WebJunction. Keith Curry Lance from the state library research office will be invited to provide a closing keynote. The contents of participant packets were discussed, as well as baseball theme-related ideas and prizes.

Online registration is available at www.cal-webs.org by clicking on Spring Training. There have been no registrants yet, but board members will receive flyers and membership forms via email and are encouraged to promote registration. A mailing will be sent out this week. Teacher & administrator guests can attend for an additional \$10.

Next Meeting:

CASL Board Retreat will be held in the mountains July 28 evening--July 29 (all day).

Respectfully Submitted,
Sherry Crow, Secretary
March 16, 2005