

CASL Board Meeting
December 9, 2006

In attendance: Board members Mary Katherine Johnson, Barb Kidder, Nance Nassar, Su Eckhardt, Becky Russell, Nancy White, Sherry Crow, Gwen Giddens, Jody Howard, Beth Williams and Heidi Baker.

BUDGET 2007

Message from Shannon Cruthers, CAL Treasurer – CASL budget request is due Dec. 15. Shannon sent out 3 attachments on how to fill it out, but Mary Katherine didn't receive. AASL line item has traditionally been listed in CASL budget.

Discussion: If Heidi is just going to work with CASL, it should probably be a line item in the CASL budget. CASL president was never notified about reduction in Heidi's hours. Heidi has always reported to Kathleen. In previous years, Heidi had done work for CAL. This year, she only provided support for the conference. If other organizations feel they need an administrative support person, they can request that.

- Issue: CAL has declining membership – less funds available
- Heidi had been part-time with CEMA which was around 10 hours a week
- 2006 hours were reduced to 5 hours per week
- Su wrote a justification for restoring Heidi's hours
- Suggest Mary Katherine and Gwen meet with CAL Executive board (talk with Kathleen) to find out:
 - How to get her moved to our budget
 - How to have her hours restored to 10 per week
- Heidi sent a proposal that she be paid by project – not hourly
- Gwen will email Kathleen about concerns -set up conference call about this issue

Other Expenses based on past budget requests

Postage \$222

Copy/Print \$84

Sub Pay \$500

ALA Travel \$2000 (\$500 for ALA & MidWinter for AASL Rep & Pres.-Elect)

CASL Board Travel \$1500

Spring Workshop \$2000

Speaker \$500

Meals \$750

Copy/Print \$42

Postage \$111

TOTAL \$6300

New 2007 Expenses

Int'l SL Assoc. membership \$200

“Giveaways” Memberships – registration - ?

Meet-n-greets - ?

Partnership with CoPLA (The new Partnerships Interest Group should request this funding; Gwen will follow up.)

Increases - \$300 communication postage

\$700 communication copy/print

\$300 communication other

LSTA support- in-kind only

Questions:

- Who from CASL is a part of CAL Board?
 - Mary Katherine
- Who has a voice when budget is being discussed?
 - Each of the 3 associate Presidents now have a vote
- What is difference between CAL Board and CAL Executive Board?
 - CAL Executive Board is only elected officers
- Should AASL Rep attend CAL board meetings?
 - Yes – but does not have vote

SPRING WORKSHOP

February 24—Saturday school focus

NOTE: THIS WAS LATER CANCELLED DUE TO CONFLICT WITH AMERICAN MEMORY FREE 2-DAY WORKSHOP WITH GRANTS AND CREDIT AT UCD.

Mary Katherine will check with Sherry Galloway about presenting February 24. Mary Johnson could be back up on primary sources. We should put on registration a request that people bring laptop computers if they have them, and if Penrose House, which Beth has reserved (Carriage house and one other room), has wireless access. We will need power strips and extension cords. Claudia Pierce could also work with Sherry Galloway. Technology focus in the afternoon would be nice too. We should have a session not just on American Memory – but multiple other resources. Call it something with 21st Century in it. “The 21st Century Librarian” Beth could do a session on Podcasting. We might be able to get thumb drives donated. Intel does this. Nancy will inquire. College credit may be able to be arranged, and we can request approval of CDE CEUs. Last year morning was presentation, after lunch was hands-on.

Proposed Schedule:

8:30 – 9:00 Registration & Snacks

9 – 11:30 for big presentation with break

11:30 – 12:30 networking lunch

12:30 – 1:30 session: 2 break-out choices

1:30 – 1:45 break

1:45 – 2:45 session: 2 break-out choices

2:45 – 3:00 break

3:00 – 3:15 Wrap-up, Prizes

Breakout ideas:

Sherry – Post News online sources

Beth – podcasting

Nancy – blogs
Intel (if we get free stuff)
Mary – Newspapers

Nancy will talk to Mary and Intel people. Mary Katherine will talk to Sherry Galloway. Theme suggestions:

- Beam me up Scotty! Joining the 21st Century on the Starship CASL
- Calling all School Librarians! A Midwinter Trek (Technology, Resources & Educating Kids)--hand out bandanas, water bottles, etc.

February 23: The decision made by CASL was to cancel February 23 workshop day that CLiC had offered to sponsor.

Jody: Confused on purpose/need for 2-day workshop. Beth: CLiC wants to do something that is focused on school librarians. Also want to show that different agencies can work together.

Gwen: appreciate CLiC's efforts to work with CASL. The reason CASL holds its workshop on Saturday is because it is so difficult to attend things when school is in session.

Beth: Different regions have different needs--The Western Slope depends more on CLiC for professional development while Front Range more on CAL. Beth could find out if CLiC could offer some sub pay. The number of attendees is not that important to CLiC.

If the board decides to do 2-day, can we have a price-structure \$65 for both days? CAL has a mandatory fee for 2-day workshop, but if CLiC subsidizes one day it could be structured/advertised so that if participants pay for Saturday--they get Friday free. When we market, we must be very clear that Saturday is CASL-sponsored.

Due to the short amount of lead time, Mary Katherine supports Saturday only. Gwen: If CLiC can provide \$3000 to subsidize, then we should pursue. Jody is concerned that choices would be made to attend only one day. Sherry prefers emphasis on quality vs. quantity and supports 1 day.

Consensus was not apparent. It was proposed that CASL table the idea of co-planning with CLiC. Due to the short time factor, CASL should just concentrate on 1 day event. The CASL board agreed.

GOALS

CASL membership input from conference. Mary Katherine highlighted things that could easily be accomplished such as a 'Meet and Greet' in Eagle County. This could be one strategy under communication and membership. Goals are just for board to help us focus.

**Email ideas and top choices to Mary Katherine off of list.

These were the 2 goals we reached at our October meeting:

- Advocate for School Libraries
- Improve communications to constituencies

Colorado Reaction to NCLB – Sherry Crow

Sherry distributed report she sent to AASL. Overwhelmingly, Colorado school librarians supported the re-wording. This has been turned over to Linda Williams.

Vision Summit Report – Jody Howard

Jody shared the following report:

http://www.digitalllearning.macfound.org/site/c.enJLKQNiFiG/b.2108773/apps/nl/content2.asp?content_id=%7BCD911571-0240-4714-A93B-1D0C07C7B6C1%7D¬oc=1

Jody reported that this was one of the most rewarding things she has ever done. The meeting covered the history of library professions through the present status of the profession. Representatives from around the country gave input with buckets of ideas. The AASL board has not seen results of survey and ideas; the group did nothing with the learning standards. Paul Mayer of Teacher Consultants did strategic planning with the AASL board and facilitated this group. His report will be presented at MidWinter's open meeting. He will put out guidelines for editing learning standards. There is a blog that has people responding to this document, but there are not currently librarians on the blog. CASL needs to get on it.

CoLAB – Jody Howard

Colorado Library Advisory Board. Jody reported that there have been endemic problems that occurred with members not knowing who they are and what they were supposed to do. CoLAB's budget took about \$20,000 from LSTA funds. Last week CoLAB was dissolved. An AdHoc committee (transition team) is working with Gene to make sure that all functions of this group are being assigned to CAL and to assure citizen representations in decision-making.

Legislative Meeting – Jody Howard

Minutes are available from Jody if anyone is interested. Dave Sanger attended since Jody was out of town. We won't have a 2007 legislative day. Amendment 41 put restraints on the amount of money that can be spent on legislators. Beth Wrenn-Estes will be clarifying who serves on the committee and who has a right to vote.

Colorado Knowledge Initiative

Jody Howard and Gwen Giddens were invited to attend this meeting, a collaboration between state library and legislature to see how we can gain back the funding libraries have lost in Colorado in recent years. Bill Murray asked Gwen to be sure CASL is involved in this. Jody will post information on the CASL blog. She will put message on our listserv driving traffic to the blog.

Question: Has there been an update on DOPA? Jody will check on status of DOPA: Delete Online Predators Act – passed by House of Representatives in late summer – which would require all social networking sites – any web sites that allow postings such as Amazon.com – to be blocked in libraries and schools.

CASE – Nancy White, Gwen Giddens

CASE workshop proposal was turned down. We were given the option of re-submitting for the August CASE leadership conference. Instead, we will re-write and include an administrator, perhaps connecting our presentation with Jill Martin from District 11.

CASL Blog – Nancy White

It is important to post new entries weekly to keep up the interest. Next week, Nancy will put up some information about DOPA. Jody will post legislature information. Heidi distributed a sign-up sheet for board members to take responsibility for posting new entries over the next several months. Nancy will help members sign up as authors if needed.

LSTA Grant/Questionnaire – Jody Howard

Nance Nassar and Jody met yesterday to discuss ideas and an action plan for writing an LSTA grant. Desired outcome: A day prior to the CAL Conference that brings together administrators and school librarians to celebrate, inspire, inform and incite change in the ways Colorado schools use libraries to improve student achievement.

Title of program: *Celebrating a Winning Team: Principals and School Librarians, Ingredients for Increased Student Achievement* Overview: Half day workshop, 10:30 – 2:30 with Allison Zmuda & Keith Curry Lance as speakers, one or two principal presentations and a time for recognition.

The event should provide time for principals and school librarians to talk about how they support each other. All fees will be covered by the grant. Six or seven vendors will be invited to attend in hopes that they might sponsor the event in future years. Potential participants will submit a 500 word essay on ‘why your principal should be invited to attend this event.’ CASL board will be asked to read those essays and make the selections. Plan for 50 schools participating–100 total administrators and librarians. This might be decreased according to funding.

Question: Should this be CASL sponsored, or perhaps DU? The issue is that they need it to be easy to organize and make decisions along the way. A concern is the requirements that might come with CASL sponsorship.

Discussion: This is a wonderful idea. National Principal of the Year Jill Martin should be involved would be happy to work with us on this. She was previously nominated for CAL or CEMA Admin of the year. As a pre-conference, CASL could sponsor this. CASL should be involved. We will read applications & want to make it easy to apply.

School Library Endorsement Requirement’s Survey

Jody and Nance asked board members to take a sample survey that they plan to distribute to all states to determine what questions are difficult to understand and how they might improve the survey before distribution.

Next meeting: January 27, 2007, 9:00AM–12:00PM, Philip S. Miller Library, Castle Rock

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy White
CASL Secretary