

**CASL Board Meeting, May 23, 2009**

*Members Present: Susan Gilbert, JoAnn Perry, Nance Nassar, Su Eckhardt, Diane Cara, Mike Herr, Steve McGovern, Nancy White, Molly Gibney, Becky Johnson, Heidi Baker*

**Welcome and Kudos:** Thanks to everyone for their hard work. LSTA Grant – TIE Preconference  
**February Minutes:** Not currently available – **Dave Sanger took the minutes. Susan will send out via email and ask for approval.**

**New President-Elect Discussion**

Susan has contacted about a dozen people – previous CAL board members, people have not be responding, returning calls, etc. Looking for guidance. It seems daunting to people – "how can I join a board when I don't know what the process is."

Nance: Karen Bolch presented with Nance and Sherry Crow on the topic of advocacy at TIE last year. She is high energy, talented, has experience at all levels. She came from a high school in Connecticut. Next year she will be at an elementary school in DPS. Nance spoke with her about getting active in the board. She is very interested. Nance said she would be able to fill any board position or president elect. Liz King, one of the ALA emerging leaders is interested in getting involved. She is on the tiered standards committee. Evelyn Scott is also recommended by Jo.

Heidi went through board list, and positions open next year are secretary, president-elect and at-large. It would be good to have 2 current board members share this role. Diane asked Nancy if she would be willing. Nancy suggested Becky Johnson might be a good candidate. Nance suggested Donna Miller might be interested. Yvonne Miller is another great idea.

**Nancy & Diane agreed to step in as co-president-elects to become president in 2009-10. Karen Bosch will be asked to run for president elect or at-large. Evelyn Scott, Liz Keating, Donna and Chris can be asked the same, if Mike Herr does not wish to consider running for his position. Nance will contact them.**

**Molly is willing to be secretary next year – and will start after this meeting as secretary.**

Current Board:	2010-- Pres: Nancy & Diane
Co-Pres-Elect: Nancy & Diane	Pres-Elect _____
Secretary: Molly	Secretary- Molly
Higher Ed: Su/Diane	At Large _____
At-Large – open (Nance will ask Karen)	At Large _____

**New policy to safeguard similar situation:** Should we create a policy that states if someone resigns, they should be required to find their replacement? Diane suggested we might have a president-elect alternate.

Mike: It is the board's responsibility to carry on – it might not be appropriate to put this burden on the resigning person. We could put into policy that an at-large board member would step up to the position.

We need more volunteers . Nancy has an idea to have a larger meeting – invite committee chairs –non-voting members, but still in the meetings to generate ideas. This is an opportunity to build leadership. We also need to have a better online meeting platform. Nancy suggested that Wimba from CLiC might be a good one – and we might not be charged. **Nancy will contact CLiC about using Wimba.**

It is the responsibility of the 6 at-large board members to step up and fill the open position. They need to work with the president to make sure we have leadership positions filled.

Jo: We should put this into our policies. It should be the assumption that if you become an at-large member, it is expected that you move into a leadership role.

Su: We also need to consider the CAL presidency – that some of our board members step up to this position.

**New Policy: “An at-large member shall, at the resignation of an officer, be prepared to move into the officer's position.”**

**Motion: Su moved that the above statement be accepted. Jo Seconded. The vote is unanimous in favor of adding this to our policies. Motion carries.**

### **TIE Preconference**

We'll be in the Bighorn Ballrooms. The room will have 12 rounds of 10 people each. There are currently 95 registrants.

After the 8:30 welcome we will go right to Dr. Loertscher. Next will be Nance & Nancy on the AASL standards and Learner's Bill of Rights. Nance and Nancy have a draft of an agenda – and will primarily do a gallery walk. They'll have the group thinking about the relationship of the Learner Bill of Rights. New time is from 10:30 to 11:45. They will give out copies of the article from *School Library Media Activities Monthly* . It will be one of several items in a packet of material that will include a State Library brochure about the AASL 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learner Standards, two types of collaborative planning sheets that incorporate the new standards, and more.

**Diane will bring a “bell” for Nance & Nancy's session – Susan will be the timekeeper.**

Question: Do we have a back-up plan in case a presenter drops out? Perhaps set up a Power Library panel. **Diane will draft a back-up plan for the TIE breakout sessions in case presenters back out.**

Breakout Sessions: David Loertcher and Phil, second break-out session is Peggy O'Neil Jones and David Loertcher.

**Su is coordinating Dr. Loertcher's travel, and will get the W9 form signed. We have the signed contract. Heidi has made his hotel arrangements and Su will transport him.**

**Phil will round up microphones for his breakout session.** Since they are MACs they will probably have internal microphones. Headsets are nice to keep the noise level down. **Jo and Nancy will also try to bring some headsets.**

½ credit is available from UCD – arranged by Laura Summers. Information is available online and will be available at the conference.

Nance and Judy will be having a Power Library round table on Tuesday morning.

**As a board, we need to arrive on Sunday at noon. We will have lunch in the Alpine room by Starbucks. We will be helping with lab set up. Mike will be our guide – and John Williams will be supporting us as well. Dress appropriately.**

**Heidi will make the room reservation – just for Sunday. In addition to Sunday afternoon lab setup, we also need to be available to turn our CASL preconference room into a TIE workshop room on Monday afternoon.**

**At 3:45, the board will:**

- **Move people into the hall**
- **Unpack 30 MACs, tape cords, lock down laptops, set up browsers, etc.**
- **With 10-15 of us, this will go fast.**

Heidi is preparing to sign off on our lunch menu with Copper Mountain. TIE is also suggesting that we have a sound system. TIE covered this expense for us last year. Mike will check on this. If not, Nancy indicated CLiC could possibly provide up to \$500. **Nancy will send Susan information on how to request funding from CLiC.**

Mike: When we arrive to help set up, there will be help available to direct us. We'll be right outside Kokopelli's. The bookstore will be in the tent outside from noon – 4. Also, the cyber café should be up by noon.

What about an evaluation form? Nancy would like to put this on Google Docs – use Google form. Heidi has the evaluation done last year. **Nancy will plug this in to Google Docs.** We need to have membership applications available. Heidi contacted all non-members after the pre-conference last year. She'll do that again this year.

Mike: TIE has a partnership with Xxrus this year – trying to avoid the issues they had last year. TIE is trying to make sure you can go anywhere in the conference area without losing the wireless connection.

**If you are presenting in the pre-conference, your registration fee is waived. Contact Mike Herr for special reservations such as this.**

**ALA Book Orders:** JO: We did not receive the ABC-CLIO grant. Apparently, no one is receiving the grant this year. Jo is looking into the book order. No one has ordered books online. She thinks we should bring down the link at this point. Heidi: Jo should make a recommendation of which books of the 25 on the list we should order and make available. Mike needs all the books in by the 14<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup>. ALA will allow us to preorder and pay afterwards. We just have to pay the shipping back to them. Jo will

complete the order and have them delivered to Mike's home. **Nancy will take down the link on the blog and wiki.**

Mike: Many thanks to Heidi's help with the set-up. Jo: With the economy, for attendance to be up right now, that is huge.

Becky: Over half of the ladies from District 51 are para-librarians. We need to make sure that they feel included. They may not have ever seen the Standards for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learner. We need to be aware that there will be people of all levels – beginners on up. Molly: 25 people are from Adams 12 district. We should consider marketing this to directors in the future.

**ISTE 2010.** NECC will change the name and direction – more of a business model. Mike met with the senior editor of *Learning & Leading*.

TIE has been given first right of refusal to host a leadership boot camp pre-conference. They have sponsors lined up. If this is a successful concept, they would like to continue this annually. No one is paid to attend this conference – some get free registrations.

TIE is looking at leadership at all levels – including classroom. They are interested in a partnership with CASL. They are looking at spotlighting the different levels of leadership. Karen Ortiz, Randy Stall and Mike are working on this. They are looking for ideas. Breakout sessions – library leadership, classroom leadership, district leadership, etc.

**LSTA Grant** Nance organized a group including Jo, Su, Jody and Heidi to brainstorm ideas. A PB Works site was set up to write the grant. She didn't get feedback on using this format. The committee members agreed to keep this format. The proposal is strong. It calls for linking CASL with public and school librarians with the PTA. This will be a regional outreach.

Heidi: The LSTA criteria calls for addressing lifelong learning and this meets that requirement.

Nancy: The emphasis is also supposed to be on electronic delivery. This will focus on teaching parents how to access and use electronic databases. **Nance will work on outcomes & benefits this weekend.**

Su talked to the president of the PTA board, Pam Hurd-Keyzer. She will appoint someone to be our connection. Su will add this person to the PB works to work with us on the editing of the grant. She is very excited to participate in this.

The president of PLA needs to be contacted. **Su will contact Judy Van Acker to see if she can find a public librarian to work with use.** Patty Bateman might be a good candidate. The board agreed.

**VII. PLP/CASL partnership** – Susan feels there is a lot of duplication of efforts. Molly, Nance, Judy Barnett and Susan met April 21 and had a successful discussion. Nance typed up the brainstorm notes.

CAL Meet N Greets should pull in more Power Librarians.

Communication pieces: there is a CASL blog, CASL Wiki, PLP Ning, Co Teacher Librarian Ning. What type of information should we share?

The conversation revolved around the fact that there are so many different places to go for information. We need just one place that houses all of these. (See Nance's handout for ideas) This ties into the goals and strategies that Power Library Board set down. Diane: Concerns that it is too much. It will be important to organize the information well.

**CAL Board Update:** The revitalization committee has done a lot of work. Su is our representative. They are thinking of changing the conference to the summer. This might increase attendance - better weather and more chance that school people can attend. They are considering a virtual element as well. They are looking at "un-conference" elements. Should there be a regional – rotating conference.

CAL is looking for more members on the intellectual freedom committee. A co-chair is needed. Nancy: This information should be posted to the Power Library Ning, and CASL Blog.

Su: Legislative update – the session is over, other than that we lost the million dollars. The state library is contributing \$200,000 toward the databases and a smaller package has been set up.

We should be inviting legislators to visit and support. We might want to invite them to the TIE pre-conference.

**Membership Committee:** Susan contacted them in response to the inquiry from Paula from Linworth re: a membership drive. The membership committee said to contact the marketing committee, and no one returned her calls. She brought this up at the CAL board. At this point we are in limbo, but we could mention this at the pre-conference.

If we do a membership drive of some sort, Paula Jackson from Linworth will give a free subscription to LMC Connect for one year.

The CASL board will go ahead and proceed on this.

**If you have ideas on how to proceed with the Linworth offer for a membership drive, please let Susan know.**

### **Awards**

Molly: There are 9 awards we can nominate on. We need to build a spreadsheet again. We need to make sure there is a school person nominated for each award. Nominations are due June 30. **Heidi will send out a Doodle Poll.**

Steve: Conference: Steve has glanced through the presentations and there are a lot of options. **Steve welcomes our ideas to help select the workshops for the conference.**

**Becky: Science Standards**

Nance: At TLF/CoSLL meeting yesterday, the group is disappointed that there were no connections with ISTE NETs , AASL standards or P21. These were sent to the standards committees and it appears they were not used.

Becky: In Science, they were divided into such small groups, she was in MS Earth Science – she had no input into any of the other groups. She had influence over just 4 benchmarks. This ended up in “the nature of science” – almost an addendum. There was not time to come together as a full group. They will meet again in June and it is important that we attend the CDE meetings about the revised standards and make our comments heard. The English/Language Arts standards have no reference to digital, technology, or publishing. **Becky will post on the blog information about meetings seeking feedback.**

#### **AASL Update:**

Jo: Ann Martin at AASL is gravely concerned about loss of library positions throughout the country. She is seeking information about whether affiliates have an advocacy plan that addresses this issue. She asks that affiliates put out a report on this issue. Jo needs to take this information to ALA in Chicago. Ann and Jim Rettig have been writing letters to school boards asking for positions to be reinstated. She has noticed that people using the advocacy toolkits are having some success. The Affiliate Assembly has a survey about concerns for our state.

Dr. Kathy Smith is retiring from Cherry Creek. The library is now being named after her. Jo will have an article in SLMAM about this. Is there an award that we can nominate Dr. Smith for? -Library Advocate Award would be perfect. **Jo will start working on the nomination of Dr. Smith for Library Advocate award, and Su will support her in this effort.**

Jo will put Susan down as the contact person on the AASL report. We will report on our actions – communications. We should look at more contact with administrators as a potential action. It isn't just a loss of certified staff, but also support staff. Becky: We need to highlight the issue of paraprofessionals running elementary school libraries. AASL could partner with administrator organizations. We should form associations nationally. **Jo will post a request for information to complete the AASL report on the CASL blog.**

**Retreat in July:** CASL board members are not available on July 24. We will not have a board meeting on July 24 or participate in the CAL retreat. **Susan will email us to coordinate next meeting date, scheduled for September 12.**

Susan, Jo & Nance will attend ALA in Chicago. Susan and Jo will be the voting members representing our affiliate.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy White  
CASL Secretary