

**Connecticut Association of School Librarians  
Board Meeting**

December 5, 2007  
Cheshire High School

**Present:** Chris Barlow, David Bilmes, Gayle Bogel, Barbara Bourque, Kate Candido, Elizabeth Dalton, Martha Djang, Denise Kennedy, Dianne Kimball, Irene Kwidzinski, Frances Nadeau, Leslie Poulos, Sewell Pruchnik, Lucia Rafala, Janet Roche, Mary Shukie, Art Skerker, Ellen Speirs, Shelley Stedman, Diane Strumello

**Absent:** Mary Lou Cassotto, Jennifer Cirino, Audrey Daigneault, Jill Dailey, Paula Daitzman, Susan Eblen, Lisa Lavoie, Jean Lowery, Michael McNiff, Katrina Palazzolo, Paula Patterson, Sharman Tait, Rachel Tonucci, Stephanie Zogby

**AGENDA**

- 1) Call to order by Janet at 5:15 p.m.
- 2) Approval of minutes—October 3, 2007—VOTE REQUIRED Moved by Gail second by Denise
- 3) Treasurer's Report—Spent more than taken in but this was to be expected until get income from conference
- 4) Vice President's Report Only feedback gotten from Fall Festival was positive. Thought it would be nice to do awards ceremony again at Fall Festival. Janet raised question of where to have Annual Meeting. Perhaps have Annual Meeting back at Conference. David felt could wait to decide until finalize Fall Festival and Conference since more people at Conference.
- 5) Team Reports should be submitted electronically before the meeting
- 6) OLD BUSINESS
  - Fall Festival cost /benefit—Bilmes, Pruchnik
  - Questions Comments about Joint Conference It was left open to hold joint conference again, but CASL representatives have not spoken with CECA about doing it again. It was felt that it should not be held same year as the AASL conference to avoid conflicting dates. Convention Center personnel said the Convention Center can be used for smaller groups if CASL ever wants to go there on its own. Evaluations of conference should be done electronically as was done with CEMA Conference in 2006. Got over 50 paper evaluations were received for 2007 conference.
  - VP Intern for 08-09 in needed. Julia Medeiros possible for two years from now.
- 7) NEW BUSINESS
  - Raise the salary of Anne Weimann. Anne had asked last summer to have salary raised to \$500/month. Currently getting \$5,000/yr. Board needs to do something so the amount of Anne's salary doesn't have to be addressed each year. Any work on Conference would be addressed separately. Janet thought that CASL should grant Anne's request for \$50/month plus build in a raise each year, at least 1%/year. Motion to increase salary to \$50/month plus a percentage increase each year to be determined by Board. Moved by Martha, Second by Sewell. Passed unanimously. Retroactive back to July 2007.
  - Endorsement of the Partnership for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills is a national organization. The Connecticut Partnership for a 21st Century Education is a committee of administrators and computer educators who have asked CASL to endorse their vision statement. Other NEEMA states (Massachusetts and Maine) are partners with the national organization. Art spoke of significant commitments needed to partner with this national organization including rewriting curriculums at local levels based on new frameworks from state to align with this. Other aspects could include a required high school graduation exam. Unlike some state departments of education, the CT Dept. of Education does not mandate curriculum. Individual school districts could adopt the vision and put pressure on the state to align with The Connecticut Partnership for a 21st Century Education. Emphasis would be teaching concepts and skills vs. teaching content. The Board approved an endorsement by CASL for the vision statement of The Connecticut Partnership for a 21st Century Education. Janet will email Art points to include a LMS on the state committee for the Partnerships.
  - An update to the PACE CEU software has been purchased, received and delivered to Sue Eblen
  - Proposed New Film/Video Award to honor students in film /video production: \$250 to be awarded. David moved that CASL implement the Film / Video Production award to start with 2008 awards. Seconded by Irene. Passed unanimously. Sewell and Ellen agreed to find examples of rubrics for film/video production that CASL could adopt in judging submissions for this award. Janet asked for others to help compile this information as well. This award will be publicized starting in January.

- 1,192 Membership renewal letters were sent by Bulk Mail by Anne on November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Janet noted that CASL needs to move to electronic applications for membership rather than print. The Membership Team will address this.
- 8) ADJOURNMENT from Board meeting into team meetings. Teams determine when they will adjourn. Moved by Martha Second by Mary. Adjourn at 6:25.