

CASL, Inc. Board Meeting

November 5, 2008
Cheshire High School

Present: Chris Barlow, David Bilmes, Mary Lou Cassotto Martha Djang, Maureen Hinkley, Kari Karp, Irene Kwidzinski, Sewell Pruchnik, Lucia Rafala, Nancy Shwartz, Art Skerker, Ellen Speirs, Shelley Stedman, Diane Strumello

Absent: Gayle Bogel, Kate Candido, Jennifer Cirino, Audrey Daigneault, Paula Daitzman, Elizabeth Dalton, Susan Eblen, Jackie Galante, Denise Kennedy, J. Martellino, Leslie Poulos, Janet Roche, Carrie Seiden, Mary Shukie, Nella Szilagyi

AGENDA

- 1) Call to order by David 5:35 p.m.
- 2) Approval of minutes -- Sept. 3-- Moved by Irene, second by Diane
Approved unanimously.
- 3) Treasurer's Report \$122, 607 balance. Membership enrollment (and fees) down slightly from last year.
- 4) Vice President's Report, including update on 2008 CASL Conference Book sales: most of authors are pleased with set up. Flyer will be printed out for attendees promoting authors and book sales.
- 5) Report on Fall Festival from Membership Committee
- 6) Any other team reports should be submitted electronically before the meeting
- 7) Old business
- 8) New business

Items to be discussed include the following: We need to discuss the election ballot that is usually presented at the conference. Ballot does not have to be presented until the spring. Will post information on ListServe by late March, but will bring up need for VP Intern at the conference.

Refreshments for board meetings. The food for the Sept. 3 board meeting cost Janet and Ellen over \$100. Should we have CASL reimburse food costs at board meetings? Should we have more people provide refreshments each month? Should we have everyone bring \$5 each meeting to reimburse the cost of food? Other suggestions? Decision to keep it as it is. Those providing refreshments can submit for reimbursement if they choose.

Report by Mary Shukie of Advocacy Committee, who attended one-day AASL Advocacy Workshop in New Hampshire. Is this something we want to bring to Connecticut as a one-day professional development program sometime in the near future? Mary Shukie said: the event has potential but the presenter was poorly prepared and handouts were out of order. I would not recommend it unless there was a different presenter. Also, the time allotted--8 hours--is too much for content to be covered. Quite honestly, the presenter did not have any new information. Would consider it for the future only if new information/topic would be presented.

Possibility of joint conference for 2009-10 school year with CLA or CECA. If were to have joint conference with CLA, would have to be in spring 2010, perhaps a one day special session devoted to schools (their conference is three days), with possibility of having a fall seminar/workshop to take place of fall conference. If went back to joint conference with CECA, question of what about CLA since they approached us first this year. David proposed having both. Joint conference with CECA in the fall, late October so as not to conflict with AASL and one in the spring with CLA. Moved by Irene, Second by Martha. Passed unanimously.

Nomination of Irene Kwidzinski as a lifetime honorary member. Moved by David, second by Shelly. Passed unanimously.

9) Adjournment from Board meeting into team meetings