

Minutes
CASL Board Meeting
Wednesday February 3, 2010
Cheshire High School

Present: Chris Barlow, David Bilmes, Kate Candido, Martha Djang, Jackie Galante, Kari Karp, Irene Kwidzinski, Jane Martellino, Susan McKenna, Mary Ellen Minichiello, Sara Kelley-Mudie, Lucia Rafala, Janet Roche, Nancy Shwartz, Ellen Speirs, Mary Shukie, Shelley Stedman, Diane Strumello

Absent: Mary Lou Cassotto, Jennifer Cirino, Maureen Hinkley, Denise Kennedy, Katrina Palazzolo, Carolyn Shea

Call to order by Lucia at 6:25

Approval of minutes Moved by Janet, second by Irene Approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: January 6, 2010 to February 3, 2010: \$51,939 current balance. Still have not received money from CECA from conference. Total inflow \$900.00; Total outflow \$1,672.

New Business

1. President Report from Affiliate Assembly

****http://connect.ala.org/files/21367/2015_strategic_plan_12_09_draft_doc_18121.doc****

Our state has been asked to read the above strategic plan draft from ALA and submit comments and general feedback. I have provided the discussion questions below. Please read the document on the above link and use the questions below to guide your feedback. I must submit a document to the ALA representative by Feb. 15th.

- a. What significant accomplishments has ALA made in the last four years?
- b. From your perspective, is ALA focusing on the right strategic issues (goals and objectives)? Is there anything missing?
- c. Where do you see your specialty area (division, roundtable, or committee) in the draft strategic plan?
- d. What specific strategies (activities) would you like to see implemented within the goals and objectives of the plan that would benefit your specialty area (division, roundtable, or committee)?
- e. Are there any other comments you would like to make concerning the current draft of ALA's Strategic Plan?

I need to compile our responses and submit feedback using these questions on behalf of CASL. If you would like to submit your responses on this wiki or email them to me, I will compile them and submit.

Further feedback: Irene: ALA has become more focused on School Libraries recently but will have even more focus if Sara Kelly Johns is elected president. AASL has become more visible and active in ALA. More response to federal government initiatives and revision of NCLB. Also that ALA needs to keep an eye of membership fees.

2. Presentation of the CASL web site by Janet Roche

3. Wiki-Do we need two wikis: CASL Board and Conference? Can we eliminate some of the pages on the wiki so we only have Home, Advocacy, Membership and Professional Development with Conference and Workshops on the Professional Development page?

4. Membership Team Update: Spring Fling: Solidify date and time (5 minutes per Ellen Speirs) Wednesday, April 28 5-7:30. Registration fee of \$20 (same as Fall Festival). Have been in contact with ARC program to continue to promote CASL.

5 Advocacy Team Update

a. Proposal for CASL to help sponsor the Connecticut Student Film Festival and give the Student Video Award at this festival. CASL would not receive separate submissions, but would choose from the best videos submitted to the festival. CASL would publicize the festival. Janet Roche. CASL would sponsor the award for \$250. Have to contact the initial sponsors of the award to see if they would approve of this change. Motion to sponsor the award for \$250 pending approval of the initial sponsor of the Student Video Award. Moved by Jackie, second by Shelley. Approved unanimously.

b. Proposal that CASL award \$1000 to the winner of the collaboration grant and \$1000 to the winner of the scholarship. Moved by Ellen, second by Diane. Approved unanimously.

c. See Janet notes on wiki or email re: combining Creative Program and Collaboration Grant to one award to recognize one outstanding library lesson to be named in honor of Irene Kwidzinski Award amt of \$1000, \$500 from Follett, and \$500 from CASL. Motion to combine two awards with CASL to award \$500. Moved by Martha, second by Mary Ellen. Approved unanimously. Motion to name the award the Irene Kwidzinski Learning for Life award. Moved by Nancy, second by Ellen. Approved unanimously.

6. Professional Development Team Update

a. Proposal to financially sponsor Tasha Squires as our presenter at the CLA conference in April (Monday, April 19 \$1000 total Moved by Janet, second by Jackie. Approved unanimously.

b. Proposal to invite Buffy Hamilton to be the keynote speaker at our fall conference: \$1000 plus travel and hotel expenses.

c. CEU software - proposal to purchase Protraxx web based software to manage our CEU activities - proposal includes a substantial discount that will go away as of March 1st, so we'll need to act this month if the board decides to go forward. Basic program cost is \$1200 annual fee (would be prorated this year) plus one time expenses. \$1,950 one time fees. Janet moved to approve purchase Irene Second. Approved unanimously.

7. CEA's New Teacher Conference, Saturday, March 13, 2010, at Mohegan Sun Conference Center, Uncasville--CASL usually has a table and distributes literature. Do we want a presence at the new teacher conference? If so, is there a volunteer to man the table? Can someone contact CEA so we have a table? Is the brochure about the roles and responsibilities of LMS finished and should that be what is distributed at the New Teacher Conference?

Lucia and Nancy and possibly Sue McKenna will represent CASL. \$250 fee for booth. Lucia will contact icon to see if want to share booth as have in past. Janet moved that approve expenses for booth at conference, Nancy second Sue McKenna has created a brochure to hand out, Lucia will have copied.

David Bilmes, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, said the tentative slate of officers for next year included Jackie Galante, president, Janet Roche as VP, Martha Djang as Treasurer, Chris Barlow as Recording Secretary, Sara Kelly-Mudie as VP Elect. David said anyone who had any questions or concerns about the slate should contact him before the March meeting, when the Nominating Committee will make its official presentation of the slate.

Old Business

1. Sign up for refreshments. We need at least 3 people per meeting. You can apply to be reimbursed for part of the amount of money you spend on refreshments. (\$25?)

February 3 Kari, Sue and Ellen

March 3 - Kate, Diane, David

April 7 -Janet Roche, Sara, Shelley, Nancy

May 5--Meeting at Stratford Flood Middle School

June--Possible meeting with people from other New England states (the date proposed is Saturday, June 5. We'll have a better idea after the NESLA virtual board meeting on Monday, Feb. 8. from Irene)

Motion to adjourn. Moved by Janet, second by Irene at 7:45. Approved unanimously.