

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

Present: Chris Barlow, David Bilmes, Kate Candido, Jennifer Cirino, Audrey Daigneault, Martha Djang, Jackie Galante, Kari Karp, Mary Ellen Minichiello, Sara Kelley-Mudie, Lucia Rafala, Janet Roche, Nancy Schwartz, Ellen Speirs, Carolyn Shea, Shelley Stedman, Diane Strumello, Toby Zabinski

Absent: Mary Lou Cassotto, Maureen Hinkley, Denise Kennedy, Jane Martellino, Susan McKenna, Katrina Palazzolo, Irene Kwidzinski, Mary Shukie

Call to order by Lucia at 6:30

Approval of minutes—Moved by Audrey, Second by David. Approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report Income \$1964 expenses

1. President Report CASL participating in consortium with other organizations for another grant with Fairfield Museum for \$300K 2 year grant to give us access to speakers and presenters. Grant would be Teaching with Primary Sources. Grant is being written now will find out in June or July. Thinking is will be approved since it was Library of Congress that sought out Dr. Marsha Alibrandi at Fairfield Univ. based on last year's grant and program that was run from it.

Participating in New Teacher conference March 13 at Mohegan Sun. CASL is going to share conference table with iConn. Nancy Shwartz and Audrey Daigneault will attend.

a. Status of reaffiliation. Paperwork is done, just need some additional minor information to complete.

b. Status of Affiliate Assembly report on concerns and commendations due May 15. Can these concerns and considerations be gathered on the wiki first so that discussion at the Board meeting can be brief--At least give Board members the definition of concerns and the definition of commendations on the wiki and a chance to list some concerns and considerations. Can we ask for member participation on the Ning? The concerns & commendations forms and definitions are on

<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/aasl/aboutaasl/affils/policies.cfm>

Committee Reports

Membership: Created flyer and a postcard handout to be distributed at ARC, CLA, new teacher's conference, SCSU, Fairfield Univ., CASL Conference, Parent's nights at schools.

Advocacy: All Award winners have been chosen. Letters to winners will be going out in next couple weeks.

New page on web site for Board members only, which will have password protected information including Board procedures, CASL letterhead and other related documents.

Professional Development: Have finalized CLA Conference. Tasha Squires will be presenting on Monday April 19. Working on November Conference. Buffy Hamilton keynote. Working on pre-conference.

Old business

1. Presentation of Slate proposed by Nominating Committee. The slate of officers for next year included Jackie Galante, president; Diane Strumello VP; Martha Djang as Treasurer; Chris Barlow as Recording Secretary; Sara Kelly-Mudie as VP Elect.

Each of officers will need to send a paragraph biography to be sent out to members for ballot voting. Janet will create Zoho survey to be sent to Jen for web site. Lucia will send out bulk email to members asking them to vote for new slate of officers. Balloting will be May 1 to May 15.

2. Proposal that elections in first two weeks of May be done by a Zoho survey. Bulk email to members to vote by going to the CASL homepage. Password protected link so only members vote.

New Business

1. CASL communications. Proposal that CASL promote the CASL Ning and eventually eliminate CASL-L. Discussion whether need all communication tools—consolidate, eliminate? (CASL-L, CASLGram), push to get more people into the Ning? Suggestion that in addition to ballot for officers, also poll members as to which form of communication they prefer. Janet will post a sample survey on wiki and will seek feedback as to wording for survey from Board. Final survey will be sent out with ballot.

2. Nominating Procedures. Lucia suggested to create a procedure if was felt that were concerns for an individual to continue in an officer's position or to move on to next position, would be process for that person to address concerns before being taken off ballot.

Janet suggested have an Executive Board meeting or virtual meeting before regular Board meeting, to discuss goals and plans. Each Executive Board member would have goals.

3. NESLA IntraBoard Retreat. June 5, Bedford, NH. NESLA would like names of those attending (ideally 10 from each NE state), and suggestions for topics to discuss.

4. WebEx. NESLA investigate the sharing of WebEx with its New England affiliates with NESLA as the account holder and the participating states sharing equally in the yearly subscription cost (Full cost would be \$600).

Lucia asked for feedback on it. Pros and cons based on April NESLA Board meeting.

Motion to Adjourn by David, second by Nancy at 7:35. Approved unanimously.