



## Annual Business Meeting - Minutes

April 17, 2021  
8:30am – 9:05am  
Virtual - Zoom

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- I. Call to Order - 8:31 am
- II. Association Reports
  - A. Secretary's Report (Jane Farrell)
    1. May 19, 2020, Annual Business Meeting Minutes
      - a) Motion to approve the May 19, 2020 Annual Business Meeting Minutes—Jane Farrell; Second—Laura Ward
      - b) No discussion— all in favor—motion carried
  - B. Treasurer's Report (Jeff Weiss)
    1. 2019-2020 Fiscal Reports
      - a) Profit/Loss Report 2019-2020
      - b) Balance Sheet June 30, 2020
    2. Reports subject to audit
- III. Committee Reports – Annual
  - A. Awards (Samantha Hull)
  - B. Communications (Dustin Brackbill)
    1. Purpose of the committee is to share PSLA news, updates, and events.
    2. Members are encouraged to join/follow/friend PSLA our social media platforms to stay up to date.
    3. PSLA logo was updated during the year.
  - C. Conference (Aimee Emerson)
    1. Sarah DeMaria and Aimee Emerson hope everyone enjoyed the first PSLA virtual conference. Special thanks to Sarah for her hard work.

2. There were 235 attendees at the virtual conference. There were 40 concurrent sessions presented by 45 speakers as part of the event. Thank you also to the sponsors for their support this year.
3. Thanks to PSLA members for their faith in the Conference Committee and for helping to make the virtual conference a success.

D. Local and State Advocacy Committee (Laura Ward)

1. HB 1168-One Certified School Librarian School Librarian Per School. Currently has 2 prime sponsors and 22 co-sponsors
2. Thanks to everyone who participated in online Twitter storms to advocate for PA school libraries.

E. Operations (Leah Lindemann)

1. The Operations Committee keeps our association running and has various task groups.
2. Staffing survey was a success. Thank you to Ila Verdirame for her work with the survey.
3. Bob McConnell will be resigning as co-chair at the end of this fiscal year.

F. Teaching and Learning (Lauren Strohecker)

1. Thank you to everyone who has attended or hosted virtual learning events throughout the year. Look forward to more in the future.
2. Lit Review committee reviewed over 500 titles during the past year.

IV. Pennsylvania Department of Education, Office of Commonwealth Library Update (Corri Hines)

V. American Association of School Librarians Update (Laura Ward)

A. Three Pennsylvania programs have been awarded an AASL Commendation

1. #PALibChat
2. PA Dept of Education, Office of Commonwealth Libraries
3. Pittsburgh Arts and Lecture, Words and Pictures Program

B. AASL held several Town Hall sessions throughout the year

C. AASL conference will be held in October in Salt Lake City

VI. Old Business

A. Staffing Survey 2020-2021 (Laura Ward)

1. Survey Summary will be posted to the PSLA website.
- B. LSTA Grant Activities Update – 2020-2021 (Cathi Fuhrman and Yvonne English Roebuck)
1. Thank you to the LSTA Steering Group
  2. Three academies have been held as part of the grant
    - a) Leading at Any Level (LAAL)
    - b) Librarian Leadership Academy (SLLA)
    - c) Leadership Institute for School Librarianship (LISL)
  3. Will be getting increase in our grant at mid-year
    - a) Will be offering additional development over the summer
    - b) Goal is EDI and working to transform schools, libraries and the profession to move us forward in the area of EDI.

VII. New Business

- A. Swearing in of Officers. The charge is read by Vicki Saltzer.
- a. President-Elect—Aimee Emerson—affirm
  - b. Secretary—Elizabeth Henry—affirm
  - c. Treasurer—Jeff Weiss--affirm
  - d. Directors—Leah Lindemann and Caitlin Linsenmann--affirm

B. Resolutions/ Recognition

- a. Resolution - Dustin Brackbill

WHEREAS: Dustin Brackbill has served as a dedicated leader of PSLA as Co-chair of the Teaching & Learning Committee and as a Board of Director member;

WHEREAS: Dustin Brackbill has served as a member of the Steering Group for the AASL Past-President's Grant 2019-2020 and the LSTA Leadership Academies 2019-2020;

WHEREAS: Dustin Brackbill has served as a member in the 2018 Guidelines for PA School Library Programs Writing Committee and the

2014 Model Curriculum for PA School Library Programs Committee  
(stage 3);

WHEREAS: Dustin Brackbill has served on the Lit Review / Best of the Best Committee, the Operations Committee, the Conference Committee and has presented numerous sessions at the PSLA Annual Conference;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: The Pennsylvania School Librarians Association expresses their sincere appreciation for his dedication to the field of school librarianship and service to the membership of the Association.

Motion made by Samantha Hull, seconded by Laura Ward—motion carried.

b. Resolution - Jane Farrell

WHEREAS: Jane Farrell has served as the Secretary of the Pennsylvania School Librarians Association for two years;

WHEREAS: Jane Farrell has served as a member of the Writing and Development Team for the 2019 revision of the Guidelines for Pennsylvania School Library Programs;

WHEREAS: Jane Farrell has received the 2019 Pennsylvania School Library Innovators Award;

WHEREAS: Jane Farrell has served on the Conference Committee and has presented numerous sessions at the PSLA Annual Conference;

WHEREAS: Jane Farrell has mentored school librarians as a Sustaining Leaders Academy Coach and has participated in the inaugural Emerging Leaders Academy;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: The Pennsylvania School Librarians Association expresses their sincere appreciation for her dedication to the field of school librarianship and service to the membership of the Association.

Motion made by Aimee Emerson, seconded by Leah Lindemann—motion carried.

c. Resolution - Cathi Fuhrman

WHEREAS: Cathi Fuhrman has served as a dedicated leader of PSLA as Vice President, President-Elect, President and Immediate Past President;

WHEREAS: Cathi Fuhrman played an instrumental role in the 2019 revision of the Guidelines for Pennsylvania School Library Programs;

WHEREAS: Cathi Fuhrman played an instrumental role in the 2019 revision of the Model Curriculum for Learners in PA Schools;

WHEREAS: Cathi Fuhrman has distinguished herself as a school leader earning several school library awards including 2015 Lilead Fellow and 2017 Pennsylvania School Librarians Association Outstanding School Library (District);

WHEREAS: Cathi Fuhrman has served the school library community as a dedicated leader of the American Association of School Librarians as chapter Chair-Elect, Chair and appointed by the American Association of School Librarians to the Membership Promotion Task Force Working Group of the American Library Association;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Pennsylvania School Librarians Association expresses their sincere appreciation for her dedication to the field of school librarianship and service to the membership of the Association.

Motion made by Robin Burns, seconded by Caitlin Linsenmann—  
motion carried.

#### C. Bylaws Update

- a. The Bylaws initiating the Advocacy Committee as a permanent committee of PSLA was passed.

#### VIII. Future Dates

- A. ALA Annual Conference - June 24 - 29, 2021 – Virtual
- B. PSLA Summit (Advisory Council & Summit) – July 6-8, 2021 – Virtual
- C. AASL National Conference – October 21 – 23, 2021, Salt Lake City, Utah
- D. PSLA 48<sup>th</sup> Conference – April 21 –23, 2022 – Hershey Lodge
- E. PSLA 49<sup>th</sup> Conference – March 30 – April 1, 2023 – Harrisburg Hilton
  1. Sarah DeMaria offers extra thanks to everyone for supporting the 2021 Conference. Announced that 2022 will be her last year as conference executive director.
  2. Robin Burns thanked everyone for supporting her during her tenure as President.

IX. Adjournment

A. Motion to adjourn—Cathi Fuhrman; Second—Bob McConnell

B. Motion carried; meeting adjourned at 8:56 am.