



## **Pennsylvania School Librarians Association Annual Committee Report**

**Date: March 23, 2012**

**Committee: Act 48**

**Chairperson(s): Donna Howe & Jennifer Bates**

**Members: Donna Howe & Jennifer Bates**

**Charges with Status** (Please list charge and provide the status (i.e. completed, working on, not addressed, etc.)

1. Submit committee report to the President and your Board liaison using the online form available at: [http://pslawiki.wikispaces.com/committee\\_resources](http://pslawiki.wikispaces.com/committee_resources) and proposed budget figures to the Natalie Hawley, treasurer. - COMPLETED
2. Post committee procedures to the PSLA Wiki under Act 48 in PDF format. A copy of the old procedures can be obtained from Candy Blessing, Constitution and ByLaws Chair. - COMPLETED
3. Review your committee member's list. Check to see that all are current PSLA members by using the links to the PSLA Online Directory. Remove any names of those that are no longer active on your committee. Update list of committee members and submit a corrected copy to the President and Vice President. - COMPLETED
4. Review any information about your committee on the PSLA Website to make sure all of your information is correct and updated. Send any changes to Jessica Oberlin, PSLA Webmaster. - COMPLETED
5. Recruit new members for your committee and present the names to the President for approval and appointment. -NOT ADDRESSED
6. Examine how other professional organizations provide Act 48 credit. - COMPLETED
7. Examine the possibility of providing Act 48 credit through an IU. - COMPLETED  
Act 48 credit will be awarded through IU 16. (see attached Scope of Work)



## **Pennsylvania School Librarians Association Annual Committee Report**

**Date:** April 12, 2012      **Committee:** Archives

**Chairperson(s):** Ericka Thickman Miller

**Members:**

**Charges with Status** (Please list charge and provide the status (i.e. completed, working on, not addressed, etc.)

- Responsible for proper care and storage of the records of the Pennsylvania School Librarian's Association. This year, the records were moved to the Pennsylvania State Archives where they are now properly housed and available to the research community.
- The PSLA archivist began work on the next phase of the archives project to collect oral histories. Key organization members will be interviewed to provide background information, insight, and stories about PSLA which will be of interest to future school librarians and to those who may study them.
- The archivist would like the board to approve the following oral history legal release form for use by this project:

I hereby give, grant, assign and transfer forever, to the Pennsylvania School Librarians Association, as a donation all my rights, title, and interest in and to the recorded conversations made by me on \_\_\_\_\_, and any written summaries or copies thereof, and any documentation accompanying the recordings for use by said association in any lawful way including publication or broadcast, except for the conditions specified below, if any:

Signature

Address

City, State, Zip

## Acceptance by Pennsylvania School Library Association

Signature

Date

- We will ask all interviewees along with their interviewer to sign the form. The State Archives is able to properly care for oral histories we create with the equipment purchased this summer.
- The archivist would like to request that the Board considers that black and white paper copies be made using acid-free paper in order to ensure that PSLA has a permanent record for archives of the following:
  - E-mails sent to the entire listserv
  - E-mails sent to committee members, Learning and Media, and committee reports
- The State Archivist would like PSLA to send the following:
  - printed copies of the newsletter
  - records on organization and functions (charts and studies)
- The archivist would like to have the following collected once a year so that they provide a complete record of the work of PSLA:
  - Minutes of board meetings
  - Legal opinions and comments on legislation
  - Formal directives, procedural issuances, and operating manuals
  - Evaluations of internal operations
  - Analytical research studies and reports
  - Organizational histories and selected background materials
  - Briefing materials
  - Public relations records (speeches, addresses, comments and releases)
  - Audio, visual, and graphic records
  - General subject files documenting substantive programs
  - Selected case files
  - Scientific and technical data
  - Socioeconomic micro-level data

The current PSLA archivist is on disability and is no longer able to properly do the work the organization deserves, so would like to ask someone else to take over. I will be available for questions and consultation, but regret that I cannot continue to be the PSLA archivist.

*Copies via email to: PSLA President, Board Liaison, Co-Chairs (if applicable) and Committee Members*



## **Pennsylvania School Librarians Association Annual Committee Report**

**Date:** *March 23, 2012*

**Committee:** *Awards*

**Chairperson:** Christine Poirier-Hartman

**Members:** Judy Pezzuolo, Connie Roupp, Maria Knopp-White, Jean Bellavance, Celeste Nalwasky, Judy Speedy, Connie Burlingame, Anita Vance, Natalie Hawley, and Karen Hornberger

**Charges with Status** (Please list charge and provide the status (i.e. completed, working on, not addressed, etc.)

*All award winners identified. Work complete.*

Final 2012 Award winners:

*Outstanding Contributor – Marg Foster*

*Outstanding PA Author/Illustrator – Tonya Hurley*

*Outstanding Individual School Library Information Center –  
Dotty Delafield, Mount Nittany Middle School*

*Outstanding District School Library Program – North  
Allegheny School District*

*Special Recognition – Representative Mark Longietti and  
Baruch Kintisch*

New Award created and approved by the Board at previous meeting.



## **Pennsylvania School Librarians Association Annual Committee Report**

**Date: April 14, 2012**

**Committee: Conference**

**Chairperson(s): Eileen Kern and Connie Burlingame**

The PSLA Board of Directors values the importance of the conference as a professional development and networking opportunity for school librarians. Working with the Conference Committee, the Board examined feedback from attendees and exhibitors and changes in professional development policies within school districts. Based on this information, the Board implemented some major changes to the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual PSLA Conference. These changes include:

- Elimination of Pre-Conference Sessions
- Changes to length and number of sessions offered to increase opportunity to earn more Act 48 hours
  - Thursday consists of one three-hour workshop
  - Friday sessions increased to three one-hour offerings
  - Saturday sessions changed to two one-hour and one two-hour offering.
- Replacement of PSLA Conference Luncheon with Lunch and Learn
- Realignment of exhibit hours into two-day format
- Reduction of workshops offered per session based on projected number of librarians able to attend the conference.

The Board appointed Connie Burlingame to be the Executive Director of the PSLA Conference for 2012 and 2013.

The PSLA Board of Directors, Advisory Council, and Conference Committee will be examining the format of the 2013 conference to meet the changing needs of school librarians. The impact of PDE and district policies on professional development time and requirements will be taken into consideration.

The 40<sup>th</sup> Annual PSLA Conference will be held in Hershey on May 2-4, 2013. The theme of the conference will be "Academic Achievement: School Librarians Are Key". Judi Moreillon, author of *Coteaching Reading Comprehension Strategies in Secondary School Libraries* and *Collaborative Strategies for Teaching Reading Comprehension* will be the General Session Speaker.

Respectfully submitted,  
Eileen Kern, Chair  
Conference Committee

Constitution & Bylaws—No report was submitted.



## Pennsylvania School Librarians Association Annual Committee Report

**Date:** *March 2012*

**Committee:** *Curriculum*

**Chairperson(s):** *LaVerne Motley and Shannon Resh*

**Members:** *LaVerne Motley, Shannon Resh (Recording Secretary), Jennifer Bates (Board), Maureen Staub and Winifred Host*

**Charges with Status** (Please list charge and provide the status (i.e. completed, working on, not addressed, etc.))

<b>COMMITTEE CHARGE</b>	<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
<i>Maintain the PSLA Curriculum Corner Wiki (<a href="http://pslacurriculumcorner.wikispaces.com">pslacurriculumcorner.wikispaces.com</a>) to reflect pertinent curriculum and best practice websites.</i>	<i>All Committee Members</i>	<i>Completed by PSLA Spring Conference in April 2011; any additional work is maintenance</i>
<i>Submit proposals by October 1 to Conference Committee for curriculum related workshop presentations at the annual PSLA conference</i>	<i>All Committee Members</i>	<i>S. Resh presenting with D. Kachel about Parent Advocacy</i>
<i>Submit quarterly annotations of curriculum related websites for publication in both the print and eJournal editions of Learning and Media</i>	<i>L. Motley M. Staub</i>	<i>Information submitted for October and November</i>
<i>Examine the Crosswalk between Common Core and the AASL Learning Standards along with the potential of Digital Media and Literacy and Citizenship Standards in order to develop a Professional Development Workshop on Common Core to be presented in the fall of 2012. Work with Professional Development Committee and Susan Panebaker (for WebJunction component.)</i>	<i>All Committee Members</i>	<i>This was not accomplished</i>
<i>Submit quarterly reports to Board Liaison</i>	<i>S. Resh</i>	<i>Completed and sent to J. Bates</i>



## Pennsylvania School Librarians Association Annual Committee Report

**Date:** 3/20/12

**Committee:** Electronic Communications

**Chairperson(s):** Jessica Oberlin and Katie Makatche

**Members:** n/a

**Charges with Status** (Please list charge and provide the status (i.e. completed, working on, not addressed, etc.)

- **New Website Options**
  - I am looking into companies to receive a quote on the costs to transfer to their services. I have given them the necessary information and they are currently working on creating a bid for us. I have not yet received their quotes.
  - Company 1 – <http://www.361designs.com/>
    - Good at communicating
    - Have been told a bid will be available by April 12
  - Company 2 - <http://www.iqnection.com/>
    - Hard to get in touch with – hopefully will have something to look at by April 12
- **Members Only Portion**
  - Will be effective when new web host is selected.
- **Key code page for links to podcasts from sessions at the conference**
  - Key code would need to be changed every year based on registrations for the conference
  - I will contact our web host to see if this is an option.
  - Could the Members' Only portion cover this?
  - Concern - Are we getting into too many layers of passwords? Why not make podcasts available for all members, regardless of whether they are able to attend or not?
- **PSLA email**
  - We have migrated our email to google apps
    - Our current webhost no longer offers free email
    - Google apps is free for our organization as long as we have 10 or fewer emails
- **Social Media**
  - The Social Media Task force
    - Jessica, Katie, Allison, Stephanie, and chaired by Bob McConnell

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- Are Mary Schwander and Karen Hornberger now a part of the Social Media Task force?
      - need to meet
    - Facebook
      - badge has been embedded on the PSLA website
      - 77 people “like” PSLA on Facebook.
      - Allison maintains the Facebook account.
    - Twitter
      - account is created as @PSLA\_News
      - Mary Schwander and Karen Hornberger maintain the Twitter account.
    - Social Media page on PSLA website
      - <http://www.psla.org/index.php/social-media>
      - Added badges for Facebook, Twitter, Youtube, Diigo
  - **PSLA Students Webpage**
    - created and added to the menu under Resources
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## Pennsylvania School Librarians Association Annual Committee Report

**Date: March 21, 2012**

**Committee: Intellectual Freedom**

**Chairperson(s): Heather Lister**

**Members:**

**Charges with Status** (Please list charge and provide the status (i.e. completed, working on, not addressed, etc.)

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**Not Addressed**

2. Post committee procedures to the PSLA Wiki under Intellectual Freedom in PDF format. A copy of the old procedures can be obtained from Candy Blessing, Constitution and ByLaws Chair.

**Not Addressed**

3. Review your committee member's list. Check to see that all are current PSLA members by using the links to the PSLA Online Directory. Remove any names of those that are no longer active on your committee. Update list of committee members and submit a corrected copy to the President and Vice President.

**Completed**

4. Review any information about your committee on the PSLA Website to make sure all of your information is correct and updated. Send any changes to Jessica Oberlin, PSLA Webmaster.

**Not Addressed**

5. Recruit new members for your committee and present the names to the President for approval and appointment.

**In progress**

6. Distribute all pertinent information via the PSLA Listserv.

**In progress**

7. Include in quarterly report to the Board, the list of any materials that have been challenged or banned in Pennsylvania schools.

**None reported to date**

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8. Submit possible conference proposal for a workshop for the annual conference.

Not addressed

9. Submit articles to be placed in the eJournal or *Learning and Media* dealing with intellectual freedom.

Completed

10. Develop, obtain Board approval, and post on the PSLA Wiki a list of procedures on how to handle a challenge.

In Progress

11. Provide links to updated information on copyright, plagiarism and confidentiality on the PSLA Wiki.

In Progress



## **Pennsylvania School Librarians Association Annual Committee Report**

**Date:** *March 17, 2012*      **Committee: Learning and Media**

**Chairperson(s): Michael Nailor**

**Members: Marge Tassia, Kim Brosan, Kelly Guistwhite,  
Eleanor Howe, Allison Mackley, Beth McGuire, Christine  
Metcalfe, Lynn Moses, and Sonya Smith**

**Charges with Status** (Please list charge and provide the status  
(i.e. completed, working on, not addressed, etc.)

*Progress to date:*

*Learning and Media went on line this year with our first digital edition. We published two print issues and one online issue so far. Our plans are to follow through with a Spring issue on line. Many thanks go to Kim Brosan for all her hard work in making this online version a reality.*



## **Pennsylvania School Librarians Association Advisory Council Report**

**Date:** March 23, 2012

**Committee:** Legislation

**Chairperson(s):** Deb Kachel & Deb Hoover

**Members:** Leann Cox, Jayne Downing, John Emerick, Cathi Fuhrman, Carol Heinsdorf, Nancy Henry, Janet Malloy, Anita Mentzer, Lynn Moses, Sally Perry, Rita Moore, Cheryl Swisher, and Angela Tarr

### **1. Legislative Hearings**

Baruch Kintisch, ELC, and Deb are still working with legislative aides from the House and Senate Education Committees to request that informational hearings be held in both the House and Senate Education Committees about the now completed [Pennsylvania School Library Study](#). Dr. Biagini has agreed to come to Harrisburg to present the study and its recommendations.

### **2. IMLS National Leadership Grant Project**

- Keith Curry Lance and his colleagues have completed the quantitative part of the research with preliminary info to be released at the conference.
- A Professional Judgment Panel of 18 school librarians was held January 10 to begin the qualitative phase.
- Three surveys for librarians, teachers, and administrators are currently being completed.
- Four focus groups of non-librarians will be held to gather input from stakeholders, including school administrators, school board members, business and community leaders, parents, etc. They will be held in Pittsburgh (March 27), Greensburg (March 28), Hershey (April 12, and Philadelphia (April 18).
- Research should be completed and ready for publication in the Fall.
- The project website of communication tools and strategies is under construction at [paschoollibraryproject.org](http://paschoollibraryproject.org).

### **3. 2011-2012 Advocacy Program- Parent Workshop**

Shannon Resch and Deb will present this program at the conference. It is a "pre-packaged" 20 to 30 minute program with PowerPoint and handouts that members can present at PTA or PTO meetings to introduce parents to the school library program and ways that parents and librarians can work together to improve student achievement. All materials will be available on the PSLA website.

### **4. PSLA Legislator@Your Library Campaign**

We have 6 event planners - Lin Carvell, John Emerick, Sylvia Firth, Janet Malloy, Bob McConnell, and Judy Speedy-- to assist hosting librarians.

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However, very few members are hosting these visits. Only 3 visits have been completed this year to date.

**5. Current Federal Legislative Issues for FY 2013**

Support for LSTA Funds

Innovative Approaches to Literacy Competitive Grant

Alerts have been sent to members and to the Schools Listserv about contacting US Congress people and posted on the PSLA Legislation web pages.

**6. State Legislative Issues – 2012-13 Budget & Postcard Campaign**

The Library Access line item (POWER Library, ACCESS PA and ILL, etc.) is proposed for another 5% cut. 4,000 postcards will be distributed at our Conference and at the PaPTA Conference (April 20-21 in Pittsburgh). Some will be given to Glenn Miller to share at PaLA meetings. Follett Library Resources generously donated \$1,000 for this campaign. Members will be given directions on completing cards at the General Session of the conference.

**7. Superintendent Letter Campaign**

The PSLA Board approved the text for a letter that is being sent upon request of a member to their Superintendent (with email copies to school board members). The letter urges the Superintendent to reconsider proposed library cuts. Last year 26 such letters were sent; as of today only 3 have been sent.

**8. Get VOCAL Contest**

Perform five advocacy actions by April 1<sup>st</sup> and log them on the PSLA wiki at <http://pslawiki.wikispaces.com/Get+VOCAL+Contest> and members are automatically entered in a drawing to win prizes at the annual conference this April in Hershey. Very few are participating despite several email blasts.

**9. ALA Library Legislative Day, April 23-24**

Deb Hoover and I will be attending ALA Library legislative Days in DC.

**10. Recent Publications**

Kachel, Debra E. "Pennsylvania School Library Studies Released." *PTA in PA Today* March 2012.

cc: PSLA Board, Legislation Committee members & event planners

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## Pennsylvania School Librarians Association Annual Committee Report

**Date:** 3-23-12

**Committee:** Library Promotions

**Chairperson(s):** Elizabeth Henry

**Members:** Lourie Stewart, Denise Mancuso

**Charges with Status** (Please list charge and provide the status (i.e. completed, working on, not addressed, etc.)

### Summary of Committee Activity

During the previous year, the committee rewrote the committee procedures and began to work on updating the Library Promotions portion of the website/wiki. Pertinent library promotion-related information and links have been compiled and will be submitted to the PSLA webmaster no later than May 1, 2012 for approval/upload. Another major project of the committee was the establishment of a regular column in the online editions of *Learning and Media*. The purpose of the column is to share advocacy tips with the membership. Our first column appeared in the Fall 2011 online edition. We plan to continue this column in future online editions of *Learning & Media*.

The Library Promotions committee is always seeking new members to join our committee. If you are a member looking for a committee to become involved with and/or you have an interest in library promotions, please consider joining our committee! (Contact the committee chair or indicate your interest on your membership form, etc.) Our tentative goals for the coming year include: continuing to develop the Library Promotions portion of the PSLA website/wiki, as well as exploring additional methods to communicate library promotion information, techniques, etc. to the membership.

### Charges with Status

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2. Post committee procedures to the PSLA Wiki under Library Promotion in PDF format. A copy of the old procedures can be obtained from Candy Blessing, Constitution and ByLaws Chair. **Completed**
3. Review your committee member's list. Check to see that all are current PSLA members by using the links to the PSLA Online Directory. Remove any names of those that are no longer active on your committee. Update list of committee members and submit a corrected copy to the President and Vice President. **Completed**

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4. Review any information about your committee on the PSLA Website to make sure all of your information is correct and updated. Send any changes to Katie Makatche, PSLA Webmaster. **Working on-updates have been completed by committee and will be submitted no later than May 1.**
5. Recruit new members for your committee and present the names to the President for approval and appointment. **Working on**
6. Distribute all pertinent information via the PSLA Listserv. **Will complete on as-needed basis**
7. Incorporate information and links on the PSLA Website to show librarians how to advocate for their school library program for various groups – i.e. student teachers, administrators, teachers, and community groups. **Working on-see reply to #4. In addition to Library Promotion, the Legislative Committee has also done great work in addressing this charge, particularly in advocating with administrators and community groups.**
8. Plan action that this committee can take to promote advocacy at the school and state level. **Working on**
9. Organize “School Libraries Count Parties” for regional areas for school librarians to complete the AASL survey. Possibly coordinate with the PA library schools. **Not completed-per instructions given to committee at Summer Leadership.**





## Pennsylvania School Librarians Association Committee Report

**Date** 3/29/2012 **Committee** Media Selection & Review

**Chairperson(s)** Jeannie Bellavance & Joyce Valenza

**Members present: none**

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**Meeting (highlight one)   Leadership   Annual Conference   Other**

Pennsylvania Young Reader's Choice Awards Program:

The winning authors and titles are

*Shark vs. Train* by Chris Barton (K-3)

*Pop! The Invention of Bubble Gum* by Meghan McCarthy (3-6)

*The Red Pyramid* by Rick Riordan (6-8)

*Matched* by Ally Condie (Young Adult)

Over 49,000 students participated in the 21<sup>st</sup> annual program. Although the number of students was lower than last year, we did have more young adult participation.

Although contact was made with the Youth Division of the Pennsylvania Public Library Association, no votes were received.

This year the Pennsylvania Young Reader's Choice Committee instituted online voting reports using Google Docs. This was a success. We hope that more libraries will take advantage of this paper and labor saving means next year. In order to make the Pennsylvania Young Reader's Choice Awards more accessible all information will now be found on the Award's wiki ([www.pyrca.wikispaces.com](http://www.pyrca.wikispaces.com)) and the PSLA website.

The committee will be presenting a workshop at the conference as a sequel to last year's Best Practices.

The Young Adult Top Forty SubCommittee is working on our annual conference presentation. This year, we used Google Docs for collecting and editing our booklists and Google Presentation for gathering covers to project at the session. We are delighted that we've received more review titles than ever before from the publishers. We are also delighted that we have several new members who are also new to the profession. (We also have more retired librarian participants than ever before!) At our March 31<sup>st</sup> meeting, we will make a final decision on our theme.

**Board action requested:**

Send copies to President and Board Liaison.



## Pennsylvania School Librarians Association Annual Committee Report

**Date: March 23, 2012**

**Committee: Membership**

**Chairperson(s): Geneva Reeder**

**Members: Nancy Latanision, Ann Lavenburg**

<b>Membership Types</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>2011-2012</b>	<b>2010-2011</b>
<b>Total Members</b>	Active, Associate, Retired & Student	813	992
<b>Active Members</b>	Includes some Retirees	596	738
<b>Associate Members</b>	Excludes Students and Retired	44	43
<b>Retired Members</b>	Includes Active and Associate	63	59
<b>Students</b>	Graduate and Undergraduate	50	52
<b>New Members</b>	All types	60	100

These membership numbers are current as of 3/20/12.

### **Activities of Membership Committee for 2011-2012:**

1. Committee member information was reviewed and sent to PSLA President.
2. Membership Committee procedures were rewritten and have been posted to the PSLA wiki.
3. PSLA membership page was updated to reflect new membership rates and information.
4. Membership postcards were designed and mailed to schools in the fall in order to reach new librarians who may not currently be members.
5. Nancy Latanision continues to update PSLA listserv. In the fall, HSLC switched to a new system which removes members with bad emails immediately. Members were notified of the change in the system so that we have accurate emails in the system and emails address which are not being blocked by their servers.
6. Several communication methods have been used during the past year to notify members and school librarians in general of information pertaining to PSLA membership. We now have several email systems in place to notify members of information, including the RegOnline email, the Schools listserv, and the PSLA listserv.
7. As many members are aware, PSLA experienced several issues during the fall membership drive that hampered creating new memberships as well as the renewal of memberships. After working with the online company, RegOnline, for several months, the issues were finally resolved. Unfortunately, in order to repair some of the problems, the membership website was offline for about three weeks. It appears that there may still be some issues with Comcast email addresses that are being addressed. This is a blocking issue on the part of Comcast. Due to email blocking issues in general, some members may not be able to reset forgotten

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passwords. If an email has not been received within 15 minutes of sending the request, the email is being blocked. Members experiencing this problem should contact the Membership Chair for help in resetting their password.





## **Pennsylvania School Librarians Association Annual Committee Report**

**Date: Spring 2012      Committee: Prof. Development**

**Chairperson(s): Carolyn Van Etten, Beth Sahd**

**Members: Vickie Salter, Peg Mourer, and Sue Ennis**

**Charges with Status** (Please list charge and provide the status (i.e. completed, working on, not addressed, etc.)

*Develop Fall Workshop/Lunch to Learn at the PSLA Conference – Common Core with a delivery method. (We have developed a Common Core workshop to be presented Saturday at PSLA Conference Lunch to Learn. We will be using Lib Guides developed by Vickie Salter. Hopefully this will be part of our delivery method for the future.)*

Professional Standards—No report was submitted.



## **Pennsylvania School Librarians Association Annual Committee Report**

**Date:** *April 9, 2012*

**Committee:** *Regional Coordinators*

**Chairperson(s):** *Stephanie Sweeney*

**Members:**

**Charges with Status** (Please list charge and provide the status (i.e. completed, working on, not addressed, etc.)

Since taking over the committee this year, I am in the process of trying to identify new Regional Coordinators. The first step is to realign the old AccessPA regional groups with the now preferred Intermediate Unit groups. Access to the membership database would make this task easier and assist the new regional coordinators. When I was Lan-Leb regional coordinator and tried to gather this information on my own, I was often met with "none of your business" regarding membership status of librarians in my region.



## **Pennsylvania School Librarians Association Annual Committee Report**

**Date:** *March 26, 2012*      **Committee:** Special Needs

**Chairperson(s):** Constance Roupp

**Members:** Jan VanGorden, Carolyn Kirkpatrick

**Charges with Status** (Please list charge and provide the status (i.e. completed, working on, not addressed, etc.)

- Procedures and policies were reviewed for revision and change. No changes were necessary at this time.
- Arrangements were made with The Communication Connection to provide interpreters for one deaf librarian who will be attending the 2012 Conference.
  - A schedule of events was sent to TCC and interpreters
  - PDF file of conference schedule was provided
  - PDF files of the offered workshops was provided





## Pennsylvania School Librarians Association Annual Committee Report

**Date: 3-16-2012**

**Committee: Students**

**Chairperson(s): Susan Hefley**

**Members: Suzanne Piorkowski, Allison Burrell, Jenn Miller and Mary Kay Biagini and Sally Miller**

**Charges with Status** (Please list charge and provide the status (i.e. completed, working on, not addressed, etc.)

### STUDENTS COMMITTEE CHARGES

JULY 27, 2011

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2. Post committee procedures to the PSLA Wiki under Students in PDF format. A copy of the old procedures can be obtained from Candy Blessing, Constitution and ByLaws Chair. **Completed (constantly under revision and updates).**
3. Review your committee member's list. Check to see that all are current PSLA members by using the links to the PSLA Online Directory. Remove any names of those that are no longer active on your committee. Update list of committee members and submit a corrected copy to the President and Vice President. **We have little to no contact with Sally Myers or Mary Kay Biagini, we use email as our primary form of communication in addition to our committee wiki. They rarely respond to email and chose not to attend our summer meeting. We will meet again during conference (Saturday for breakfast). Suzanne Piorkowski has stepped down as co-chair and will remain a member of the committee in an advisory position.**
4. Review any information about your committee on the PSLA Website to make sure all of your information is correct and updated. Send any changes to Katie Makatche, PSLA Webmaster.

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**Board approved request to post link for Students Website more prominently under the “Resources” tab still has to be completed but the Webinars have been posted prominently on the front page for all to see.**

5. Recruit new members for your committee and present the names to the President for approval and appointment. **Complete.**
6. Distribute all pertinent information via the **PSLA Listserv**. **Complete. We sent out messages about our Webinars and sessions at the Conference in addition to general messages for newbies sent out via our own mailing list.**
7. **Continue to include at least one representative from the PA School Library Educators group on the committee. Complete, please see above for comments about how this is not working to meet the original goal for increased communication between PSLA and this group.**
8. Coordinate the selection of Student Award Winners from PA’s schools of library/information science. **Remind program coordinators of the Board established criteria. Complete. University of Pittsburgh continues to ignore award deadlines and delay our submission to the board.**
9. At least three weeks before the Conference, inform Conference Chair and PSLA President of winners so that appropriate plans can be made. **All winners (except for the University of Pittsburgh) have been submitted.**
10. Submit winners’ names to the Award Committee Chairperson to be included in the flyer. **All winners (except for the University of Pittsburgh) have been submitted.**
11. Create a certificate for each Student Award Winner. Be sure to have President and Secretary sign the certificates prior to presentation at General Session. **Complete.**
12. Submit a proposal for a workshop at conference. **Complete, we are presenting “Got Jobs?” at the conference in addition to the Conference 101 Webinar.**
13. Coordinate the selection of Me? A School Librarian Contest. Information on the procedures can be obtained from Nancy Latanision, Immediate Past President. **Complete.**

*Copies via email to: PSLA President, Board Liaison, Co-Chairs (if applicable) and Committee Members*

14. Winners are to be selected by January 15, and the president notified so that the president can send the announcement letters to winning and non-winning entries. **Complete.**
15. Submit the names of the winners to the Awards Committee Chairman to be included in the Awards Breakfast Flyer. **Complete.**
16. Create a certificate for each contest winner to be presented at the Awards Breakfast. These need to be signed by the President and the Secretary. **Complete. Awaiting a little information from Nancy Smith Latinasion to finalize high school certificates.**
17. Explore offering Conference 101 through electronic media in advance of the conference. **The first Conference 101 Webinar will be offered at three times during April, before the conference, through psia.webex.com. We do have several videos to enhance the presentation and hope that increased encouragement for questions will make the presentation more dynamic.**
18. Continue the great work on the Students' website and incorporate the branding policy for all PSLA web presence. **Complete. The PSLA Jobs Board is always looking for additional openings, if you know of any...please contact Susan Hefley.**
19. Continue to promote Student-PSLA chapters for schools in PA that offer degrees for school librarians, both undergraduate and graduate. **Working On.....we have met with a large hurdle. The schools do not all WANT a PSLA chapter and this seems to be largely based on their program directors and professional staff. When we tried to present at each school this year Kutztown welcomed us with open arms and we have great hope of building a strong PSLA presence in this school, but others were more hesitant or noted that their students are primarily online and this simply would not work. Not entirely sure how to proceed with this charge and would welcome feedback.**

**RED CHARGES INDICATE HIGH PRIORITY ITEMS**



# Pennsylvania School Librarians Association Quarterly Committee Report

**Date: April 12, 2012**

**Committee: Technology Committee**  
**Chairperson: Bob McConnell**

**Members:** Janice Albright, Missi St. Cyr, Dzintra Gorman, Susan Kell,  
Heather Lister, Lindsey Long, Laura Wienand

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**Meeting (highlight one)   Leadership   Annual Conference   Other**

**The committee is working on the following items:**

## **1. Update on WebEx (Web conferencing)**

- a. Susan Hefley, Students Committee co-chairperson sent me an email with the pros and cons to this format of presentation. Here's the information:
  - i. Susan and her committee had to work a lot of bugs out in the first session but once they discovered that you simply have to mute everyone except the presenter it works great.....except then no one else ventures to just "Pipe Up" with their two cents.....which is often what enhances live sessions and makes them better. Even Susan's co-presenters have to be prompted and she have to go the extra step to unmute them before they will talk, it can make for an awkward pause.
  - ii. The software is VERY easy to use! Susan can easily share Power Points and ANYTHING else. When Susan has it on her screen then the participants can view it also.
  - iii. It is VERY convenient. The program allows people to come together in a time and place that works for them. That is the biggest PRO.
  - iv. They offered 3 of every session hoping to offer times that work for everyone, and also because they were concerned about the 25 people limit (usually conference 101 is PACKED) but.....the numbers are down this year in this format. We had a total of almost 15 people for our Who? Me? the New Librarian?! Session and expect similar numbers for Conference 101 at best. So next time we

would only offer one session because honestly as a presenter, presenting something three times takes a lot of time and effort. Our hope is that this would lead to a more personalized session but because of the webinar format, and how impersonal it is by nature it really does not. It is VERY impersonal. We have no idea who is on the other end of that computer. Is it a young librarian? Is it an older experienced librarian? Is it an entire CLASS of librarians (this happened once, but they only log in as one person, so we did not know!)? Normally Susan would watch body language, expressions and use their questions to guide the presentation especially with pace and exactly what to add to customize it to their needs. This was impossible in this format. They also do not see the presenters facial expressions and lose some of what they are saying and not saying because of this feature.

- v. Overall Susan believes it is worthwhile for SOME sessions and some things, she is just not sure that these were the best two to test them on. Susan hopes more people will speak up and let us know what they would like PSLA to present in Webinar format and then that more PSLA presenters will speak up and want to use the technology. Susan would like to present these sessions again at the conference in 2013.....and not again in Webinar format.
  - b. In addition the technology committee would like to promote WebEx with other committees plus continue to encourage the Curriculum Committee and Professional Development Committee to use this software.
2. There is a page on the Technology Committee wiki for sharing ideas for the Social Media Networking Policy to be developed for the June PSLA Board Meeting. The URL is: <http://techcompsla.wikispaces.com>
3. The Technology is sponsoring two panel discussion sessions at the PSLA State Conference:
- a. Selecting E-Readers, B6 Session
    - i. Discuss the pros and cons of different types of E-Readers. Panelists will discuss why they selected a particular type of E-Reader.
    - ii. The panel consist of the following people: **Collette Adams, Janice Albright, George Czar, Elizabeth Dean, Amanda Flagle, Jennifer Hendry, Shawn Lutz, Erin Parkinson, Amy Witt**

- b. E-Books In The Library, F6 Session
  - i. "Questions about e-books and the library?" If you have these questions on your mind, please consider attending this timely and informative panel discussion. Panelists will discuss the various types of e-books, advantages of e-books, and the selection process in obtaining e-books. A question and answer session will be included so individuals can get specific answers.
  - ii. The panel consist of the following people: Corey Abrams, Janice Albright, Christopher Andrews, Charmaine A Gates, William J. Giblin, Amey Johnson, Vicki R. Mentzer, Donna Palamara, Mike Shontz, Stephanie Sweeney, Debra S. Why, Lauren Will, Amy Witt, Regina Yeager
- 4. Bob developed a special wiki for the e-reader and e-book sessions. We are considering maintaining this wiki for school librarians. The URL is <http://pslae-readersande-books.wikispaces.com>
- 5. Bob contacted McAfee Security and they were able to load it on Natalie Hawley's laptop. Hel will check with other people and have them load it on their laptop. Lindsey Long had security loaded on her laptop when the laptop was fixed.
- 6. Maintenance Update on PSLA equipment
  - a. Lindsey Long laptop was repaired
  - b. Connie Roupp's laptop needed replace. We purchased a new Acer laptop with Intel Core i3-2350M Processor, 17.3' monitor, 6 GB RAM, 1 TB hard drive with Windows 7 Home Processor. It is from Staples on sale for \$499 plus tax.
  - c. Bob also purchased a Microsoft Office Home and Student CD-ROM for three computers for PSLA at \$119 plus tax.
- 7. Update on PSLA Equipment Exchange at the state conference.
  - a. Candy Blessing will return the PSLA laptop.
  - b. Erika Miller, the Archive Chair will return the Camcorder and Microphone and then PSLA will reimburse her for the equipment.
  - c. Geneva Reeder will return the Membership laptop for the next chairperson.
- 8. Discuss with the PSLA Board about replacing equipment.
- 9. I am planning on asking for input from the other PSLA chairpersons on the following topics at the state conference:
  - a. Suggestions on PSLA Sessions for Podcast ,
  - b. The technology committee is assisting with the development of the PSLA Social Media Networking Policy
  - c. Promote WebEX.

**Budget:**

**Charges, timelines, & contact:**

**Board action requested: None**

**Thank Bob McConnell**

