

**KASL Council Meeting**  
**February 4, 2017 9:00 am**  
**Hesston Middle School**  
**Hesston, KS**

The meeting was called to order by Marla Wigton, President, at 9:33 am.

Roll call by sign in. Members attending were:

Marla Wigton, President/Historian  
Martha House, President Elect/Webmaster  
Nancy McFarlin, Past President/Governmental Affairs  
Brenda Lemon, Treasurer  
Rachel Yoder, Secretary  
Julie Doyen, Assistant Treasurer  
Ruth McCauley, Promotions Chair  
Amy Gilliland, State Library/KLFA Rep  
Beverley Buller, WAW Liason  
Tonya Foster, District I Assistant Director  
Carol Higley, District IV Director  
Rachel Hodges, District IV Assistant Director  
Sarah Schaffer, District V Director  
Hilary Watson, District V Assistant Director  
Linda Glaze, District VI Director

Minutes from the July meeting were presented. Nancy McFarlin moved to approve minutes with one spelling change. Amy Gilliland seconded. Motion passed.

Attendees based introductions of themselves around Carmen Deedy's new book, ***The Rooster Who Would Not Be Quiet***, with apologies from Marla for not being able to bring the book along. Names of attendees and something we want to "crow" about were shared.

**Reports:**

**Treasurer** (Brenda Lemon):

- Brenda included two budgets in the shared Google Drive folder. One budget is the current year's and one is a proposal for next year. There hasn't been much action on the budget so far this year. Membership has gone down the past couple of years which affects the budget; this will be a discussion point later on the agenda.
- Nancy moved to accept the treasurer's report. Ruth McCauley seconded. Motion passed.

**Assistant Treasurer** (Julie Doyen):

- One of Julie's main roles is to take care of taxes that come with merchandise sales. Because there were not many sales this year (about \$70), taxes this year were about \$5.

- Some new merchandise is in for the new year: card holders, mini white boards, big pad folios. The point of merchandise is to get KASL's name out. Julie is open to ideas for new items.
- Some discussion around the idea of selling the logo as an iron on for items rather than actual t-shirts, for example.

***KLFA/State Library Rep*** (Amy Gilliland):

- Amy included in the shared Google Drive folder the most recent KLFA agenda with some notes as well as notes from the State Library meeting. She also included a document called "Website Resources." The Kansas Coalition is developing an initiative called "Rise Up Kansas" with several initiatives they would like to pass.
- Amy highlighted some points from the State Library meeting. There is a link to the online databases. Data research is happening right now in order to justify need for federal funds that pay for many of the databases. Discussion occurred about various databases available.
- Amy also brought up information about the courier service. Discussion took place about the benefits of being on the courier.

***Professional Excellence*** (Mary Hobson, not present):

- Information about the Vision Award and Distinguished Library Media Specialist Award has been distributed. Council members can nominate for the Vision Award and anyone can nominate for the Library Media Specialist Award. Both are awarded at fall conference. Scholarships are also available. Links to these are available on the website and have also come through the listserv.

***William Allen White Program*** (Beverley Buller):

- Bev posted her report in the shared Google Drive folder. For this coming year a record 115 books have already been nominated as well as a record number of ineligible books. There will be two more rounds of nominations, then books will be chosen in September. There are three KASL members on the committee: Amanda Harrison, Benjamin Matthews, and Debra Vance. Debra's term will end in September so the KASL Executive Committee will choose a new committee member at the August meeting.
- Michelle Hammond is the new executive director of the program. She and Bev will visit the District Workshops to introduce the new books, take questions, and pass out posters.
- Voting officially ends April 15; this year will be Monday, April 17th. Winners will be announced the end of April. The celebration will again be held in October with the signing at Red Rocks the night before.
- Significant discussion was held on the importance of vetting the books.

***Past-President*** (Nancy McFarlin):

- Nancy reported on those running for election. Brenda Lemon will run as treasurer for a two year term, Rachel Yoder will run as secretary for a one year term, and Lucas Loughmiller will run as President Elect. Nancy will post biographies and send out to membership.

Break at 11:30 and included lunch. Reconvened at 12:30.

**Promotions** (Ruth McCauley):

- Ruth has not yet heard if there will be an official signing for the proclamation of School Library Month yet. She will let us know.

**ESSA Report** (Martha House/Julie Doyen):

- ESSA has replaced NCLB at the federal level. Although federal funding is up in the air, for the first time librarians are recognized as professionals. This provides many opportunities even if there is no money attached.
- KASL has responded in a variety of ways. At last July's meeting, the Executive Committee developed a social media plan to get the word out about what school librarians do in Kansas, especially so it reaches KSDE. This effort has faded a bit, but USD 259's recent strong online presence was highlighted. Social Media presence will continue even if it is small because of the talking points it provides.
- Highlighted ALA's ESSA information, included on the KASL website. AASL has also developed cards with ESSA talking points.
- Julie Doyen is on the Kansas ESSA committee. She met in January with approximately 30 people. Plans are for about half face to face and half online meetings. The meeting in January included defining the new law and trying to give the committee an understanding of how the new standards will be implemented. Kansas is leading the nation in education and is known for being exceptional. The meeting was more of an informational meeting about building foundational knowledge. Grants will not be given out in March and April as was previously stated.
- Outside Validation Teams are being put together for district accreditation. The visits by teams will be staggered. Julie encouraged librarians to apply to be on a team because many different roles (higher ed educators, community members, parents, administrators/teachers, librarians, etc) will be needed for a total of 2000 people. Applicants can not serve on teams for their own district but for neighboring districts. There is a five year commitment, the length of the accreditation cycle.
- Martha mentioned an idea by Ann Schuster to invite KSDE leaders (Dr. Watson, Brad Neuenswander, and others) to participate in a KSDE panel at fall conference to give an update on ESSA.

**Fall Conference Update** (Martha House):

- The fall conference will be held October 24-27 at the Hyatt Regency in Wichita. Mary Downing Hahn will be the visiting author. Dr. Stuart Robertshaw will give a keynote on "The Healing Power of Humor." KASL is working with KLA on this conference and the first committee meeting will be in a few weeks. Approximately \$33,000 was earned as profit on last year's conference. KLA took about \$25,000 because they had 316 attend and KASL took \$11,030 because we had 172 attend.

- Discussed the possibility of AASL giving a workshop, either all day or a webinar. The consensus of the group was that there is interest in a webinar or something at fall conference. Marla will find out more information about what a webinar would include.

***KLA Merge Update*** (Martha House):

- Meetings have continued, beginning the process of moving forward towards a merge.
- One major discussion point has been membership fees. KLA's current fee structure would be too much for school librarians, and KLA has done major work towards reorganizing that. Right now they are looking at a \$40 membership fee plus \$10-15 fee for KASL subsection. That would allow KASL members to have membership in both KLA and KASL. KASL would take \$7-12 of subsection fee. Also looking at institutional membership and how individual membership might be a part of that.
- Other points included: KASL members would have 1-2 seats on KLA board, KLA would take care of fall conference, KASL could still offer grants and awards by using interest from investments and avoiding principal. Merging would take some of the pressure off of KASL officers and committee members and would give members opportunities to work with other library stakeholders in the state. Membership in both organizations is waning; this would make both groups more efficient. Martha feels that if a merge is going to happen, now is the time.
- Discussion held about amount of membership fee and about the idea in general. Is membership in organizations a generational difference? Who will take leadership in KASL as members retire? Are colleges promoting KASL to students? Officers should present proposal at district workshops to get a feel for what entire membership thinks before we make a motion or vote. Decided to table further conversation until April council meeting.

Marla highlighted ways for KASL members to become more involved in the organization now. Long time active members are stepping down and roles will need to be filled. Peg Golden has been in charge of District Directors and is stepping down. Intellectual Freedom Committee does not have a chair. Cathy Pagot will chair the Professional Excellence Committee next year, and Robin Schrack and Deb Kauer continue as chairs of the Technology Committee.

**District Workshops:**

***District I:*** Represented by Tonya Foster. April 8, Topeka. Workshop will have a gaming theme. She is reaching out to authors who might attend.

***District II:*** Represented by Ruth McCauley. April 1, Winfield High School. Will include a presentation by Anna Katerson from ESU on Makerspaces. Will also include breakfast, a WAW session by Beverley Buller, a math/library collaboration for HS, and a PBL session.

***District III:*** Report. Information given on Makerspace ideas, BreakoutEdu, WAW. Included brunch.

***District IV:*** Represented by Carol Higley. February 25, Manhattan HS East Campus. Will include Technology sessions, WAW, information about self-publishing by Carmaine Ternes, gaming session by Lucas Loughmiller, and green screen information. NEKLS will be present as well.

***District V:*** Represented by Sarah Schaeffer. April 1, Dodge City Middle School. Abdo rep coming as well as two authors. Will include information on green screens, gaming, a “make-and-take,” and the youth librarian from the public library will bring a life-size game.

***District VI:*** Represented by Linda Glaze. April 8, Oberlin. NWKLS will be present. Information will be presented on BreakoutEdu as well as the Plex system by Nancy McFarlin.

Carol Higley made motion to adjourn. Linda Glaze seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 2:20 pm.

The next council meeting will be Saturday, April 22 in Wichita.