The meeting was called to order by Marla Wigton, President, at 9:38 am.

Marla opened the meeting with a welcome to all, including new assistant directors for each district, as well as a reminder that this is the last meeting of the year. She also highlighted handouts available.

Roll call was taken by sign-in sheet. Members attending were:

- Marla Wigton, President, Historian
- Martha House, President-Elect, Webmaster
- Nancy McFarlin, Past-President, Governmental Affairs Chair
- Barb Bahm, Executive Secretary, Conference Futures, District I Past Director
- Brenda Lemon, Treasurer
- Julie Doyen, Assistant Treasurer
- Rachel Yoder, Secretary
- Ruth McCauley, Promotions Chair
- Debra Kauer, Technology Co-Chair
- Mary Hobson, Professional Excellence Chair
- Andrew Smith, SLIM @ ESU Liaison
- Carmaine Ternes, L4L State Coordinator
- Amy Gilliland, State Library of Kansas Board Representative
- Lisa Nocita, Technology Co-Chair, District I Director
- Tonya Foster, District I Assistant Director
- Carol Higley, District IV Director
- Cyndie Aumiller, District VI Assistant Director
- Cathy Pagot, District III Assistant Director
- Linda Glaze, District VI Director
- Diane Mahaffey, District II Past Director
- Rachel Hodges, District IV Assistant Director
- Sarah Schaeffer, District V Director
- Rita Baxa, District V Past Director
- Pam Keller

Sarah Schaeffer moved to accept the minutes from the January meeting. Mary Hobson seconded. Motion passed.
Reports:

Treasurer (Brenda Lemon):
- Brenda passed out an updated budget report. One line item, council business, was over budget. That extra expense was because of Nancy McFarlin’s mileage to KLFA meetings. In the past money was taken from President line item but now is taken from council business. Next year’s budget will reflect change.
- Discussion was held on how much to contribute towards legislative action and the William Allen White fund, as well as how much to keep in scholarship loan. In the past, $2000 was given to legislative action and $150 was given to the William Allen White fund. Budget specifics would be voted on later in the meeting.
- Debra Kauer moved to approve the treasurer’s report. Nancy seconded. Motion passed.

Assistant Treasurer (Julie Doyen):
- Assistant Treasurer’s role is mainly to take care of taxes and merchandise. KASL does not pay many taxes because merchandise sales are not meant to be a money maker. Gave away $407 of merchandise at fall conference. Each district had a bag of merchandise to share. Julie is working to buy limited number of items with the logo and is trying to be financially responsible. She personally thanked vendors at the fall conference.

Learning4Life (Carmaine Ternes):
- Carmaine highlighted the report that is included in the folder in Google Drive. She participated in a conference call in March to discuss concerns across the nation, including standards and guidelines, state testing requirements, and difficulties in filling positions. Helpful resources are included as links in her report.

Professional Excellence (Mary Hobson):
- The distinguished Library Media Specialist award went to Jane Burton from Norton, nominated by Linda Glaze.
- The AASL fall forum this year is a conference focused on gaming. So far one member has applied to attend; there may be one more application coming.

SLIM @ ESU (Andrew Smith):
- The new dean is beginning July 5. Currently a search underway for another faculty member, hopefully beginning in August. They are seeing more school library students coming through the program. They are celebrating the 10 year anniversary of the Overland Park campus.

President-Elect (Martha House):
- Martha presented the status of the memorandum of understanding for this fall’s KLA/KASL joint conference. After looking it over, she, George and Shelia Blume, and the Executive Committee were concerned about some of the language in the memorandum. Discussion ensued about what changes in language were necessary in order for memorandum to be signed. There seemed to be some inconsistencies and lack of attention that needed to be
resolved. Martha will go back to the conference committee with KASL Council’s comments and concerns. Martha wanted Council to understand we are not in a secure position for the fall conference until the memorandum is signed.

- Martha presented the idea of merging with KLA as a section. A lot hinges on working out memorandum with them, but could have benefits to merge. She will come up with a list of “nonnegotiables” to present to KLA. Both executive committees would have to approve along with both full organizations. At any point either organization could back out, but nice to have a plan in place if we need it. Discussion took place regarding benefits/disadvantages of merging, comparing KLA/KASL to other states’ organizations, what difficulties KASL would still have. Conversation turned to decreasing membership and reasons for that. Several mentioned reasons for decreasing membership could be paying for costs out of pocket, fewer numbers of librarians, less ability to take time off. What benefits does KASL provide? Value of providing resources (face to face and web) that are for members only? Where does/should KASL look for new members? Compared to NEA that is very visible to new graduates. Several agreed face to face is best when promoting KASL to potential new members.

**District Workshop Reports:**

District 1 (Barb Bahm/Lisa Nocita): 62-63 people attended. There were 16 breakout sessions. Several participants commented they wished the same session was offered multiple times.

District 2 (Diane Mahaffey): 16 people attended. Sandy from SEKLS spoke. One presenter was not able to attend, so there was time to share which was valuable. Several new faces this year.

District 3 (Cathy Pagot): Don’t have number of people who attended. Sheri Roberts presented on evidence based practices. Also several break out session opportunities as well as time to collaborate and share.

District 4 (Carol Higley): Partnered with NCKLS at Manhattan Public Library. Several session opportunities including bingo with state databases, iMotion app, Spheros, WAW presentation, and improv in the classroom/library.

District 5 (Rita Baxa/Sarah Schaeffer): 19 people attended, a “small but mighty group.” Local author presented. Family of Rita Shogren sent a YouTube video to share. Discussion and sharing time for all.

District 6 (Brenda Henry/Linda Glaze): 10 members, 2 guests attended. NWKLS presented. Christy Snyder from CKLS also presented. Information on storywalks, ILL included. Presented the idea of free membership going to district director as encouragement because resources are so far apart. Will be on their agenda as a voting issue.

Break for lunch. Reconvened at 12:46 pm.

**Budget discussion:**

- Brenda noted the line item budget used has been in place a long time, just been reusing. She proposed eliminating several line items and combining several line items. Recommended
bumping up Council Meeting/Council Business line items to $2000 to cover Nancy’s mileage to and from Goodland. Also recommended raising Legislative Action line item from $2000 to $3000. Andrew Smith suggested adding a note at the bottom of this year’s budget recording what changes were made so it is clear it wasn’t a mistake. Amy Gilliland moved to make budget changes as recommended for next year. Mary Hobson seconded. Motion passed.

- Brenda moved to pay the William Allen White endowment $150. Ruth McCauley seconded. Motion passed.

Advocacy/Legislative Affairs (Nancy McFarlin):
- Nancy submitted a report in the folder on Google Drive. She has attended KLFA (Kansas Learning First Alliance) where they talk about legislative issues. They usually get an update from KDOE there. Randy Watson and Brad Neuenschwander have both attended. Nancy submitted written testimony in regards to SB 56. She will not be attending the National Legislative Day in Washington DC in May. Instead, Heather Braum, another member of the Governmental Affairs committee, will attend.

State Library (Amy Gilliland):
- Amy submitted a report in Google Drive. Discussed renewal of databases, including Britannica, Mango, and KS Government Online Library. Extensive revamping of databases page. Amy also discussed partnership with KS Historical Society. The State Library’s budget has been cut 50% over the last six years.

Promotions (Ruth McCauley):
- Ruth had conversation with Jackie Lakin, concerned about the cuts at the State Library and that school libraries rely on the databases. She wondered if individually or by group donations could be made to the State Library. Consensus was that tax dollars are our support as well as KASL money given towards Legislative Action. Amy noted there is a difference in monies and how they can be used as well. Ruth will send a personal email to Jackie saying KASL is supporting them through increase in Legislative Action budget for lobbying since State Library can’t lobby for itself.
- Ruth went to Topeka to visit with Governor Brownback and sign proclamation for School Library Month. Others in attendance were Jo Budler, Jackie Lakin, a representative from KNEA, another Winfield librarian working on certification, and her daughter.

Break for a fire alarm in the library!

Technology (Lisa Nocita/Robin Schrack/Debra Kauer):
- Lisa presented a proposal to move technology forward within KASL, located in the Google Drive folder. The committee met earlier in April. Would like to revise vision statement of technology committee within KASL vision statement. Proposed two steps to making
technology more relevant. First step is to “establish a collaborative, purposeful, and relevant presence in Social Media.” Discussion included brand for KASL, potential for negative messages, who monitors accounts, and the importance of increasing presence and staying relevant. Also continued discussion of creating “members only” section of website so there is value in being a member of KASL (for example, Brenda Lemon’s tech tips). Second step in proposal is to create a “countdown to conference--a 15 or 30 day tech challenge with the final challenge occurring at fall conference.” Purpose would be to discover new resources, tools, and to encourage people to come to conference.

- Discussed hashtag that could be used across social media. Tentatively decided on #kaslks.

_Guidelines change_ (Nancy McFarlin):

- No one has stepped up to be president-elect for next year. The executive committee briefly discussed the issue, and all three current leaders are willing to stay in positions another year with the caviat that others step up. Discussion included those who have hesitantly said they would consider it in the future but are not sure they're ready. Advantages and disadvantages of longer terms for positions--time to learn, but requires more of a commitment. Brenda made a motion to accept current leadership for another year. Lisa seconded. Motion passed.

- KASL membership voted on and passed terms for secretary and treasurer; constitutional amendment passed for next year to create two year terms on an alternating basis.

_Other business:_

- Discussed eliminating the $40 per diem statement related to travel reimbursement and adding one section to the treasurer's responsibilities p. 16, in notes--"add KLFA." Brenda moved to approve changes to the guidelines. Mary seconded. Motion passed.

Debra moved to adjourn. Ruth seconded. Meeting adjourned 2:15 pm.