



**Pennsylvania School Librarians  
Association  
Annual Business Meeting - Minutes  
Saturday, April 23, 2022  
Hershey Lodge and Convention Center- Red Room**

- I. Call to Order - President Laura Ward called the meeting to order at 7:58 am
- II. Association reports
  - A. Secretary's Report (Elizabeth Henry)
    1. April 17, 2021 Annual Business Meeting Minutes
      - a. Minutes were posted to the conference website prior to the meeting
      - b. Motion to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2021 Annual Business Meeting—Deb Hoover; Second—Ann Schmidt. All in favor; Motion carried.
  - B. Treasurer's Report (Jeff Weiss)
    1. Fiscal Reports
      - a. 2020-2021 Income/Expense Report
      - b. Report filed subject to audit
- III. Committee reports
  - A. Advocacy Committee (Aimee Emerson)
    1. HB 1168 - 26 co-sponsors, 2-prime sponsors
    2. SB 964 - 13 co-sponsors, 1 prime sponsor
    3. Statewide school library study has been funded. The University of Pittsburgh will conduct the study.
    4. The Intellectual Freedom Task Group has been established and will be a sub-group of the Advocacy Committee. The goal of this task group is to provide support to school librarians on intellectual freedom related issues.
  - B. Awards Committee (Samantha Hull) - read only

- C. Communications Committee (Lauren Strohecker) - read only
- D. Conference Committee (Mary Schwander)
  - 1. 2022 Conference attendance: 231 attendees, 20 in-person vendors, 2 virtual vendors, 20 authors
  - 2. 2023 Conference Theme: Breaking Boundaries, Creating Communities
  - 3. 2023 Conference Author Keynote: Alex Gino, Keynote Speaker: Cicely Lewis.
- E. Operations Committee (Caitlin Linsenmann) - read only
- F. Teaching & Learning Committee (Leah Lindemann)
  - 1. Several virtual events were held during 2021-22
  - 2. The Literature Review blog continues to be updated on a regular basis

#### IV. PA Dept of Education, Office of Commonwealth Libraries Update

- A. A task force comprised of school librarians and youth/children public librarians have been meeting regularly to dialogue and bridge the gap between school and public libraries

#### V. American Association of School Librarians Update

#### VI. Old Business

- A. Staffing Survey 2021-22 (Aimee Emerson)
  - 1. Staffing survey report has been posted on PSLA website
- B. LSTA Grant Activities Update 2021-22 (Laura Ward)
  - 1. Three leadership academies (LAAL, LISL, SLLA) were held during 2021-22
  - 2. A summer virtual academy is currently in the planning stages
- C. Other Old Business
  - 1. None

#### VII. New Business

- A. Resolutions/Recognition
  - 1. Resolution - Sarah DeMaria  
WHEREAS: Sarah DeMaria has served as the PSLA Conference director for three consecutive years;

WHEREAS: Sarah DeMaria has participated in the Mini Regional 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 Samantha Hull, seconded by Leah Lindemann, motion carried.

2. Resolution - Tracy Nelson

WHEREAS: Tracy Nelson has served on the Conference Committee as part of the registration task group for over 20 years;

WHEREAS: Tracy Nelson has served as the Registration Chair and was instrumental in updating the conference registration process;

WHEREAS: Tracy Nelson has served as a Focus Group Participant in the IMLS National Leadership Grant with Keith Curry Lance, "Supporting the Infrastructure Needs of a 21st Century School Library Program";

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 Sarah DeMaria, seconded by Caitlin Linsenmann, motion carried.

3. Resolution - Krista Leonard

WHEREAS: Krista Leonard served on the Conference Committee in various roles including Author Signing, Technology Showcase Chair and the Exhibit Hall and Prize Committee;

WHEREAS: Krista Leonard served as the Exhibits Chair and was a pivotal member of the Conference Committee;

WHEREAS: Krista Leonard has served as a participant in the Sustaining 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 Sarah DeMaria, seconded by Caitlin Linsenmann, motion carried.

4. Resolution - Janice Conger

WHEREAS: Janice Conger has served in various task positions within the Conference Committee including the Makerspace chair;

WHEREAS: Janice Conger has served as a member of the Unconference Committee and a Workshop Evaluator;

WHEREAS: Janice Conger has served as a presenter in numerous Pennsylvania School Librarian Association Conferences;

WHEREAS: Janice Conger has served as the co-chair of the Teaching & Learning Committee;

WHEREAS: Janice Conger has served as a participant in the Mini-Regional Leadership 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 Sarah DeMaria, seconded by Maryalice Bond, motion carried.

5. Resolution - Robert McConnell

WHEREAS: Robert McConnell has served as a member of the Awards Committee and co-chair of the Operations Committee;

WHEREAS: Robert McConnell has served as a mentor in the Emerging Leaders Academies, Sustaining Leaders Academy, and the Regional Leaders Academy;

WHEREAS: Robert McConnell has served on the Expert Panel for Leadership Development for PA School Librarians;

WHEREAS: Robert McConnell has served as a participant in the Professional Judgment Panel of the IMLS National Leadership Grant with Keith Curry Lance, "Supporting the Infrastructure Needs of a 21st Century School Library Program";

WHEREAS: Robert McConnell has presented numerous times at the Pennsylvania School Librarians Association conference and has been a member for over 30 years;

WHEREAS: Robert McConnell has encouraged countless librarians to become a member of the Pennsylvania School Librarians Association and to pursue leadership positions within the organization;

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.

Moved by Craig McFeely, seconded by Jamie Scott, motion carried.

6. Resolution - Mary Schwander

WHEREAS: Mary Schwander has served as the Vice President of the Pennsylvania School Librarians Association for the last year;

WHEREAS: Mary Schwander has served as the co-chair of the Conference Committee and also the Technology Committee;

WHEREAS: Mary Schwander has served of the Board of Directors;

WHEREAS: Mary Schwander has served as the Conference Committee Unconference Task Coordinator for two years and also the 2015 Conference Flash Mob organizer;

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 Laura Ward, seconded by Lauren Strohecker, motion carried.

7. Resolution - Robin Burns

WHEREAS: Robin Burns has served on the Board of Directors and as the Vice President, President Elect, President, and Immediate Past President for the Pennsylvania School Librarians Association;

WHEREAS: Robin Burns has participated as a member of the steering group for the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Grant Leading at Any Level and the School Librarians Leadership Academy;

WHEREAS: Robin Burns has participated in the Mini Regional Leadership Academy and the Virtual Summer Leadership Academy;

WHEREAS: Robin Burns was a founding member of the East Central Pennsylvania School Librarians Association, an affiliate of PSLA;

WHEREAS: Robin Burns has been a member of the Media Selection and Review Committee and the Regional Coordinators Committee;

WHEREAS: Robin Burns has presented and moderated at numerous PSLA Conferences and has been a member for over 15 years;

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

Motion made by Caitlin Linsenmann, seconded by Leah Lindemann—motion carried.

B. Other New Business

1. None

VIII. Future Dates

- A. ALA Annual Conference – June 23-28, 2022 Washington, DC
- B. PSLA Summit Virtual – July 6, 2022 - Virtual
- C. PSLA 49th Conference - March 30 - April 1, 2023 - Harrisburg Hilton

IX. Adjournment

- A. Motion to adjourn—Robert McConnell; Second—Shannon Resch. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elizabeth Henry, Secretary