

**Tennessee Library Association  
Board Meeting  
8 April 2009  
Hermitage Branch Library  
Nashville, TN**

**Attendance Record:**

Group Representing /Position	Name	Present	Absent
<b>President</b>	Sue Szostak	X	
Vice-President / President-elect	Kevin Reynolds	X	
Recording Secretary	Bess Robinson	X	
Past President	Jane Pinkston	X	
Executive Director	Annelle R. Huggins	X	
Advisory on State Documents	Kevin Reynolds	X	
Archives & History	Inga Fillipo	X	
	Yildiz Binkley	X	
ByLaws / Procedures	Cathy Farley		X
	Marion Bryant		X
Conference Planning / 2009	Susan Earl	X	
	Louise Kelly	X	
Finance	Jeanne Sugg	X	
	Annelle R. Huggins	X	
Honor / Awards	Frances Adams-O'Brien		X
	Gayle Baker	X	
TN History Book Award	Valarie Adams	X	
	Carol Roberts		X
Volunteer State Book Award	Kathy Patten		X
	Patty Williams		X
Intellectual Freedom	Mary V. Carpenter		X
	Wendy Cornelisen	X	
Legislation	Dinah Harris	X	
	Vandy Owen	X	
Membership	Mei Hu		X
	Patricia Metcalf	X	
Nominating	Nancy Gibson	X	
Public Relations	Susan Rogers Blakely		X
	James Staub	X	
Publications Advisory Board	Martha Earl	X	
	Louis Morgan	X	
Scholarship	Tiffani Conner	X	
	Janet Drumheller	X	
Site Selection	Marion Bryant		X
	Annelle Huggins	X	
Staff Development	Genny Carter	X	
	Debbie Stevens	X	
Strategic Planning	Jane Pinkston	X	
	Virginia Cairns		X
College / University	Nancy Gibson	X	
Public	Rhonda Tippitt		X
School	Leah Allison	X	
	Dorothy Hooper	X	
Special	Martha Earl	X	
Trustee / Friends	Frances Darnell		X
Children / Young Adults	Susan Tyner		X
Electronic Resources	Mary Ellen Pozzebon		X
Government Documents	James Staub	X	
Library Instruction	Kristen West	X	
Reference / Information Services	Courtney Stephens	X	

Technical Services	Valarie Adams	X	
<b>CALA</b>	Valarie Adams	X	
Boone Tree Library Association	Theresa McMahan		X
<b>ETLA</b>	Mary Bartolini		X
Friends of TN Libraries	Frances Darnell		X
Memphis Area Library Council	Damone Virgilio		X
Mid-State Library Association	Lucinda Scanlon		X
<b>TLA Student Chapter</b>	Sarah Culp	X	
<b>TASL</b>	Lynn Caruthers		X
	Bruce Hester		X
TENN-SHARE	Penny Frere		X
<b>THesLA</b>	Bobbi Kahan		X
<b>WeTALC</b>	Scott Cohen	X	
Tennessee Libraries	Marie Jones		X
<b>TLA Book Reviews</b>	Rebecca Tolley-Stokes		X
TLA Newsletter	Amy Arnold	X	
TLA-L (List)	David Ratledge		X
TLA Webpage	Annelle R. Huggins (intm)	X	
ALA	Kevin Reynolds	X	
SELA	Sue Alexander	X	
State Library	Jeanne Sugg	X	

**S. Szostak called the meeting to order at 5:05p.m. CST.** She welcomed those present and thanked them for coming. All introduced themselves. S. Szostak congratulated the Conference Co-Chairs on doing a tremendous job. She announced that she is taking the buyout at Motlow College, but will continue to serve as TLA President, then as Past President as of 1 July. She reminded those present that reports should be submitted by email in advance of meetings for review, comment, etc. Those with Old Business should also notify the President in advance.

**Old business:** none.

**Overnight May 2009 Leadership Conference/Board Meeting:** Friday-Saturday 12-13 June [B.R.: Actual date: 29-30 May] at Montgomery Bell State Park. S. Szostak reviewed the basic itinerary. TLA pays for half the lodging, supper Friday, and breakfast Saturday. A. Huggins will send information.

**Executive Director's report:** as submitted. A. Huggins noted that in February, she attended State Department of Education Board of Examiners training and was re-appointed to examine the teacher education programs of the State's colleges and universities.

A. Huggins received a letter from Gallatin Public Library about the plant that TLA sent (delivered by Louise Kelly) recognizing their new facilities. (She encouraged others to notify her of new/newly-designed facilities.) TLA also sent a plant to Henderson Public.

**Committee Reports:**

No.	Committee	No Rpt	As Sub	Comments
1	Advisory on State Documents	X		
2	Archives & History		X	I. Filippo highlighted the progress of the first phase of preserving TLA records and encouraged those interested to help.
3	By-Laws and Procedures		X	A majority of members voted to change the Bylaws; changes will be posted to the Web site.
4	Conference Planning		X	S. Szostak thanked Conference Committee members for their work.
5	Finance		X	A. Huggins noted that the report doesn't reflect Conference registration payments or membership dues received in March made by credit card. She posts credit card payments after she receives the appropriate bank statements. She noted that the

				\$5 Scholarship Fund solicitation on the membership renewal forms netted \$400, thanked those who contributed, and encouraged all to consider donating as they renew.
6	Honors & Awards		X	One change: The James E. Ward award will be presented at the General Session, not at the Intellectual Freedom Breakfast.
6a	TN History Book Award		X	A. Huggins noted that a poster of all previous winners is in the works . . . this summer?
6b	Volunteer State Book Award	X		
7	Intellectual Freedom		X	
8	Legislation		X	Two \$400 scholarships will help two TLA members attend National Library Legislation Day.
9	Membership		X	
10	Nominating		X	SELA Rep: Sue Alexander. ALA Councilor: Kevin Reynolds. Recording Secretary: James Staub. Vice President/President Elect: Susan Earl (sister of previous VP/PE Martha Earl!). S. Szostak thanked Nominating Committee members for their work.
11	Publications Advisory Board		X	M. Earl promoted TLA Annual Conference Program on meeting TLA Editors and PAB members. S. Szostak announced Marie Jones's resignation and commended her work to make <i>Tennessee Libraries</i> into a true e-journal.
11a	Editor, TN Libraries	X		
11b	Editor, TLA Newsletter	X		
11c	TLA Webmaster	X		
12	Public Relations		X	J. Staub asked bloggers to let PR know and to add TNLA09 to Tweet.
13	Scholarship		X	J. Drumheller distributed copies of the new Scholarship brochure; they're also in the TLA Conference bags. The Committee will report on related legalities at the next meeting. Scholarship winners and interns will be announced at the General Session. People may make additional donations then and at the Book Sale. Hope to have another scholarship.
14	Staff Development		X	
15	Strategic Planning		X	
16	Site Selection	X		A. Huggins noted that TLA is liable for the lodging nights that we do not use at this year's Conference—a big chunk of our reserves. So far, the Hilton Memphis is unwilling to come down in price. Cost to cancel there before 190 days is \$14,000. Membership and this year's Conference registrant numbers are down. A. Huggins recommended seeing how this Conference goes, then consider cancelling the 2010 Conference . . . maybe have an Annual Conference every other year in Nashville, and on the off-years, a one-day meeting with a wonderful all-day program and speaker in East, Middle, and West Tennessee for <i>all</i> libraries/libraries employees. A. Huggins is strategizing for 2011. Those present discussed additional options.
17	ALA		X	
18	SELA		X	

19	State Library		X	J. Sugg discussed the stimulus money and the Governor's role in spending it. Partnering is key. Information about broadband issues (24 public libraries have no broadband capacity) has not yet been published. She suggests that academic libraries get together to buy databases—to which TEL could add. Let her know ALL we're doing!
20	College & University Libraries		X	30 attended the CULS Pre-Conference. Feedback suggests the speaker and overall experience were great. A. Huggins commended N. Gibson for trying something new.
21	Public Libraries		X	
22	School Libraries		X	
23	Special Libraries		X	
24	Trustees / Friends	X		
25	Children's Young Adults		X	
26	Electronic Resources Mgt		X	S. Szostak noted that academic libraries, Lyasis, and TENN-SHARE are collaborating to get better databases. Negotiations are time-consuming.
27	GORDORT		X	(Report late.) TLA/GODORT and TENN-SHARE will have a joint conference in October at Nashville Public. TLA/GODORT proposes that TLA support a TLA/GODORT member who has not previously participated in either the annual Fall Depository Library Council meeting or the annual Interagency Depository Seminar. Exec. Board will consider.
28	Library Instruction		X	
29	Reference / Information Svcs		X	
30	Technical Services		X	
31	Boone Tree Library Assoc.	X		
32	CALA		X	
33	ETLA		X	
34	Friends of TN Libraries		X	S. Szostak noted this Committee's work.
35	Memphis Area Library Council	X		
36	Mid-State Library Assoc.	X		
37	TASL	X		Becky Jackman represented.
38	TENN-SHARE	X		Will repeat "Learn and Discover" from last summer and add brand-new activities in July. Check out TENN-SHARE.ning.com.
39	THESLA	X		14 attended the THESLA Pre-Conference. THESLA is co-sponsoring the "A Simple Plan Extended" program at this year's TLA Annual Conference.
40	TLA Student Chapter		X	In addition, have officers for this year. S. Szostak thanked for the number of students attending.
41	WeTALC		X	

**New Business:** Noting that forty speakers presenting at this year's Conference never registered, S. Szostak reiterated that Conference speakers must pay to attend TLA's Annual Conference whether or not they are TLA members, work in Tennessee, or are connected to a library in Tennessee (as stated on the program proposal). These speakers will be asked to pay. SIS students must register as well.

**Meeting adjourned:** 6:37p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bess Robinson  
2008-09 Recording Secretary  
Tennessee Library Association