

TLA Board of Directors Meeting
 Saturday, December 1, 2012
 Portland Public Library
 Portland, TN
 Board Meeting Minutes

President Dinah Harris called the meeting to order at 10:02am.

There were no corrections to the August 2012 minutes. Ruth Kinnersley moved to approve the August 2012 minutes. Susan Jennings seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Director Annelle Huggins opened the floor for questions regarding the financial report. There were none.

Dinah reported that TLA signed on to the [Joint Statement on E-Content Pricing](#). 46 ALA state chapters had signed on as of November 19, 2012.

The table below lists all committees, sections, and roundtables and whether they submitted a report for this meeting. Discussion is recorded only for action items.

		No Report	Report As Submitted	
Committees				
1	Advisory Committee on State Documents	X		
2	Archives and History		X	
3	ByLaws and Procedures		X	
4	Conference Planning		X	
5	Finance		X	
6	Honors and Awards		X	
6a	Tennessee History Book Award		X	
6b	Volunteer State Book Award	X		
7	Intellectual Freedom		X	Information Item: New Co-Chair Bryan Jones is the new co-chair for this committee, replacing Larry Romans who stepped down last month. Dinah Harris thanked Larry for his service to TLA.
8	Legislation		X	

9	Membership		X	
10	Nominating		X	<p>Information Item: Candidates for Officer Positions Pam Dennis announced the candidates for the 2013 election:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vice-President/President-Elect: Susan Jennings, Joe Weber • Secretary: Jennifer Novia, Richard Groves. Pam has received all candidate bios, which her committee will post closer to the election.
11	Publications Advisory Board		X	
11a	Editor, <i>Tennessee Libraries</i>		X	
11b	Editor, <i>TLA Newsletter</i>		X	
11c	TLA Webmaster		X	
12	Public Relations		X	
13	Scholarship		X	
14	Staff Development		X	
15	Strategic Planning		X	
Representatives				
16	ALA		X	
17	SELA		X	
18	State Library	X		
Sections				
19	College / University Libraries		X	
20	Public Libraries	X		
21	School Libraries	X		
22	Special Libraries		X	
23	Trustees / Friends	X		
Roundtables				
24	Children's / Young Adults		X	
25	Electronic Resources Management		X	
26	GODORT		X	
27	Library Instruction	X		
28	New Members	X		
29	Reference / Information Services	X		
30	Technical Services		X	
Affiliates				
31	Boone Tree Library Association		X	
32	CALA	X		
33	ETLA	X		
34	Friends of Tennessee Libraries	X		
35	Memphis Area Library Council		X	

36	Mid-State Library Association	X		
37	TASL		X	
38	Tenn-Share		X	
39	THeSLA	X		
40	ALA/TLA Student Chapter	X		
41	WeTALC		X	
42	UTK SIS Alumni		X	
Special Committees				
43	TLA/TASL Joint Conference Advisory Committee	X		
44	Ad-Hoc Committee on Leadership		X	<p>Information Item: Plans for Leadership Workshop Ruth Kinnersley gave an overview of the committee's plans for the Leadership Workshop and fielded questions about the program. Main points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book that will be the basis for the program: <i>Interpersonal Skills, Theory and Practice: The Librarian's Guide to Becoming a Leader</i> by Brooke Sheldon. The committee is pursuing sponsorship to defray the cost of the books. • The workshop will be held for half a day on Wednesday during the TLA Conference in April, at Chattanooga Public Library. The preference was to have it at the TLA Board retreat in June, but space was not available. • We will begin with 10 participants and 5 mentors. Participants will be asked to serve on a TLA committee or project in 2013/2014. • Criteria for who is considered a "new librarian" and therefore eligible to apply to participate in this workshop has not been determined yet.

Dinah led the board in a discussion about **membership participation in TLA governance: how are Committees/Sections/Roundtables promoting participation in the governance of these groups?**

The Board engaged in a discussion about this topic. A variety of points and ideas were expressed.

What is our current situation?

- Some groups have received little to no response when they asked for project/action ideas from their group members. Some are not sure how to proceed in light of this.
- Roundtables are focused on what people do in their day-to-day jobs. Jobs are always evolving, but TLA's roundtables aren't necessarily doing so as well in all cases.
- Many potential TLA members feel like they cannot participate due to restrictions on work time placed on them by their employers. They may not be willing to work on TLA projects during off-hours.

How can we encourage more participation?

- Push TLA membership via our regional groups, i.e. ETLA, WeTALC, etc., as they are more accessible financially and geographically.
- Consider more informal localized meetups, such as what Wendy tried during her presidency.
- Get the support of library directors in all library types across the state. If TLA support comes from library administration, employees may be more open to TLA participation. The Membership Committee is willing to draft a letter to be sent to these directors. One-on-one interaction would be an option as well. We might also consider a directors' meet-and-greet at the conference.
- Talk about our involvement on our own evaluations, even if it is not a requirement. This may educate our employers on how important our state library association is and what benefits it brings to their organization.
- Get one member in each county to contact all libraries in their county about TLA involvement. FOTL might be an avenue for this.
- Give scholarship recipients x years of TLA membership as part of their award. Having them do formal reports of their conference experiences might also encourage themselves and others to be more involved.
- Promote institutional membership.

Dinah announced that we are having a **continued discussion with TASL about a joint conference**. TASL went ahead and scheduled a conference in the fall of 2015 in Embassy Suites in Murfreesboro (Thursday-Saturday).

- There are enough hotel rooms for TLA, but not enough meeting rooms.
- Saturday attendance at TLA conferences has been historically low.
- TLA is already scheduled to be in Murfreesboro for the 2014 conference, and we do not meet in the same grand division two years in a row historically.
- Having a conference in the fall, either in addition to or in lieu of a regular spring conference, complicates TLA's annual budget.

Action Taken: Vivian Wynn moved that TLA not have a joint conference with TASL in 2015. Kevin Reynolds seconded. Motion carried.

Action Taken: Sue Knoche moved that TLA look at the future possibility of having a conference with SELA and TASL. Cara Huwieler seconded. Motion carried.

Announcements:

- Dinah commended Tenn-Share on their recent conference on apps/mobile devices.
- Dinah gave an update on the Benton County situation. The budget situation is improving.
- Dinah mentioned that Memphis Public Library won their battle on photo IDs used in voting.
- Karen Swoopes reminded everyone to register for the next Staff Development webinar, to be held on December 5 at 1pm CST.
- Jenifer Grady announced that the next Tenn-Share DataFest and Conference is tentatively scheduled for September 19-20, 2013.
- Cara Huwieler announced that Legislative Day is February 19, 2013.

The meeting adjourned at 11:35am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jodie Gambill

TLA Recording Secretary, 2012-2013

Attendance

Present: 31 - Guests: 1 - Absent: 36

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PRESENT Name	Board Position	Report Submitted? (y/n)
Adams, Valarie	Conference Planning	y
Azbell, Jerome	Archives & History	y
Cornelisen, Wendy	Past President; Strategic Planning	n/a / y
Dennis, Pamela	Nominating; College and University Libraries	y / y
Dye-Reeves, Amy	ALA/TLA Student Chapter	n
Earl, Martha	Publications Advisory Board; UT SIS Alumni Chapter	y / y
Filippo, Inga A.	Archives & History	n
Fuson, Courtney	ALA	y
Gambill, Jodie	Recording Secretary; Membership; Social Media Manager	n/a / y / y
Goins, Meredith	TLA Newsletter	y
Grady, Jenifer	Tenn-Share	y
Harris, Dinah	President	n/a
Huggins, Annelle R	Executive Director; Finance	y / y
Huwieler, Cara	Legislation	y
Jennings, Susan L.	Membership	y
Jones, Bryan	Intellectual Freedom	y
Kelly, Louise R	Bylaws & Procedures	y
Kinnersley, Ruth T.	Vice President/President Elect; Ad-Hoc Committee on Leadership	n/a / y
Knoche, Susan	Boone Tree Library Association; SELA	y
Maszaros, Sue	Technical Services	y
Merriman, Kevin	Electronic Resources	y
Nicholson, Jeffie	Public Relations; Social Media Manager	y
Reynolds, Kevin	Strategic Planning	y
Ries, Susie	Friends of TN Libraries; Trustee/Friends	n / n
Slaughter, Philenese	TN History Book Award	y
Sutton, Stephanie	Special Libraries	y
Swoopes, Karen	Staff Development	y

PRESENT Name	Board Position	Report Submitted? (y/n)
Vance, Jason M	Capwiz Leader	y
Whitver, Anne	Government Documents	y
Williams, DeAnza	Scholarship	y
Wynn, Vivian	Federal LAN	y

Guests: 1

GUEST Name

Romans, Larry

Absent: 36

ABSENT Name	Board Position	Report Submitted? (y/n)
Akers, Jeanine M.	TLA Webpage	y
Altom, Clayton	Children/Young Adults	y
Brannen, Michelle	Library Instruction	n
Brooks, Darlene	Memphis Area Library Council	y
Campbell, Kathy	TLA Newsletter	y
Carter, Genny	TN History Book Award	y
Cohen, Scott	West TN Academic Library Consortia	y
Copeland, Sarah	Intellectual Freedom	y
Cowan-Henderson, Jennifer	TLA Conference Webpage	y
De Peri, Robbi	Reference/Information Services	n
Dillingham, Melissa	Volunteer State Book Award	n
Earl, Susan	Honors and Awards	y
Ellis, Mark	Advisory Committee on State Documents; Tennessee Libraries Book Reviews Editor	n / y
Farley, Cathy McCord	Conference Planning	y
Greenwald, Dolores	Leadership Development	y
Hall, Gayla B.	Mid-State Library Association	n
Lilton, Deborah L	Staff Development	y

ABSENT Name	Board Position	Report Submitted? (y/n)
Little, Hannah	TN Association of School Librarians	y
Matthews, Holly	Volunteer State Book Award	n
Morgan, Louis	Honors and Awards	y
Novia, Jennifer	New Members	n
Oelschlegel, Sandy	TN Health Sciences Library Association	n
Ratledge, David	TLA-L	y
Renfrow, Pamela	TN Association of School Librarians	y
Reynolds, Judith	Legislation	y
Robinson, Margaret E.	Publications Advisory Board	y
Rustomfram, Perveen	Bylaws & Procedures	y
Searles, Sarah	School Libraries	n
Sherrill, Charles A.	Finance; State Library	y / n
Taylor, Athalia	Public Relations	y
Travis, Lisa	East Tennessee Library Association	n
Walker, Janet	Public Libraries	n
Ward, Diette	Chattanooga Area Library Association	n
West, Kristen	<i>Tennessee Libraries</i> Assistant Editor	y
White, Karen Louise	Scholarship	y
York, Amy	<i>Tennessee Libraries</i> Editor	y