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02: Archives and History

The committee members are pleased to announce that the TLA Records are now permanently stored at the Tennessee State Library and Archives as the TLA Record Collection.

Inga A. Filippo

03: ByLaws and Procedures

The Bylaws Committee received a request for the change of Article IX Section 3 from the Executive Committee regarding the scheduling of TLA Board meetings. The Bylaws Committee recommends that the proposed changes be brought before the TLA Board at the June 15th meeting for subsequent presentation to the TLA membership.

Below is the documentation regarding the change:

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 Article IX Board of Directors

Section 3. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held:

- a. quarterly;
- b. when called by the President, with the approval of the Executive Committee;
- c. when called by at least five members of the Board of Directors, in writing, with such notice to each member of the Board at least one month in advance of the meeting, stating the time, place, and purpose of the meeting.

### **Proposed Revision:**

Article IX Board of Directors

Section 3. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held:

- a. **3-4 times per year as scheduled at the beginning of each fiscal year by the President and/or the Executive Committee;**
- b. b. when called by the President, with the approval of the Executive Committee;
- c. c. when called by at least five members of the Board of Directors, in writing, with such notice to each member of the Board at least one month in advance of the meeting, stating the time, place, and purpose of the meeting;
- d. **electronically, when appropriate internet connections are available, and as approved by the President and/or the Executive Committee.**

Reason for proposed revision:

a.: The Annual Conference is very late in 2014 (it actually ends in May) and the availability of a meeting place for the Board Retreat means that we would be having the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Board meeting just one month apart. This could happen again in the future, so it seems plausible to make the matter of holding only 3 Board meetings "legal." FYI: Several years ago we went to the "night before the conference schedule" to save on travel

expenses for our Board members and to eliminate the need to travel in January / February when Tennessee winter weather is so unpredictable.

d. The addition of an electronic meeting possibility is for future use. Currently, GoToMeeting has a 25 person upper limit, but if that capability increases in the future or if there is a possibility of groups meeting in several locations so that we could have 25 or less connections, this does become a distinct possibility and again we need to be "legal." FYI: When video meetings were in vogue, the TLA Board did meet via video (it was never in the ByLaws) at three locations across the State at Tennessee Board of Regents sites.

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Respectfully submitted,

Perveen Rustomfram and Louise Kelly, Co-Chairs

04: Conference Planning

We hope you all enjoyed the annual conference in Chattanooga. Many thanks to our wonderful conference planning committee:

REGISTRATION:

Genny Carter, Tennessee State Library and Archives

Cynthia Carmack, Millard Oakley Public Library

Leslie Pullins, Fentress County Public Library

EXHIBITS:

Karen Tittle, May Justus Memorial Library

Janet Walker, South Cheatham Public Library

Sheron Clifton, Clifton Hospitality Group

PROGRAMS:

Rhonda Tippett, Sevier County Library System

Susan Tyner, Benton County Public Library

Scott Cohen, Jackson State Community College

Krista Grace, Beaver Elementary School

AUDIO-VISUAL:

James Staub, Nashville Public Library

Vandy Owen, Tennessee State University

Brian Rogers, University of Tennessee, Chattanooga

## SPONSORSHIP:

Kevin Reynolds, The University of the South

Susan Earl, The Brentwood Library

## LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS:

Lee Hope, Chattanooga Public Library

Andria Davis, Chattanooga Public Library

## CONFERENCE WEB SITE:

Jennifer Cowan-Henderson, Tennessee State Library and

Archives

## GRAPHIC DESIGNER

Tina Wells Davenport

## CONFERENCE CO-CHAIRS:

Valarie Adams, University of Tennessee, Chattanooga

Cathy Farley, White County Public Library

## TLA 2013 Annual Conference Attendance

TLA Members	285
Non-Members	74
Vendors	54
Total Attendance	413

## Results from attendee evaluations:

Decision to Attend	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Registration Price	16	11	17	25	22	23	31	17
Exhibits	25	15	24	27	23	22	16	8
Program topics	1	3	5	4	11	19	46	75
Conference City	9	8	7	17	20	29	33	42
Speakers	4	3	7	19	18	32	53	24
Peer networking	5	0	9	9	13	29	36	59
Required to attend	34	12	7	16	14	15	32	33
Social events	31	14	12	34	33	21	12	7

	1	2	3	4	5	Not attend
Overall Quality	1	2	3	4	5	Not attend
Value for the price paid	3	3	15	52	91	0
Keynote speakers	6	5	13	32	72	35
Opportunities to talk with vendors	0	7	37	46	54	19
Advance registration	2	4	10	52	91	5
Advance program information	3	10	19	48	77	4
Exhibits	5	15	48	45	36	13
Pre-Conferences	3	3	7	10	34	108
Luncheons	4	7	13	19	20	101
All-Conference Reception	7	12	11	36	49	48
Variety of programming	3	4	17	47	89	3
Quality of contributed Programs	3	3	11	54	87	4
Peer Networking	4	3	18	51	84	3
Conference facility	5	1	10	42	101	6
Marriott hotel facility	3	2	7	20	51	80

Cathy Farley and Valarie Adams, Co-Chairs

#### 06: Honors and Awards

On behalf of the Honors and Awards Committee, the co-chairs made presentations of awards at the annual conference during the general session and at various events. As a way of recording names for future reference, the winners are listed below. There is no other business to report and new co-chairs and committee members will be appointed for next year.

Trustee of the Year Award – Larry Hinton

Freedom of Information Award – James Yoakley

James E. Ward Library Instruction Award – Perveen Rustomfram

Daniel Taylor Memorial Award – Patricia “Patty” Dalton

TLA Honor Award – Deanna Nipp-Kientz

(awarded posthumously)

TLA Library Support Staff Award – Anna Lane

Friend of the Year Award – Friends of the Benton County Library

Tennessee History Book Award – *The Nashville Way: Racial Etiquette and the Struggle for Social Justice in a Southern City*, by Benjamin Houston; a certificate for honorable mention was awarded for *Chronicles of the Cumberland Settlements, 1779-1796*, by Paul Clements.

Awards not given this year were: Honorary Membership, President's Award, Making a Difference Award, Cheney Award, and Meredith Award.

Susan Earl and Louis Morgan, co-chairs

07: Intellectual Freedom

The Intellectual Freedom Committee has engaged in the following activities this quarter:

Presented James Yoakley with the 2013 Freedom of Information Award at the IF Luncheon held during the TLA Annual Conference.

Hosted Jason Mazzone for the IF Luncheon speaker at the TLA Annual Conference. His presentation, titled "Intellectual Freedom and Intellectual Property," addressed issues from his book *Copyfraud and Other Abuses of Intellectual Property Law*.

Promoted Choose Privacy Week, May 1-7. We requested that libraries share with the IFC programming ideas for promoting Choose Privacy Week to their communities.

We wanted to facilitate the sharing of ideas, but unfortunately the committee received no response to our request. In light of recent news items about government collection/mining of personal data (such as PRISM) and continuing quotidian threats (such as allowing smart phones and social networks to harvest vast amounts of personal data), Choose Privacy Week should be of even greater importance to our communities.

Fielded two inquiries from librarians about intellectual freedom issues.

Brainstormed objectives for the 2013-2014 year.

Thank you to members Anthony Prince, Julie Forkner, Stephanie Edwards, and Kim Wattenbarger for your service this year. Bryan Jones will continue as IFC Co-Chair for 2013-2014, and Anthony Prince will begin his service as Co-Chair beginning July 1, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Copeland

08: Legislation

The Legislation Committee submitted a basket full of delicious goodies at TLA's annual conference for the silent auction. Wine and chocolate are always helpful when working on legislative issues. A big thanks to members who brought the goodies! Several Legislation Committee members attended the NLLD event in D.C. in May. We worked hard to advocate for libraries and library staff to those who make policy decisions affecting us. It was quite possibly the best time ever (for more details see report 8a below). In the meantime, new members continue to join our committee for the upcoming year. Welcome!

**8a. Federal Lan Report by Vivian R Wynn,  
NLLD Tennessee State Coordinator**

A group of 12 Tennessee library advocates traveled to Washington D.C. for the 39<sup>th</sup> ALA National Library Legislative Day on May 7 and 8, 2013. Please see below for the list of attendees.

One highlight of the trip was our opportunity to see both Senator Alexander and Senator Corker at the Tennessee Tuesday Breakfast event. In addition to seeing the Senators we also had very productive office visits with staff members from their offices.

As has always been the case, we had great success in making appointments with the offices of all of our elected officials. Meetings were held with all 9 TN Congressional offices and in five cases we did meet with or see our elected officials. Our day was completed when we had our last appointment which was with Congressman Duncan. After talking with Martha Gill, who is a constituent of his District 2, Congressman Duncan came out in the hall to proudly show all of the rest of us his library card. He said that his card is very well used as he very frequently borrows items and values his library.

The primary issues that we covered in our meetings were LSTA Funding, the Workforce Investment Act, the Literacy Education for All, Results for the Nation Act (LEARN Act), and the Fair Access to Science and Technology Research Act of 2013 (FASTR). Also discussed were funding for the Innovative Approaches to Literacy (IAL) program, and supporting a change in the language of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) to include libraries and librarians. Support was also requested for the E-rate program.

Secretary of State Hargett was unable to go with us this year but did send Jonathan Rummel, his Chief of Staff. We also did not have a representative from Ingram on the trip with us this year; however, we did receive a very



generous donation in support of NLLD activities.

The following is a list of 2013 NLLD members:

The \* indicates that this was their first NLLD for TN

Vivian Wynn: Tennessee Coordinator for NLLD/Wynn Library Consulting

Susan Earl: Co-Coordinator for NLLD, Past President of TLA/Director Brentwood Library

Martha Gill: Past President of the Friends of Tennessee Libraries

Cara Huwieler: Chair TLA Legislation Committee/Reference Librarian Brentwood Library

Ruth Kinnersley\*: Incoming President of the Tennessee Library Association/Trebecca Library

Susan Knoche: Bd Member of TLA/Medical library Assistant / ETSU College of Medicine Library

Kent Oliver\*: Director Nashville Public Library

Susie Ries\*: President of the Friends of Tennessee Libraries

Jonathan Rummel\*: Chief of Staff to Secretary of State Tre Hargett

Chuck Sherrill: Tennessee State Librarian and Archivist

Jason Vance: Past Chair of TLA Legislation Committee/Librarian /Middle TN State University

Julie Webb\*: Library Advocate

National Library Legislative Day will take place on May 5 and 6 in 2014. Please consider joining us for this important and exciting event. We need to speak out for libraries.

### **8b. Legislation Monitor Report by Jason Vance**

State: I posted weekly updates of the Tennessee General Assembly's library-related legislation via a Google Drive document linked from the TLA web site as "[Tennessee Library Bills We're Watching](#)." The 108th General Assembly of the State of Tennessee adjourned on April 19, 2013, and will convene at 12:00 noon (CST) on Tuesday, January 14, 2014.

Federal: I promoted the American Library

Association's Capwiz messages regarding national library funding and Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act (CISPA) to the TLA membership via the TLA listserv. I also participated in ALA's National Library Legislative Day in Washington, D.C.

Cara Huwieler

09: Membership

### **TLA Membership Committee Report (June 2013)**

The Membership Committee will have a great amount of continuity. Members that wish to continue are: Jodie Gambill, Meredith Goins, Martha Hendricks, and Jennifer Novia.

Jodie Gambill, Meredith Goins and Susan Jennings presented a TLA 101 session at the TLA Conference in April. The presentation went well but the attendance was poor due to it being scheduled as the last session of the last day. The Membership Committee would like to recommend to the session planning committee that this type of presentation be presented at every TLA annual conference and would ask that it be scheduled as the first session block of the conference.

At the TLA Conference, Board Members (and other active in TLA) were asked to wear pins that read "Ask Me About TLA" during the conference. The Membership Committee appreciates your participation.

At the last board meeting, the Membership Committee asked that the following topic be discussed by the Membership Committee, the Bylaws Committee and the Finance Committee in clarifying the following section with a proposal being brought before the TLA Board during the next year. Here's the issue we raised:

#### **Article IV, Section 4.**

##### **Annual dues of institutional members shall**

**be based upon the operating budget, which shall be defined as the total expenditure for personnel and library materials during the previous fiscal year, according to the following scale:**

**Operating Budget Dues**

**Up to \$50,000: \$35.00**

**\$50,001-\$250,000: \$75.00**

**\$250,001-\$400,000: \$100.00**

**\$400,001-\$750,000: \$150.00**

**\$750,001 and above: \$200.00**

***a. Institutional membership shall allow that institution to name two persons as the institution's representatives. These representatives shall have the same privileges as individual members, including member registration rate at each Annual Conference.***

Section 4a implies that for Institutional Member dues, the institution may name two representatives as their institution's representatives **AND** that they have the same privileges as individual members, including member registration rate at each Annual Conference. So, in theory, each institution may have two representatives to act as individual members with all the rights and privileges thereof in return for paying their institutional dues.

The above interpretation has not been the practice historically. The practice has been that two non-members can attend the TLA Annual Conference at the member rate.

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**It seems like there are three ways we could go:**

- 1. Re-write the bylaws to reflect what has been current practice.** As it is now, we only have 30 institutional members. If we continue with the current practice:

- More benefits for institutional members need to be made available. A conference discount for two representatives is not cost-effective. For instance, it is cheaper for Susan, as Dean of Libraries at Chattanooga State, to send two non-members to the TLA conference at the non-member rate than it is to pay institutional dues for Chattanooga State plus the conference member rate.
- Greater definition and promotion of Institutional Membership should occur.

2. **Begin interpreting the bylaws as written, including granting each institution two member “representatives”.** These representatives would have the same rights and privileges of any member. If we start this practice, it could result in:

- An increase in institutional participation as a result of the increase in institutional member cost savings.
- Encourage greater participation and engagement from those non-members who, because of finances, have not been able to be a member of TLA. We could have a new batch of TLA members that are currently underutilized and could be working for the association.

3. **Discontinue the Institutional Membership option.**

The committee asks the Executive Director of TLA to post a brief survey to the other state chapters to inquire about their institutional member benefits and the cost of their institutional memberships.

***Motion: The Membership Committee would like to refer Article IV, Section 4 of the TLA Bylaws regarding membership benefits for Institutional Members for further review and clarification to a joint task force made up of members from the Membership, Bylaws and Finance Committees. We ask the TLA President to appoint such a task force to explore this issue.***

Respectfully submitted,

Jodie Gambill and Susan Jennings, Co-Chairs,  
Membership Committee

Susan Jennings

10: Nominating

The Committee sent out requests for nominations for the positions of Vice President/President Elect and Recording Secretary in the Fall. Bios were received from the following candidates Vice President/President Elect – Susan Jennings; Recording Secretary – Jennifer Novia and Richard Groves. Information was placed in the Winter 2013 Newsletter and on the website. Eligible TLA members received an email verifying their addresses. Members not providing an email address were sent a paper ballot. Online voting closed on February 28.

Results of the election -

Vice-President/President Elect - Susan Jennings

Recording Secretary - Richard Groves

Pam Dennis

11: Publications Advisory Board

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## TLA Newsletter

After two years of service, Meredith P. Goins is stepping down as editor of the TLA Newsletter. Her final edition is just about to go to print and should be in mailboxes in the coming week or so. Applications of interest for the editor position will be handled by the TLA Publication Advisory Board.

## Tennessee Libraries

Editor Amy York announced in March that issue 63(1) of Tennessee Libraries was available at <http://bit.ly/TLv63n1>. The issue features articles on Web accessibility, developing empathetic ontologies, and the Zinio magazine platform, and includes three thought-provoking pieces contributed by UTK-SIS grad students. She is working on the first of the follow-up conference issues.

The format of this issue is a little different: Articles that underwent peer review are listed in the Scholarly Articles sections; articles that underwent regular editorial review are in other sections (From the Field, Viewpoints, Book Reviews, etc.). Tennessee Libraries does engage in peer review—but not for every article. Descriptions of and guidelines for the various types of manuscripts the publication considers, and instructions for submission, are at <http://bit.ly/TLcall>.

Amy invites volunteers interested in being peer reviewers—especially those familiar with cataloging, ILS administration, acquisitions, and technology—to fill out the application at <http://tnla.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=500>. She welcomes theme ideas for future issues.

## Social Media

Managers Jodie Gambill and Jeffie Nicholson

continue to promote TLA/TN/library events and news. Jeffie updates the TLA Facebook page, [scoop.it](http://scoop.it) (local library news), Pinterest, and LinkedIn (check out the new professional opportunities!). Recent items that Jodie has promoted through the TLA Twitter and G+ accounts include the TLA 2013 Conference (Book Sale, Career Development Services, All-Conference Reception); TLA and ALA elections; new TLA LeadTN program; Circulating Ideas Webinar; TN Library Legislative Day; TN Legislative Watch (via Jason Vance); 2013 TLA Membership renewals/joins; and new issues of Tennessee Librarian and TLA Newsletter.

#### Web Site

The updated web site includes easy access to the calendar, jobs, news, Twitter feed, and membership promo videos. Jeanine is working with [Yourmembership.com](http://Yourmembership.com) to figure out the best process for our new website migration. Our last website overhaul was a modification. This one will be a totally new thing. The PAB will be discussing website needs, in particular those of the other editors.

#### Other PAB News

"E-Books, Open Access and the Virtual Client," was presented at the 2013 TLA Annual Conference as a PAB-sponsored presentation on Friday 26 April from 1:30 – 2:30. Co-presenters were Allison DePollo, Meredith Goins, Jeffie Nicholson, and Amy York. Martha Earl moderated the panel. 27 people attended.

PAB members contributed a variety of items to a themed basket for the Scholarship booth that benefited TLA's Gleaves Scholarship and Conference Internship Program.

The PAB continues to discuss the details of including paid ads on the TLA Web site and print publications.

The PAB also wishes to thank Meredith Goins, Bess Robinson, and Marie Jones for their service to the PAB and to TLA publications. Steve Knowlton will be the new Co-Chair for 2013-14.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Earl and Bess Robinson, Co-Chairs

Marie Jones

Steve Knowlton (incoming Co-Chair)

Amy York, Editor, TL

Kristen West, Assistant Editor, TL

Kathy Campbell, Book Review Editor, TL

Meredith Goins, Editor, TLAN

David Ratledge, List Owner

Jeanine Akers, TLA Web Site Administrator

Annelle Huggins, TLA Assistant Web Site Administrator

Jodie Gambill and Jeffie Nicholson, Social Media Managers

Martha Earl

13: Scholarship

#13 Scholarship Committee

TLA Board Report

June 7, 2013

The Scholarship Committee had our inaugural



Themed Basket Silent Auction at the 2013 Conference. The auction was a huge success with 17 themed baskets, 5 handmade items, and 2 vendor donated stacks of children's non-fiction books for bid! Thanks to everyone who generously donated baskets and to all of the bidders as well. We appreciate your help and support to fund students.

Winners of 2013 Scholarship Committee Awards who were announced at the Annual Conference:

Edwin S. Gleaves Scholarship - Jennifer Lin

Conference Internship Winners - Nicole Barajas, Nicole Carney, Amber Douglas, Lauren Hackert, Stacie Johnson, Denise Quintel, and Robert Wilson

The committee co-chairs met with the interns early on Thursday morning during the annual conference in an effort to get acquainted, review assignments, and help with networking.

Financial Information for the 2012-2013 TLA Fiscal Year

**Monies Raised**

All Conference Reception Ticket Sales - \$ 1125 (224 X \$5)

Used Book Sale: includes: onsite donations, sales of bumper stickers, and sales of bookmarks - \$ 339.31

Themed Basket Silent Auction - \$1108

Membership Renewals - \$ 105

**Total**

**Raised: \$ 2677.31**

**Monies Spent**

- Gleaves Scholarship  
\$1500
- 7 – Conference Internships (@ \$100  
each) \$ 700
- Postage  
\$ 5.34

**Total**

**Spent: \$2205.34**

**Fiscal Year**

**Balance (+\$471.97)**

Thanks to our committee members (Martha Earl, Marlow Peters, and Zoe Rascoe) for all of their hard work this year.

DeAnza Williams, Co-Chair

## 14: Staff Development

The Co-Chairs met on May 10, 2013 to compile end of year information to pass along to the incoming Staff Development Committee for 2013-2014 to hopefully, ease their transition and eliminate some of the ground work it takes to get the program year going.

The final virtual meeting of the SDC was June 6, 2013. Dolores Greenwald, Robi DePerri, Deborah Lilton, Karen Swoopes, and Joe Weber were in attendance. Holly Hebert and Essy Day sent their regards.

### TLA Conference 2013

Forty-seven people attended Jason Griffey's "Gadgets and Personal Electronics in Libraries and Education" Pre-Conference which was sponsored by the Staff Development Committee.

We donated several mobile phone accessories to create an "All Things Tech" basket for the Scholarship Fundraiser.

### Records Management

Deborah Lilton updated the Google site (originally created by Lindsey Wesson for the 2011/2012 SDC) with all the 2012-2013 files, so next year's committee will be up to speed. The site is not public and members must be added. <https://sites.google.com/site/tlastaffdev2011/>

Deborah Lilton created a TLA Staff Development Gmail account ([tlastaffdev@gmail.com](mailto:tlastaffdev@gmail.com)) so that future correspondence with presenters (including their contact info) can be accessible to all committee members. The login and password have been shared with Dolores Greenwald.

### Passing the Torch

Members who are rolling off the committee are as follows: Robi DePerri, Deborah Lilton, Karen Swoopes, and Joe Weber.

Members who are staying on the committee are as follows: Dolores Greenwald, Holly Hebert, and Jacquelyn Stephens.

### 2013/14 Webinars

Deborah Lilton contacted several presenters via [tlastaffdev@gmail.com](mailto:tlastaffdev@gmail.com) to invite them to present a webinar for the upcoming year in an effort to assist the incoming committee. Presenters were from either LOEX 2013 conference or TLA 2013 conference. People contacted were as follows:

Jean Cook – ***“Wake Me Up Before You Go-Go: Using Unlikely Examples To Engage Students In Information Literacy”***

Susan deVries & Sarah Fabian – ***“I Hear A Train Comin’: Common Core Is Rollin’ Round The Bend”***

Sue Mazaros & Margaret Brown – ***“RDA Demystified: Resource Description and Access for Non-Catalogers”***

Wendy Cornelisen – ***“The Latest and Greatest In TEL”***

Holly Hebert, Missy Dillingham, Cara Huwieler – ***“In or Out? Hot Collections in Public Libraries” or “Weed for Your Life”***

Michael Hooper, Nancy Gibson, Gina Garber, Kebede Wordofa – ***“Unboxing Lib Guides: A Team Approach to Implementing New Subject Guides for an Academic Library”***

**Action Item:** To add to the TLA’s website a list of organizations that offer free webinars. Several members have suggested this idea to the committee and we would like to see if the board approves.

Organizations suggested (all may not be added)

Webjunction.org

Infoplease.org

Netflin2blogspot.com (Northeast Florida Library Information Network)

Netflin2.blogspot.com

PLA

Tsl.state.tx.us/slrn/webinars/index.html (Texas Library Assoc.)

ALA Live

Booklist

Nebraska Library Commission

TechSoup

Educause

BrightTalk

School Library Journal

Library2.102 – library20.com

☺Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah Lilton

Deborah Lilton

15: Strategic Planning

In light of the success of the Career Services Program at the 2012 TLA Conference, the Strategic Planning Committee has been investigating options for creating a virtual TLA Career Services Program that will provide:

Resume review

Mock interviews

Confidential consultations

Those seeking the service will [fill out an online form](#), and be matched with an experienced librarian with friendly advice. Like the on-site program at the last two TLA Conferences, this program is run by the work of volunteers. Previous consultants have agreed to continue their generous donation of time to this program.

This program will run throughout the year and will be offered to TLA members only.

Action Item:

The Strategic Planning Committee recommends that the Tennessee Library Association become a member of the Expect More, Achieve More Coalition.

The Expect More, Achieve More Coalition is a statewide alliance of business, community, and education organizations in Tennessee that supports high academic standards in public education. The Coalition's goal is to build statewide and local engagement, support, and awareness of Tennessee's efforts to raise the bar in the classroom so that every student graduates high school prepared for postsecondary education and the workforce. **The Coalition believes that when we expect more, students achieve more.**

It's a great way to show our support for education across the state. The [membership list is long](#), and Coalition Member duties are minimal-- sharing information, re-tweeting announcements, and consider placing a link somewhere on the TLA website.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Reynolds

Wendy Cornelisen

Chairs

Wendy Cornelisen

16: ALA

As we prepare for the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago this year, there has been quite a bit of activity on the Council listservs. However, there are no business items to bring before the TLA Board at this time. I will have submit a report after Annual of what happened there and alert the board of any items requiring their attention at that time.

Respectfully Submitted,

Courtney Fuson

Courtney Fuson

17: SELA

The 2013 SELA summer/leadership conference is confirmed for August 9-10 (board meeting on Aug 8<sup>th</sup>) at the University of Alabama Birmingham, Birmingham, AL. Any SELA member can attend with the more information posted on the SELA website.

The 2013 SCLA/SELA (South Carolina Library Assoc.) joint conference is scheduled Nov. 13-15 in Greenville, South Carolina; and details as they become available will be posted.

There was a discussion at the online board meeting as to where a 2014 joint conference might be held and mentioned that some states that have shown an interest in a conference have not communicated a preference of year or location at this time. A decision was made to look into Georgia again for 2014 and voted on/approved. If there was or is a possibility to have a joint conference with TLA/SELA it will not be possible until 2015 or later.

A list of continuing education webinars for June 2013 that appeared on the SELA listserv (last month was not available) was forwarded to the TLA-L list. A long list of interesting topics created by a volunteer SELA member featuring FREE webinars not only from the southern region but some from other states too. As long as this list continues to be distributed, I will forward it to our TLA-L list, which can also be shared with others you may think are interested in some free educational opportunities that are only about an hour in length.

Tennessee currently has 27 members in SELA with 1 person joining at the TLA conference at the SELA booth. Gave away 60 pens with the SELA logo; many mentoring brochures and regular brochures explaining the programs or feature SELA has to offer. Appreciate the opportunity the conference committee gave us to have a table within the vendor area.

Sue Knoche, SELA Representative

17: SELA

To: Tennessee Library Association Board

From: Committee on the Possibility of Joint Conference with SELA

Jean Nichols, Richard Groves, and Sue Knoche and Sue Alexander (although I was unable to contact her for discussion and consultation)

Finding:

1. A joint conference would open up topics and discussions that provide a more diverse view of librarianship. It would bring new faces from other states that will give participants the chance to exchange ideas and share information from a broader group of people.
2. A Joint Conference should be considered only when the conference is scheduled to be held in the Middle Tennessee/Nashville area due to SELA's membership being concentrated in the eastern states making it easier to travel. Also, the Nashville International Airport has a greater number of daily flights than other Tennessee airports.
3. A point of concern about finances is the state association uses their money to pay all financial commitments fees that are due in advance. SELA allows the state association to handle all financial affairs and will only divide profits after expenses are deducted and using the following guideline using percentages of attendance, in this way:

“SELA and the State Association will divide any net profits according to the percentage of conference registrants from both organizations. The number of registrants who are both SELA and State Association members will be divided equally in determining the percentages.”

This should allow the state organization the greatest share of the profits. This would insure money can be set aside for the next conference.

4. Having a Joint Conference Committee is addressed by SELA in their guidelines.

**“Responsibilities of both the State Association and SELA**

SELA and the State Association shall manage the conference through a Joint Conference Planning Committee. The Chair and membership of the Joint Conference Planning Committee will be agreed upon by the Board of Directors of both SELA and the State Association.

The budget and other conference approval process shall be adopted by the Board of Directors of the State Association and SELA.”

However, Sue Knoche reports that the State Associations are the main hosts with SELA being a partner in this joint venture. It may or may not be difficult for both a SELA committee and the TLA conference committee to coordinate efforts of the conference, but understood that TLA would take the lead in the planning process. Communications and updates with a SELA committee would be essential regarding suggestions, opinions or requirements needed for a successful joint conference.

5. It is our recommendation that we should go forth with plans to have a joint conference in the year of 2016 or beyond. This being due to SELA meeting with Georgia in 2014 and our conference being scheduled for Memphis in 2015.

Ad-Hoc Joint Conference with SELA Committee

18: State Library

Reports from the TSLA Planning & Development Office:

## **I. Resource Sharing**

The courier service, Firefly, has been well received by public libraries across the state. TEL materials are now being directly shipped to locations as requests come in and to disperse newly arrived materials.

The State Library continues to offer a shared union catalog via Autographics. There are 191 facilities that share their collections, including all of the public libraries and two universities. There are over 8 million volumes in the statewide union catalog representing 7.3 million titles. Additional catalogs can be added at no charge to the institution.

## **II. Technology Grants**

This year's grants are running smoothly on the new reimbursement model. Invoices were due by May 31, and library's reports are due July 15.

In partnership with the Tennessee Children's Cabinet through the Early Childhood Advisory Council and the Tennessee Department of Human Services, TSLA has been able to grant 74 AWE early literacy computer stations to the 61 libraries that successfully completed the application process. A total of 113 Additionally, 63 family child care centers were also awarded one AWE computer stations. These self-contained, kid friendly computers are pre-loaded with educational software. Locations were able to specify an English or bilingual computer.

## **III. Roadmapping**

The Roadmapping project continues. There are currently two surveys open: one asks public library staff and the other the public about their dreams for the future of public libraries in Tennessee.

## **IV. State Data Collection**

The 2012 public library annual survey is complete and data will be posted on the TSLA website shortly. IMLS will release national data for every state in spring 2013.

The annual salary survey for public librarians is also complete, and will be shared on the TSLA website as well.

## **V. Library Automation**

There are now 54 libraries live on Verso. Round 4 training was the last week in May. Round 5 will most likely be scheduled in early fall.

## **VI. Continuing Education**

The TSLA Continuing Education Libguide has been updated to include more calendars and lots more



resources. Check it out at <http://tsla.libguides.com/conted>

Continuing the partnership with the Tennessee Children's Cabinet, TSLA is hosting three additional *Every Child Ready to Read* workshops across the state in July, repeating the successful 2011 program. Recipients of AWE computer stations who have not yet attended training are required to attend one of these sessions.

The next class of the Public Library Management Program will begin in August. This three year program gives public library directors without a master's degree a solid foundation in the intricacies of library management.

## VII. TEL Promotion

Promotion projects include:

- ? Bookmarks, pens and magnets
  
- ? TEL video
  
- ? Search Engine Optimization
  
- ? Homeschool association bag inserts
  
- ? TEL Booth Kits
  - o 1 for each region
  - o Tri-fold table top display with panels
  
  - o Table throw with TEL logo

The first-ever **TEL Conference** will be held June 17-18 at Montgomery Bell State Park and focus on the 4 Ps of Marketing: product, price, place and promotion. Dr. Kevin Trowbridge of Belmont University will be our keynote speaker. We'll also be making plans for TEL's 15th anniversary next year, and hearing the experiences from our neighbor to the east: Jill Morris of NCLive will speak about their current 15th anniversary program.

## **IX. TEL Databases**

**Powerspeak Languages** is the new language learning database in TEL. It began on April 1, 2013,

and includes 10 different languages, with two modules for English language learners.

**Learning Express Library** will continue as the Test Prep resource in TEL, and now includes software tutorials and computer and internet basics courses. These self-paced, online courses give all Tennesseans a chance to increase their digital literacy and technology skills.

## **TEL Train the Trainer**

The 2013 Train the Trainer workshops are scheduled for:

Tuesday, July 23 Wednesday, July 24 Thursday, July 25 Friday, July 26

Union University, Jackson MTSU, Murfreesboro Cleveland State, Cleveland Pellissippi State, Knoxville

48 seats 64 seats 47 seats 53 seats

Online registration is open thru July 3. <http://tntel.tnsos.org/workshops.htm>

## **TEL Lesson Plan Project**

With the coming changes to education standards in public schools, the 50 existing TEL lesson plans need to be crosswalked to the Common Core. There is a team of instruction and school librarians from across the state working on this project, and building 50 additional lesson plans that utilize the newer resources in the Tennessee Electronic Library.

## **TEL & Common Core Resources**

The Tennessee Department of Education and TEL created a webpage that highlights the ways teachers can

use TEL to find Common Core resources, especially high-quality complex non-fiction texts for students to read. Check it out at <http://tntel.tnsos.org/curricular.htm>

on behalf of Chuck Sherrill

19: College/University Libraries

Pam Dennis, Chair

Jill Whitfill, Vice Chair

Karen White, Secretary/Treasurer

The CULS pre-conference was held in Room 9 of the convention center from 9:00 a.m. to noon, on Wednesday, April 24. The event was broken into three panel discussions.

Space/Building projects – moderated by Pam Dennis

1. Anna Beth Morgan, Director, Union University – new building
2. Regina Lee, Head, Government Publications, Maps & Microforms, Tennessee Technological University – Learning Commons project
3. Dorcas Carhee, Lambuth Campus, University of Memphis – repurposing an existing, aging library building

Emerging Technologies – moderated by Karen White

1. Molly Stover, Web Services Librarian, Roane State Community College - providing distance reference with emerging technologies
2. Karen White, North Branch Manager, Jackson/Madison County Library and former Circulation/Instruction Librarian, UT-Martin - LibAnalytics

Collaboration between the library and other university departments – moderated by Bill Stevens

1. Bill Stevens, former Business Librarian, Lincoln Memorial University - ways that keep librarians vital to the institution
2. David Hajdik, References and Information Services, Tennessee Technological University – tutoring collaborations
3. Joe Weber, Director of Library Services, Austin Peay State University – collaborations with various university offices
4. Lauren Cantwell, Instructional Services Librarian, University of Memphis – Student Development collaborations

There was a good crowd, and there were many issues discussed among the participants as a result of the brief talks.

Pam Dennis

## 22: Special Libraries

Kayce Butler from the Tennessee State Library and Archives will be taking over as Chair of the Special Libraries Section. There is nothing additional to report.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Sutton

## 24: Children's/Young Adults

The C/YA Roundtable elected officers at the TLA conference business meeting on April 25. These new officers are: Cynthia Julian - Chair, Angela Frederick - Vice-Chair, Lindsey Wesson - Secretary/Treasurer.

Planning for Teen Read Week 2013 is underway. This will again be a joint project with TSLA and TASL. Teen Read Week this year will be Oct. 13-19.

Action Item: Motion for funds from TLA budget be allocated to roundtable. Funds will be used for various projects, including Teen Read Week.

Clayton Altom

## 25: Electronic Resources Management

The TLA ERM-Round Table and Tenn-Share's Electronic Resource Committee (TSERC) had a joint meeting at the 2013 TLA Annual Conference. Twenty-two people attending representing TLA, TSERC, Tenn-Share, TBR libraries and guests and observers.

Jenifer Grady led a discussion reviewing the Tenn-Share Spring offers and there were some ideas introduced on how better to solicit feedback from the members on which potential offers were of interest and whether the level of interest would merit investing the time to develop a deal.

Likewise, the upcoming State-wide Database Subscriptions Survey was discussed. We would like the data to be entered with more standardization up front to facilitate later analysis with minimal data clean up. Courtney Fuson (TLA-ALA), Debi Babb (TSERC), and Kevin Merriman (TLA-ERM) will coordinate the next survey with consultation from others, probably in Spring 2014.

We continue to search for Round Table Members; please do some recruiting back home if you can to help spread the work on these complicated projects and to conceptualize new projects.

Kevin Merriman

## 26: GODORT

The Government Documents Round Table Spring Meeting was held at the recent TLA Conference. Anne Whitver and Alan Stewart were re-elected as Chair and Secretary, respectively.

At the meeting, Perveen Rustomfram informed GODORT that the Government Printing Office has temporarily suspended its survey of Tennessee depositories due to a reorganization of personnel.

Anne Whitver

## 30: Technical Services

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The Technical Services Roundtable met at the TLA Conference in Chattanooga. New officers were elected. Here is a summary of topics discussed:

Scheduling meetings for the roundtable membership via GoToMeeting.

Conference presentation topics for next conference

Need for RDA training - both for the cataloger and train-the-trainer.

Sue Maszaros, chair

## 31: Boone Tree Library Association

**Boone Tree Library Association (BTLA)  
TLA June, 2013, Report**

**Boone Tree Library Association (BTLA) held its annual picnic on Saturday, June 1, 2013, at Eastman's Bays Mountain Recreation Center. Boone Tree members, their friends, and families all enjoyed a cookout sponsored by BTLA and excellent side dishes supplied by members. Attendees played games such as Book Bingo.**

**BTLA's Fall meeting will be held at Johnson City Public Library on Thursday, September 19, 2013. Local storyteller Dr. Keith Young from Northeast State Community College will be sharing stories through music. There will also a short business meeting.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Brenda Moriarty, President**

Brenda Moriarty

### 34: Friends of Tennessee Libraries

Friends of Tennessee Libraries:

Looking Back and Looking Ahead  
June, 2013

In the past year Friends of Tennessee Libraries has pursued its traditional goals, has strengthened and benefited from its affiliation with Tennessee Library Association, and continued to broaden its outreach to include other groups with common goals.

FOTL activities since May 2012:

Creation of new FOTL website, [www.friendstnlibraries.org](http://www.friendstnlibraries.org).

Establishment of a new configuration of the FOTL board of representatives to align with the reconfigured regions of the state library system.

Amended the by-laws accordingly. Recruited and elected new board members to fill those positions.

FOTL Board meetings in September 2012, December 2012, March 2013, May 2013 and June 2013. May meeting was held in conjunction with the FOTL Annual Meeting.

Participation in Tennessee Legislative Day and National Library Legislative Day.

Publication of summer 2012, fall 2012, winter 2012, winter 2013, spring 2013 and summer 2013 issues of its newsletter, all of which are available on the new website.

Maintenance of Facebook page (we've been "Liked" by 485 friends).

Second annual award of three \$200 grants to Friends' groups, to be used in the areas of membership, advocacy, and fundraising.

Annual Meeting held in Dover with speakers: Catherine Whitehead, Publishing Rights Director, Patsy Caldwell, cookbook author, Eileen Wirsig, CPA and Cate Beaman, self published author. All speakers were from Dover, TN.

For their contributions to their local Friends, at the Annual Meeting certificates of appreciation and an award of \$100 were presented to Carol Harris of Dyersburg, Marie and Bob Harris of Maryville, Wanda Jared of Cookeville, Dwight Shepherd of the Sevierville and Bev Vogelzang of Vonore.

FOTL activities in affiliation with the Tennessee Library Association:

FOTL members Martha Gill and Carol Harris in panel discussion on advocacy at Tennessee Library Legislative Day, February 19, 2013.

FOTL presence at Tennessee Library Legislative Day.

Donation of \$500 to TLA for Tennessee Library Legislative Day.

Presentation of "Beyond the Used Book Sale: Tennessee Friends Innovate" at the 2013 TLA Annual Conference in Chattanooga on March 23, 2012.

Hosted the Friends and Trustees Luncheon at 2013 TLA Conference.

Presentation of Friend of the Year Award, jointly sponsored by FOTL and TLA, at the 2013 TLA Conference in Chattanooga, April 26, 2013.

Recipient: Benton County Friends of the Library.

Engagement of speaker Dean Steve Smith for the Friends and Trustees Luncheon at 2013 TLA Conference.

FOTL representation on the Tennessee delegation to National Library Legislative Day, May 8, 2013.

FOTL in the coming year will continue to pursue our goals of:

Focusing on revitalizing local groups and establishing new ones.

Ongoing communication through the FOTL newsletter, website and workshops.

Training for improved local and state advocacy.

Linking friends groups to improve public awareness of Tennessee libraries.

Susie Webb Ries, President

35: Memphis Area Library Council

The Award of Excellence Reception was held on Friday, May 17, 2013 at the Central Branch of the Memphis Public and Information Center.

Mrs. Cathy Evans, Library Director at St. Mary's Episcopal School- Memphis, was the award recipient. Mr. Joe Birch, co-anchor at Action News 5 - Memphis, was the speaker of the hour. Both noted great ideas and memorable moments that had each person present reflecting on life.

Thank you.

Darlene Brooks



### 36: Mid-State Library Association

The Mid-State Library Association did not meet. Susan Earl has submitted her resignation as President to Susan LaFever, Treasurer, and awaits Susan's response. If anyone is interested in the position, please send an email to Susan Earl at [earls@brentwood-tn.org](mailto:earls@brentwood-tn.org)

Susan Earl

### 37: TASL

TASL's next event is summer Professional Development. We will have a day of workshops in East TN on June 18 in Gatlinburg and one in West TN on June 20 in Medina. The theme is TASL CO-OP: Cultivating School Libraries -- Growing Lifelong Learners. The featured presenters will be "The Librarians in the Middle." Tamara Cox, Monique German, and Kristen Hearne out of Greenville, SC, will present on a variety of topics.

We are continuing to prepare for our annual conference October 3-5 in Murfreesboro. The theme is Tennessee School Librarians: Getting to the Core. Featured presenters include: Marc Aronson, Candace Fleming, Paige Jaeger, and Wendelin Van Draanen.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Frerking

President 2013

Tennessee Association of School Librarians

Beth Frerking

### 38: TENN-SHARE

Tenn-Share's ad hoc Marketing Committee is crafting a marketing plan and branding plan.

This year, Tenn-Share members may join and renew online. The benefits of being a Tenn-Share member have been quantified as well as qualified. The membership year is July 1-June 30.

Tenn-Share's New Projects Committee is investigating the "next big thing." We welcome interested librarians who wish to be part of the committee.

The Firefly Courier continues to operate well for its 200+ members across the state.

Tenn-Share coordinated potential subscription to 30 databases during its spring offers.

The next DataFest and School Library Collection Fair will be held on Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at the Nashville Public Library Conference Center. The Fall Conference will be Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at the same location. The theme is "Who are the people in your neighborhood? Effectively serving our libraries' diverse users." Tenn-Share increased the price for DataFest vendor registration by \$25, and established refund policies for vendors and registrants.

Tenn-Share is seeking leaders to serve as Secretary and special library representatives, and welcomes members for its DataFest and Fall Conference, Share Your Stuff, Volunteer Voices (access to the state's digital historical collections) and Electronic Resources (TSERC) Committees. TSERC needs at-large, large public, and small/medium public representatives. If you are interested, email [execdir@tenn-share.org](mailto:execdir@tenn-share.org).

Tenn-Share has four interns assisting with projects and office administration.

Tenn-Share has participated in the following affiliate activities:

TSLA Roadmapping Project

WeTALC panel for a collection development workshop at the University of Memphis, talking about making the most of consortial benefits

TASL board meeting on April 13

TLA Conference in Chattanooga April 24-26, board meeting, exhibit, resume reviews and career counseling, and the TSERC/TLA Electronic Resources Committee/TBR/UT joint meeting

TBR/UT Deans and Directors meeting on April 18

LYRASIS April Consortial Exchange phone meeting

Jenifer Grady

39: THeSLA

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The Spring 2013 Meeting of the Tennessee Health Science Library Association (THeSLA) was held Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the TLA Annual Meeting in Chattanooga. Current THeSLA membership stands at 29.

TheSLA received an exhibit award from the National Network of Libraries of Medicine Southeast/Atlantic Regional Medical Library to cover the cost of a booth at the TLA Annual Meeting. TheSLA members distributed materials about their organization and resources available from the National Library of Medicine to a number of booth visitors.

The Fall 2013 meeting will be hosted by the Meharry Medical Library in Nashville during November. Introduction to Bibliometrics, a 4 hour MLA CE course, will be taught by Judy Burnham, Library Director, University of South Alabama Biomedical Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Haley, MLS

TheSLA President, 2013-2014

Martha Earl

41: WeTALC

The West Tennessee Academic Library Consortium had a workshop on Collection Development/Management at the University of Memphis on May 24. Topics included :

Visual Resource Collection Development

Collecting Fiction (classic and contemporary) and vendor selection for fiction purchasing.

Pay per view as an alternative to subscriptions

Strategic Collection Responses to Budgetary Concerns

There was a working lunch with discussion tables on:

Ebooks

Interlibrary Loan in Collection Development

Marketing the Collection

Faculty-Library Collection Management Process

Public Library/Academic Library Collaboration

6/1/2014

Tennessee Library Association

Small Libraries and Collection Development.

Over 40 people were attendance. There was representation from 3 states: Arkansas, Mississippi and Tennessee

Scott Cohen

#### 42: TLA Annual Conference Procedures Review Committee

The name of this committee was changed to the TLA/TASL Communications/Liaison Committee with the charge to increase opportunities to work collaboratively and to promote joint advocacy efforts between TLA and THeSLA.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Earl and Judy Bivens, Co-Chairs

Martha Earl

Adhoc Development Committee

At the last meeting in Chattanooga on Wed., April 24, 2013, the TLA Board of Directors voted in favor of the TLA Ad-Hoc Development Committee becoming a standing committee, entitled the TLA Development Committee. The Executive Committee voted to send this to the TLA Bylaws Committee for a formal bylaws change recommendation.

The Board also voted in favor of allowing sponsors of TLA to mail to TLA members items of interest to the TLA community. This will assist us in being able to include mailings as a sponsorship package offering.

The development plan and related documents were updated with suggestion made by the Executive Committee and board meeting attendees.

Meredith P. Goins has agreed to continue serving as chair of the Development Committee and will assist the Bylaws Committee as requested.

Meredith P. Goins

Executive Director

#### **TLA Executive Director's Report: June 14, 2013**

##### **Activities:**

##### **April 2013:**

Made preparations for Board Retreat

Prepared schedule/locations for 13/14 Board meetings

Processed membership applications/checks

Paid TLA bills / deposited income

- Payments to various persons/businesses for Conference 2013 expenses

Processed Quarterly Report for IRS / SS / Medicare / State of TN

Reconciled all bank accounts

Reconciled all credit card payments

Responded to phone calls / emails / print correspondence

**May 2013:**

Processed membership applications/checks

Paid TLA bills / deposited income

Reconciled all bank accounts

Reconciled all credit card payments

Completed financial processes for Conference 2013

Responded to phone calls / emails / print correspondence

Prepared for June Board Retreat and Board meeting:

Reservations

Facility and food decisions

Prepared activities

Agenda

**June 2013:**

Processed membership applications/checks

Paid TLA bills / deposited income

Reconciled all bank accounts

Reconciled all credit card payments

Responded to phone calls / emails / print correspondence

Attended Board Retreat

UT SIS Alumni Society Board

In order to provide continuity in for students and alumni and friends participating in the mentoring program reignited this year by ETLA, the UT SIS Alumni Society Board, and the UT Student TLA/ALA Chapter, the UT School of Information Sciences has designated Kitty McClanahan as the liaison within SIS to manage annual updating of mentor and [student](#) pairs.

UTSISASB sponsored the following program at the TLA conference: “Two Way Mentoring: Or Everything We Didn’t Learn in Library School,” with panelists Martha Earl, Daniel Redmon, Janet Drumheller, and Amy Dye-Reeves. The program focused on the value of mentoring to both employers and students and the mentoring opportunities available for both with UT SIS students and mentors.

UTSISASB also encouraged attendance at the UT SIS reception at TLA on Thursday, April 25 from 5-6pm. UTSISASB continues to arrange alumni meetings at national and regional conferences. [UT SIS will be exhibiting at ALA, and participating in the Cooperative ALISE Alumni Reception and the UT Libraries Reception \(all alumni are welcome\).](#)

UTSISASB website is hosted and maintained by UT SIS <http://www.sis.utk.edu/alumni> and the official Facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/UTKSIS>. There’s also a Facebook group not affiliated officially with the school. [The newest edition of SIS Interface has recently been published http://www.sis.utk.edu/alumni/interface.](#)

The winner of this year’s Distinguished Alumni Award is **Dr. Shali Zhang** ('88) Dean of Libraries and Professor at University of Montana. The winner of this year’s Innovator Award is **Andrea Baer, PhD** (2010) Undergraduate Education Librarian at Indiana University-Bloomington. Award winners received their awards and spoke briefly at the UT SIS Hooding Ceremony on May 10.

UTSISASB will soon be seeking nominees for President-elect and two Members-at-large.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Earl, President

Wil Hawks, Immediate Past-President

Aaron Dobbs, Vice-President

Daniel Redmon, Secretary

Sarah Casey, Member at Large

Susan Earl, Member at Large

Deborah Henry, Member at Large

Jamie Osborn, Member at Large

Tiffani Conner, UT SIS Advisory Board ex-officio

Martha Earl