Welcome New TLA Officers for 2012 – 2013

Vice President/President-Elect:
• Ruth Kinnersley, Trevecca Nazarene University

Recording Secretary:
• Jodie Gambill, Vanderbilt University

ALA Councilor:
• Courtney Fuson, Belmont University

SELA Councilor
• Sue Knoche, East TN State University

Thank You For Your Service to TLA!

The Publications Advisory Committee would like to thank Leslie Adebonojo and Rebecca Tolley-Stokes for their services to TLA as TL Editor and TL Book Review Editor, respectively. We would also like to congratulate Amy York as the incoming Editor of TL and Kathy Campbell as the incoming TL Book Review Editor.

—Martha Earl

Kingston Springs Elementary School Receives Donation from TLA

TLA President Wendy Cornelisen presented a $1,000 donation on behalf of the Tennessee Library Association to the South Cheatham County Public Library on Friday, May 4th at 9 a.m. at the Kingston Springs Elementary School. These funds were donated by TLA to assist in storm and water damage recovery and to assist in rebuilding the children’s section after a tornado struck the school in March, 2012.

—Meredith P. Goins
TLA Newsletter Editor
It’s been a great year! As my time as TLA President comes to a close, it seems like a good time to review. The meetups across the state were a lot of fun, and my recent trips to Washington, D.C. and Kingston Springs have been really eye-opening. Talking to our Congressmen about the lasting impact of libraries in each of our communities was an experience I will never forget.

Teen Read Week was very successful! We reached over 5,000 teens across the state last year, and hope to have an even bigger impact this year. It’s a great way that school and public libraries can work together to show the fun and value of libraries.

TLA now has a New Member’s Roundtable, a dedicated place for new members to network with each other and learn more about the various ways to serve and grow professionally with TLA. I hope this group continues its strong beginning and comes up with innovative ways to reach out to the future of TLA.

The dream for a state-wide library conference is still alive! I’ve been invited to Tennessee Association of School Librarians board meetings, and we are working together to make a joint conference happen.

The TLA 2012 Conference was definitely the highlight of being TLA President. It was an amazing experience thanks to all of you who presented and attended. And a special thank you to those who held down the fort while your colleagues attended this time. I know that next year’s conference in Chattanooga will be just as fun!

I’ve been humbled and honored to represent Tennessee libraries in so many ways at so many places. Thank you for your confidence and support over the last year.

—Wendy Cornelisen
TLA President

### President’s Point of View

### The TLA Board Meeting Briefs

The TLA Board and Executive Committee met during the TLA Conference at the Lawson McGhee Library, on March 21, 2012 at 4 p.m. Special thanks to Knox County Public Library for hosting the meeting. A few items of interest include:

- Sue Alexander of SELA moved that TLA host a joint conference with SELA in 2014. The Board voted 3 in approval with a majority dissent. Larry Romans suggested the conversation could continue on the listserv, addressing the concerns of finance, equal partnership, and a more lengthy lead time. For the third item, Annelle Huggins suggested four years. Motion did not carry.

- Lindsey Wesson of CYA moved that TLA split the expense for the iRead Teen Week program with TASL evenly, committing the association to a $800-1200 donation. The board voted unanimously in approval. Motion carried.

- The Archives and History Committee reported that initial digitization of TLA archives will be completed by April 10th. Questions for project continuity: Overall budget, priority of archival value versus accessibility, staff necessity. TLA may pay for the project, curated by Sue Szostak. Can the TLA web site host provide space for the collection or will an archived CD-ROM or a shared ContentDM account be better? Follow up needed with TSLA staff.

- The Bylaws and Procedures Committee made recommendations on changes to Bylaws in Archives V, VIII, IX. Art. V, Sect. 3: “Section 3. Any officer may be removed from office for cause by a two-thirds vote of all the voting members of the Board at any regular or special meeting.” Larry Romans moved that wording read “two-thirds all voting members present of the Board”. Susan Jennings seconded. Committee will review recommendation. Also, Richard Groves of the committee moved that the SIS Alumni Society be approved as a chapter member of TLA. Executive Board will discuss & vote on the final decision.

To see the full board report, please visit the TLA website at: http://tnla.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=397.
TLA would like to congratulate the following individuals and groups who received the following awards during the annual TLA Conference:

- **Daniel A. Taylor Memorial Award:** Linda Ackerman

**Member’s Moment**

Did we catch you at the conference? There were two of us, one with a camera, which would have been Susan Jennings, and another with a note pad, that would be me. Between us, we interviewed almost 50 TLA Annual Conference attendees in Knoxville to ask one simple question, why are you a member of TLA?

Lindsey Wesson wants to give back to Tennessee libraries; Courtney Fuson wants to network with other libraries in the state; and Genny Carter likes being with like-minded people. Karyn Storts-Brinks thinks that professional memberships are important—she knows she has someone on her side, plus it gives her an opportunity to become involved, while Dara Gonzales joined for the TLA webinars and for the reassurance of other librarians supporting her.

Those are just a few of the answers we received when interviewing folks just like you. Intrigued? Want to hear and see more on why your fellow librarians belong to TLA? Check out the membership spotlight on the website (http://www.tnla.org/), find us on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/TennesseeLibraryAssociation, or follow us on Twitter @tnla and tell us why you’re a member.

Don’t forget! It’s never too late to rejoin or to become a new member. After all, first time conference attendee Andrea King confesses, she joined because all the cool kids are doing it. That would be you!

—Meredith P. Goins
TLA Newsletter Editor

**TLA 2012 Annual Conference Honors and Awards**

- **James E. Ward Library Instruction Award:** Leslie Adebonojo
- **President’s Award:** Penny Frere
- **Honorary Membership Award:** Martha Gill
- **Intellectual Freedom Award:** Devon Hicks
- **Friend of the Year Award:** Kodak Branch of Sevier County Public Library
- **Honor Award:** Suresh Ponnappa
- **Public Library Section Tennesco Annual Conference Scholarship Award:** Renae Powell
- **Library Support Staff Award:** Barbara R. Thomas
- **Making a Difference Award:** Ride for Reading, accepted by Matthew Portell, founder
- **Frances Neel Cheney Award:** Rebecca Tolley-Stokes
- **Tennessee History Book Award:** Confederate Outlaw: Champ Ferguson and the Civil War in Appalachia (Conflicting Worlds: New Dimensions of the American Civil War), by Brian McKnight

—Sue Knoche, Co-Chair
Louis Morgan, Co-Chair
TLA Honors & Awards Committee 2011-12

**TLA Conference Internship Winners**

The TLA Scholarship Committee would like to recognize the 2012 Conference Internship winners. The following list of names represents current MLIS or SIS students that attended the TLA Conference this year and worked to make the conference a great event. They were recognized at the closing general session of the conference but many of you were unable to attend. A big thank you to all of our interns this year!

- Melanie Allen
- Jessie Dietrich
- Amy Dye-Reeves
- Rachel Gammons
- Jennine Goodart-Lovette
- Sara Horne
- Caroline Redmond
- Laura Sheets
- Stacey Smith

—Meredith P. Goins
TLA Newsletter Editor
The Tennessee Library Association is a partner in Raise Your Hand Tennessee, a statewide collaboration to generate volunteers to read to, tutor, and mentor children and youth. In cooperation with United Way, we are appealing for volunteers to help children through libraries. The Raise Your Hand message is that volunteering helps children enter school ready to succeed, read proficiently by 4th grade, make a successful transition in and out of middle school, and graduate from high school on time. So far, 30 of our public libraries have expressed interest in recruiting volunteers through this program. For more information on how your library can be involved, go to www.raiseyourhandtn.org, dial 2-1-1 or contact Mary Graham at 615-791-1464.

—Chuck Sherrill

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