New TLA Officers, 2013-2014

Congratulations to the following individuals who were elected by TLA members!

Vice President/President-Elect:
• Susan Jennings, Chattanooga State Community College

Recording Secretary:
• Richard Groves, Nolensville Public Library

There are still some openings on the TLA Board. If you’ve been thinking of taking an active role with TLA, maybe now is the time! Contact incoming TLA President Ruth Kinnersley for information. Positions include:

Standing Committees:
• Legislation
• Archives & History

For a description of what these Committees do, please look on the TLA web site under “About TLA.”

Publish in Tennessee Libraries

Get more mileage out of your conference presentation by writing it up for Tennessee Libraries, the peer reviewed journal of TLA. We will be accepting conference manuscripts for upcoming issues. To be considered for the September 2013 issue, get your submission in by July 15, 2013. You can submit to one of several categories:

Scholarly Articles: Peer reviewed. Primary research (broadly defined) on current library practice or historical analysis of library trends, using quantitative or qualitative evaluations.

From the Field: Not peer reviewed. Many conference programs fit well here.
• State of the art reviews designed to bring Tennessee librarians up to date;
• Reports of studies, surveys, or programs relevant to libraries in Tennessee; and
• Case studies and best practice articles.

Library Histories:
• Not typically peer reviewed.
• Comprehensive histories of libraries or library systems. Pictures and other media are highly encouraged.

Library Spotlight: Showcases of exceptional Tennessee libraries or library services.

Visit the Publications section of the TLA web site for more information and for author guidelines.

Position pieces which inform readers of, or stimulate discussion about, significant library-related issues.

—Submitted by Amy York, Editor of Tennessee Libraries

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One event draws TLA members together in great numbers each year; that is the annual conference held each spring. This year was no exception. This year’s conference planning committee hit the ball out of the park! From the wide variety of programs focusing on how libraries are thinking outside the box, to the all-conference reception which was held on “the 4th floor” of the Chattanooga Public Library, opportunities to grow in knowledge and camaraderie abounded.

Our general session speaker, author Andre Dubus III, gave us insight into the mind of a writer. We once again were reminded of the power of the written word to literally change lives. Career development services were offered throughout the conference.

The TLA Scholarship Committee was able to conduct a silent auction of some very nice gift baskets thanks to donations by TLA members.

The logo which was developed for the conference was spot on: a box wide open with flaps extended in crisp contemporary colors. Libraries are not just sitting “outside the box”; they are literally wide open reaching out to their communities in brand new ways yet fulfilling the same mission and vision we have always held.

Thanks to every one of you that made this year’s conference such a huge success. Special thanks go to the conference planning Co-chairs, Valerie Adams and Cathy Farley!

—Dinah Harris
TLA President

Updates from the Scholarship Committee

Thanks to everyone for their tremendous support of the TLA Scholarship Committee efforts at TLA 2013! Due to your generosity, we were able to raise $1,426 for the TLA Scholarship Fund from the Book Sale and the Silent Auction. Thanks to everyone who provided books for the sale and baskets for the Silent Auction! We had 17 amazing baskets, five beautiful handmade items along with two stacks of non-fiction books available for bid at our Inaugural Themed Basket Silent Auction. Thanks to our bidders for making the auction a huge success! We will do it again at TLA 2014 so please start thinking about your baskets now!

Also, The TLA Scholarship Committee would like to recognize Jennifer Lin as the 2013 winner of the Edwin S. Gleaves Scholarship. Jennifer is currently enrolled at the University of Tennessee in the Master’s in Information Science program. She is a member of the ALA/TLA and AASL. Remember, donations and memorials made to the Gleaves Scholarship fund can be made throughout the year. Help TLA continue to offer this scholarship.

Finally, the TLA Scholarship Committee would like to recognize the 2013 Conference Internship winners. The following list of names represents current MLIS or MSIS students who attended the TLA Conference in Chattanooga and worked to make the conference a great event. A big thank you to all of our interns this year!

• Nicole Barajas
• Nicole Carney
• Amber Douglas
• Lauren Hackert
• Stacie Johnson
• Denise Quintel
• Robert Wilson

—Submitted by Karen White and DeAnza Williams, TLA Scholarship Committee Co-Chairs

Save the Date!

TLA Conference 2014

• Murfreesboro Embassy Suites

April 30 – May 2 2014
Please join us in congratulating the following individuals for their fantastic work in and for our libraries in the state of Tennessee:

**Friend of the Year Award:** Friends of Benton County Library

**Trustee of the Year Award:** Larry Hinton

**TLA Honor Award:** Deanna Nipp-Kientz

**Freedom of Information Award:** James Yoakley

**James E. Ward Library Instruction Award:** Perveen Rustomfram

**Daniel Taylor Memorial Award:** Patricia “Patty” Dalton

**TLA Library Support Staff Award:** Anna Lane

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### TLA Board Meeting Actions

The TLA Board of Directors met just a few minutes after 5 pm on Wednesday, April 24 at Chattanooga State Community College.

- The Board voted in favor of creating a new standing committee for TLA and TASL communication with the charge of increasing opportunities to work collaboratively and to promote joint advocacy efforts between TLA and TASL. The Executive Committee voted to send this to the TLA Bylaws Committee for a formal bylaws change recommendation.
- The Board 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 voted in favor of allowing sponsors of TLA to mail to TLA members items of interest to the TLA community.
- The Membership Committee brought forward a topic of discussion regarding the defining/clarifying of the benefits of Institutional Members as put forward in the TLA Bylaws (Article IV, Section 4). No action was taken.

—Submitted by Jodie Gamble,
TLA Secretary
The Tennessee Library Association is now accepting applications for the TLA Newsletter Editor. Under the general supervision of the Publications Advisory Board and the TLA President, the Newsletter Editor provides pertinent and timely information four times a year to TLA membership concerning the association’s activities. The Newsletter Editor is expected to consistently and professionally serve TLA. This position carries a stipend of $150 per issue and is renewable upon an annual contract basis.

A few of the essential functions of this position include:

• producing a 3.5 page manuscript four times a year (July, October, January and April)
• reviewing TLA-related articles and edit/summarize pertinent information focusing on TLA activities for inclusion in the newsletter.

Interested individuals should send a letter of intent to Martha Earl, TLA Publication Advisory Board chair at mearl@utmck.edu.