

Affiliate: Tennessee Association of School Librarians
2016June Board Report

The TASL Executive Board held its second 2016 quarterly meeting on April 16 at McGavock High School in Nashville and was pleased to have an electronic report submitted by TLA Affiliate Representative Jennifer Sharp. We value her expertise and involvement in both TLA and TASL.

Registration for TASL Road Trip 2016 is now open through June 1, with a day of librarian-specific professional development @ Walters State Community College in Morristown on June 14 and at University School of Jackson in Jackson on June 16. Michelle Cooper is our scheduled keynote speaker, and will be accompanied by a day of member presenter concurrent sessions. (www.tasltn.org)

Registration of the 25th Annual TASL Conference, "Operation Excellence: Best Practices for Teaching Librarians" is open. The conference will be held at the Embassy Suites in Murfreesboro November 3-5, 2016. Featured presenters include M. Tara Crowl, Alan Gratz, S.R. Johannes, Elissa Malespina, Shannon Miller, Mr. Schu, Aaron Reynolds, Ruta Sepetys, Tiffany Whitehead, and Jessica Young. (www.tasltn.org/conference)

TASL's 2016 membership drive is still underway. We welcome public librarians to our organization and encourage them to join as a "Friend of TASL" at the \$15 membership rate. This membership grants them access to newsletters, information disseminated through our eList, and discounts on conference and workshops.

To support TLA's National Library Legislative Day efforts, as well as continue our own advocacy work, Beth Frerking, TASL Advocacy Chair 2016, joined the TN coalition at NLLD in Washington, D.C., on May 2 to represent school librarians.

TASL continues to communicate TLA information to our membership about TLA conference and other TLA opportunities. Information distribution requests should be sent to mindy.nichols.tasl@gmail.com.

Respectfully submitted,



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