Tennessee Library Association Board of Directors Meeting
19 August 2006
Tennessee State Library and Archives
Nashville, TN

Present: Pat Thompson (President); Annelle Huggins (Executive Director; Finance; Site Selection); Bess Robinson (Recording Secretary); Cathy Farley (Past President; Strategic Planning); Stephen Patrick (Advisory Committee on State Documents); Chuck Sherrill (Conference Planning); Frances Adams-O’Brien and Sharon Parquette (Honors & Awards); Rhonda Watson (Intellectual Freedom); Vivian Wynn (Legislation); Missy Dillingham (Membership); Martha Earl (Publications Advisory Board); Chrissie Anderson Peters (Editor, TLA Newsletter; ALA Representative); Lisa Travis and Joan VanSickle Sloan (Public Relations); Kay Due (Strategic Planning); Sue Alexander (SELA Representative); Jeanne Sugg (State Library); Diana Holden (College/University Libraries); Dave Fulkerson (Public Libraries); Frances Darrell (Trustees/Friends); Regina Lee (GDORT); Leigh Allison (Library Instruction); Jenny Cole (Reference/Information Services); Georgeanne Burns (Technical Services Roundtable); Rick Wallace (STLA); Margaret Hausauer (TASL); Penny Freer (TENN-SHARE); Scott Cohen (WeTALC); Debbie Stevens (Ad-Hoc Committee on TLA Scholarship)

Not present: Jane Pinkston (Vice President/President/Elect; Finance); Janette Prescod (Advisory Committee on State Documents); Suresh Ponnappa (Bylaws/Procedures); Marion Bryant (Conference Planning); Sylvemia Ford (Bylaws/Procedures; MALC); Kathy Bennett and Julia Burns (TN History Book Award); Katy Pattin and Patty Williams (Volunteer State Book Award); Perveen Rustomfram (Intellectual Freedom); James Staub (Legislation); Chris Marszalek (Membership); Sylverna Ford (Bylaws/Procedures; MALC); Marion Bryant (Conference Planning); Sue Sizobak (Publications Advisory Board); Mary Jones (Editor, TLA); David Ratledge (TLA-L); Kanneese Woods (TLA Webmaster); Tricia Bengel, Thura Mack, and Caroline Barnett (Staff Development); Marion Bryant (Site Selection); J.T. Fisher (Exhibitors); Gayla Hall (College/University Libraries); Jean Bruce (School Libraries); Amy Gideon (Special Libraries); Leslie Pullins (Children/Young Adults); W. Michael Bell (Electronic Resources); Susan P. Chambers (Friends of TN Libraries); Lucinda Scanlon (Mid-State Library Association); Genny Carter (Student Chapter); Brenda Moriarty (TASL); Kam McNugh (Ad-Hoc Committee on TLA Scholarship)

P. Thompson called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. CST. She welcomed those present, thanked TSLA for hosting and A. Huggins for the refreshments, and explained the meeting process. Everyone introduced themselves.

Executive Director's Report. A. Huggins
- passed around an official copy of the budget for all to see if their information is correct, and
- distributed for all to sign a card to express our sympathy to Dinah Harris for the death of her mother.

Finance Report. A. Huggins discussed the budget, including the fact that
- the budget is $20,000 more than it was last year (and does not include money requested for Annual Conference programs, which will be taken from the Conference budget),
- her clerical assistant (who will work 20 hours a week and help with bookkeeping issues due to online registration among other things) has not started yet,
- TLA will pick up the cost of the Intellectual Freedom pre-conference at the 2007 Annual Conference (free to those who participate),
- we're taking $23,329 from our checking reserves to pay for some of these extras, and
- a dues increase will appear on an upcoming ballot.

Old business: None

Minutes of last meeting: No final draft of approved minutes has been received by the Executive Committee. A. Huggins proposed that the Board approve the minutes from the June meeting by acclamation. Vivian Wynn so moved; Frances Adams-O’Brien seconded; motion passed; the minutes will be approved by acclamation and sent out when received.

New business: (Committee reports)

1. Advisory Committee on State Documents (S. Patrick). As submitted; nothing further.
2. ByLaws and Procedures. As submitted; nothing further.

3. Conference Planning (C. Sherrill). As submitted. C. Sherrill added that the Program Committee will send out an appeal for programs for the 2007 Annual Conference on Monday and encouraged those present to submit ideas. One pre-conference will be off-site; three on-site. If presenters need more time, they should consider asking for two conference segments back-to-back. C. Sherrill gave additional scheduling details.

4. Finance (see above)

5. Honors and Awards (F. Adams-O’Brien). F. Adams-O’Brien noted that the deadline by which winners are selected is 26 January 2007 (not 2006), and suggested that they be selected and sent before Christmas.

Tennessee History Book Award. Report submitted; no representation.

Volunteer State Book Award. Report submitted; no representation.


7. Legislation (V. Wynn). As submitted. V. Wynn noted that for the second year, this Committee is promoting Local Library Legislative Month to encourage all libraries to contact their local elected officials during October; meet them; invite them to their local libraries; ask them to report back to find out what’s going on. She suggested that we communicate with elected officials when we’re NOT asking for something . . . maybe ask them to present an award, do a story time, etc., in the library. Information on this has been sent to the newsletter. Contact V. Wynn if interested in participating is an “All-theready” system through the State Associations. Every elected federal official has someone to respond within two days as to how we feel about an issue. V. Wynn suggested that our challenge was that we’re fine as libraries, but need active citizens in addition. Three or four people are needed to communicate with elected officials on clearly-defined issues.


10. PAB (M. Earl). M. Earl suggested that when members give K. Woods updates to the TLA Web page, they copy S. Szostak and A. Huggins. The new Associate Editor for TL is Amy York. The Conference issue is up and looks great. The PAB will be working on its bylaws and are discussing the possibility of advertising on the Web site.

Editor, TL: Editor, TLAN C. Peters reported that the next issue is ready to go once the PAB OK’s it. Amy Arnold is her new Assistant. Postcards announcing highlights of the upcoming issue will go out in the next week or so. These will reach the approximately half of the TLA members not subscribed to TLA-L. C. Peters will resign at the end of June 2007. She thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve. P. Thompson thanked C. Peters and acknowledged her continuing contributions to the Association.

11. Public Relations (L. Travis). As submitted. L. Travis proposed that we accept the new TLA logo, which is identical to the old one except that it is in a format that is compatible with computer files. Molly Moore's brother did the new logo "out of the kindness of his heart." L. Travis suggested that TLA recognize his work with a letter and some money. P. Thompson moved that, by acclamation of the Board, we give $100 to James Moore for his work on the logo project. Those present voted unanimously in favor of this idea.

12. Staff Development. As submitted.

13. Strategic Planning (K. Due). As submitted. K. Due will see that Strategic Planning will be added back to the Web site. She reported that this Committee has received maybe four Strategic Plans so far. P. Thompson strongly encouraged Committees and Roundtables to review their activities and the Committee's recommendations; identify three or four they want to accomplish; put in times by which they will be accomplished. K. Due suggested that people refer to the calendar included with the Strategic Planning report and to the instructions on pages two and three, respectively. Strategic Plans are due by 1 September.

14. Site Selection (A. Huggins). As submitted. A. Huggins mentioned that the facility at Opryland is reasonable, the rooms are too high for the 2008 Conference, but the room rates at the Kingsport Marriott in Kingsport are more reasonable. (Conference dates are 9-11 April 2008.)

15. ALA (C. Anderson Peters). As submitted. A. Huggins recommended that, since TLA pays for memberships in both ALA and the Freedom to Read Foundation, we make an annual donation to the ALA-APA (an organization separate from ALA) for the advancement of library employees) of $100. C. Anderson Peters moved that TLA support ALA-APA with an annual donation of $100; K. Due seconded; motion carried. P. Thompson thanked A. Huggins for her work as ALA Councilor for the past six years.

17. State Library (J. Sugg). As submitted. J. Sugg invited those present to view the exhibit at the State Library and Archives on old resorts in the state of Tennessee. The TSLA is trying to do more exhibits. She described plans for the new TSLA building, noting that next year's Legislative Day will include a discussion of money for the building. V. Wynn added that she and J. Sugg were in a photograph from this year's Legislative Day that appeared in American Libraries. J. Sugg acknowledged the efforts of TENN-SHARE and others who have helped with the re-development of TEL.

18. Exhibitors. No representation.

19. College/University Libraries (D. Holden). As submitted (not received; will be resent). D. Holden noted that the CULS Fall Conference is scheduled for 3 November at the UK Conference Center in Knoxville and will focus on Information Literacy K-20.

20. Public Libraries (D. Fulkerson for D. Harris). As submitted. D. Fulkerson added that the Tennesco Corporation of Dickson, TN, is sponsoring a scholarship that will cover expenses related to attendance at the 2007 TLA Annual Conference by regional library managers/directors and other individuals who have not attended before and cannot attend due to lack of funds. He encouraged those present to thank if we know or see them.


22. Special Libraries. No representation; no report.


24. Children's/Young Adults (M. Dillingham). As submitted.

25. Electronic Resources Management. No representation; no report.


27. Integrated Library Systems. As submitted. P. Thompson reported that A. Clapp emailed TLA-L for interest in membership; one member responded. A. Huggins noted that this Roundtable and the Paraprofessionals Roundtables are both in limbo. Neither had elections last year. Those present discussed issues and challenges of both Roundtables, particularly the Paraprofessionals Roundtable.


29. Paraprofessionals. No representation; no report.


32. Boone Tree Library Association (R. Wallace). As submitted. R. Wallace reported that BTLA will have elections at their September meeting; someone else will represent BTLA at the next TLA meeting, so they will let us know who in advance. BTLA will let the listserv know when the next meeting is.

33. CALA. A. Huggins noted that no one knows who their president is. P. Frere will let A. Huggins know.

34. ETLA. M. Earl reported that Ed Sullivan is their president.

35. Friends of Tennessee Libraries. No representation; no report. F. Darnell noted that John Nye is going to do a series of workshops on advocacy across Tennessee, sponsored by FOTL. He is particularly concerned about illiteracy, inmates, and others who have no voice. He will be doing a program at the Regional Library Directors meeting next month, and encourages all local libraries to do a local Legislative Day. C. Farley spoke highly of a presentation he made at Caney Fork. A. Huggins acknowledged the continuing support by John Nye and Frances Darnell of library-related issues.


38. Student Chapter. No representation; P. Thompson noted that the representative (G. Carter) is representing TLA at the School of Information Sciences at UT-K, telling incoming students about the Association. A. Huggins added that, due to her role as Executive Director, she had been nominated to serve on the UT Advisory Board for the next three years.

39. TASL. As submitted.

40. TENN-SHARE (P. Frere). P. Frere thanked TLA for allowing their DataFest registration to be online. She announced that the DataFest is 14 September; Fall Conference, 15 September (at which George Needham will be the keynote speaker). Contact her at pennyfrere@bellsouth.com.
41. THESLA (R. Wallace). As submitted.

42. WeTALC (S. Cohen). S. Cohen thanked TLA for making WeTALC an affiliate of the Association, gave a brief overview of WeTALC, and announced that the next WeTALC is 9 October at Freed-Hardeman University.

43. Ad-Hoc Committee on TLA Scholarship (D. Stevens). D. Stevens requested that the Board vote to approve the proposed guidelines for the Gleaves Scholarship so that the first Scholarship may be awarded at the 2007 Annual Conference. P. Thompson asked if there were questions. A. Huggins reminded those present that the Board of Directors advises the Executive Committee (which meets directly after this meeting), so the outcome of this vote would advise the Executive Committee on how to proceed. P. Thompson invited discussion; there being none, she asked all in favor of the submitted guidelines to say “aye”; there being none opposed, the guidelines were accepted. C. Anderson Peters asked whether this Committee were still Ad-Hoc; A. said that its status would be on the September ballot.

President’s remarks: P. Thomson thanked everyone who attended, noting that sharing our energy and talent shows that we are a vibrant organization. She encouraged all to talk with their Committees and turn in their strategic plans.

F. Darnell encouraged nominations for Honors and Awards. P. Thompson agreed, calling it a travesty when awards don’t get presented. S. Parente encouraged re-submission of names that might have been sent in before, but not chosen.

L. Travis invited ideas for promoting libraries in Tennessee. A. Huggins mentioned that TLA has a graphic artist under contract and encouraged people to use her.

C. Farley encouraged all—particularly the Conference Planning Committee and Publications Advisory Board—to remember our Exhibitor Representative, J. T. Fisher, as they plan for the Conference and for advertising on the Web site, respectively.

P. Thompson reminded all to submit program proposals for the 2007 Annual Conference—and spread the word for others to do so. The programs and forms will soon be on the Web.

C. Farley invited everyone to take the garden videos provided by a distribution firm in California (and to thank the company when their contact information becomes available).

Next meeting: Saturday 11 November, White County Public Library in Sparta. Directions will appear on the agenda.

Meeting adjourned: 11:35.
Respectfully submitted,
Bess Robinson
2006-07 Recording Secretary
Tennessee Library Association