Tennessee Library Association
Board of Directors Meeting
11 November 2006
White County Public Library
Sparta, TN

Present: Pat Thompson (President); Jane Pinkston (Vice President/President Elect; Finance); Bess Robinson (Recording Secretary); Cathy Farley (Past President; Strategic Planning); Annette Huggins (Executive Director; Finance; Site Selection); Suresh Ponnappa (Bylaws/Procedures); Sharon Parente (Honors & Awards); Kathy Bennett (TN History Book Award); Chris Durman (Intellectual Freedom); James Staub and Vivian Wynn (Legislation); Dinah Harris (Nominating; Public Libraries); Martha Earl and Sue Szostak (Publications Advisory Board); Joan VanSickle Sloan (Public Relations); Sue Alexander (SELA Representative); Diana Holden (College/University Libraries); Leslie Pullins (Children/Young Adults); Regina Lee (GODORT); Georgeanne Burns (Technical Services Roundtable); Rick Wallace (BTLA); Valerie Adams (CALA); Sarena Cleeton (Student Chapter); Maylene (Kefeng) Qiu (THeSLA); Scott Cohen (WeTALC)

Not present: Stephen Patrick and Janette Prescod (Advisory Committee/State Documents); Marion Bryant (Conference Planning 2007; Site Selection); Chuck Sherrill (Conference Planning 2007); Sylverna Ford (Bylaws/Procedures; MALC); Frances Adams-O'Brien (Honors & Awards); Julia Burns (TN History Book Award); Kathy Patten and Patty Williams (Volunteer State Book Award); Perveen Rustomfram (Intellectual Freedom); Chris Marszałek and Missy Dillingham (Membership); Marie Jones (Editor, TL); Rebecca Tolley-Stokes (Book Reviews); Chrissie Anderson Peters (Editor, TLA Newsletter; ALA); David Ratledge (TLA-L); Kanneese Woods (TLA Webmaster); Lisa Travis (Public Relations); Tricia Bengal, Thura Mack, and Caroline Barnett (Staff Development); Kay Due (Strategic Planning); Jeanne Sugg (State Library); J.T. Fisher (Exhibitors); Gayla Hall (College/University Libraries); Jean Bruce (School Libraries); Amy Gideon (Special Libraries); Frances Darrell (Trustees/Friends; Friends of TN Libraries); W. Michael Bell (Electronic Resources); Ann Clapp (Integrated Library Systems); Leah Allison (Library Instruction); Jenny Cole (Reference/Information Services); Ed Sullivan (ETLA); Susan P. Chambers (Friends of TN Libraries); Lucinda Scanlon (Mid-State Library Association); Margaret Hausauer and Brenda Moriarty (TASI); Penny Frere (TENN-SHARE); Kam McHugh and Debbie Stevens (Ad-Hoc Committee on TLA Scholarship)

P. Thompson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. CST. She welcomed those present, thanked C. Farley for hosting at the new White County Public Library and A. Huggins for the refreshments, and explained the meeting process. Everyone introduced themselves.

Executive Director's Report. (A. Huggins) As submitted. TLA's new clerical assistant is helping with uploading material to the TLA Web site. Send information for the site to A. Huggins (ahuggins@midsouth.rr.com) and she will give it to the clerical assistant. Be sure to indicate whether the material includes a link to another site.

Finance Report. (A. Huggins) As submitted. A. Huggins reminded those who raise money (such as the Children’s/Young Adults Roundtable) that the money does not carry forward to the next year as income. She transferred the Cheney savings account to the Scholarship savings account (with the approval of Dr. Geaves). This combines into one account the Cheney and Taylor Awards, and Geaves Scholarship monies. This money will be moved into a Money Market account where it will earn interest and from which checks may be more easily written. A. Huggins is moving toward getting a newer second signature on the accounts from our bylaws indicate that if TLA “goes belly up,” any money that we have would go to the TSLA.

P. Thompson called for a moment of silence in honor of Veterans Day.

Minutes of last meeting: C. Farley moved that the minutes of the 19 August 2006 meeting be approved as corrected; S. Ponnappa seconded; motion carried. B. Robinson will send out corrected minutes to Executive Committee members.Minutes of the 5 April meeting, approved by acclamation, were distributed.

Old business: None.

New business: (Committee reports)

1. Advisory Committee on State Documents. No representation; no report.
2. ByLaws and Procedures (S. Ponnappa). No report. S. Ponnappa read the ballot results aloud. These changes will be incorporated into the Bylaws. P. Thompson noted that the dues increase will go into effect in 2008 and invited those interested in becoming life members of TLA to go ahead and sign up, as these memberships will change from $600 to $1,000.

3. Conference Planning. As submitted. M. Earl asked about the lack of a deadline for program proposals. P. Thompson replied that proposals could still be submitted—particularly from public, school, and special libraries. We are trying to keep preconferences to a minimum because too many offered last year didn’t make.

4. Finance (see above)


7. Legislation (V. Wynn). As submitted. V. Wynn reminded all of Legislative Day, scheduled for 27 February. The Committee hopes to have the reception the evening before for the out-of-towners. V. Wynn encouraged inviting Trustees and friends—citizens. C. Farley asked about Library Legislative Month. V. Wynn responded that we have increased our visibility, and invited all to send her news of the events that they hosted so that that the Committee can use them next year. C. Farley described what White County Public Library had done.


9. Nominating (D. Harris). As submitted. Pam Dennis and Sue Szostak are nominees for Vice President/President Elect; Virginia Cairns and Tiffany Conner, for Secretary.

10. PAB (M. Earl). As submitted—with an update: M. Earl announced that in Chrissie Anderson-Peters had stepped down as editor of TLAN and Amy Arnold (the current assistant editor) would like to take her place. M. Earl recommends to the Executive Board that A. Arnold be the new editor, starting in January. A. Arnold and the Committee will look for an associate editor. Editor, TL No representation; no report. Editor, TLAN No representation; no report. TLA Webmaster No representation; as submitted.


12. Staff Development. No representation; as submitted.

13. Strategic Planning. No representation; as submitted. C. Farley reported that this Committee has received the strategic plan from the Intellectual Freedom Committee but still lacks plans from several other Committees and Sections, and a Roundtable. TLA’s new clerical assistant has put a number of things on their Web site. C. Farley drew attention to the proposal in the Committee’s report that addresses the Association’s lack of a Personnel Committee or policies in place for TLA employees, and asked those present their opinion as to how to proceed with that. She noted that she was in the process of obtaining examples of what comparable library organizations have in place. The Executive Board will discuss it at their meeting immediately following.


15. ALA. No representation; no report. P. Thompson read letters from ALA and ALA APA, thanking TLA for our donations to the ALA Hurricane Relief Fund and to ALA APA, respectively.


17. State Library. No representation; as submitted.

18. Exhibitors. No representation; no report.


22. Special Libraries. No representation; no report.

23. Trustees/Friends. No representation; as submitted.

24. Children’s/Young Adults (L. Pullins). As submitted.


26. GODORT (R. Lee). As submitted. Their fall meeting went well. The Roundtable requests
that the Bylaws/Procedures Committee review some of their bylaws—particularly the
requirement for a membership of “at least 25.” They will send their proposed changes to
S. Ponnappa, who will eventually send a recommendation to the Executive Board.

27. Integrated Library Systems. No representation; as submitted.

28. Library Instruction. No representation; as submitted.

29. Paraprofessionals. No representation; no report.


31. Technical Service (G. Burns). As submitted. G. Burns reported that the Roundtable will
have a program proposal for the Annual Conference.

32. Boone Tree Library Association (R. Wallace). As submitted. R. Wallace reported
that Christi Anderson Peters is the Association’s new President and asked that those
present add her name and remove his as the representative of the BTLA if they have not
done so already.

33. CALA (V. Adams). As submitted. V. Adams will represent the Association this year.

34. ETLA. No representation; no report.

35. Friends of Tennessee Libraries. No representation; as submitted.


38. Student Chapter (S. Cleeton). As submitted.

39. TASI. No representation; as submitted.

40. TENN-SHARE (S. Ponnappa for P. Frere). As submitted. P. Frere encourages all to
write their respective legislators and encourage them to support the bill for money for the
Tennessee Electronic Library. According to J. Sugg, we may need to find a sponsor for this
bill.


42. WeTALC (S. Cohen). As submitted.

43. Ad-Hoc Committee on TLA Scholarship. No representation; no report.

A. Huggins suggested that those present discuss how to address legislative issues facing the
Association, noting the advances that Boards of sister organizations have made by coming up
with plans to do this same thing. Those present agreed that the Executive Committee would
draft a letter to Governor Bredesen and attach to it the names and addresses that A. Huggins
collected from all at the meeting. V. Wynn encouraged all TLA members to write individual
letters as well and read a prototype letter drafted to go to Governor Bredesen (with copies to
the Director of Finance and Administration and to Secretary of State Riley Darnell) that might
give further ideas to individual letter-writers. A. Huggins suggested that TBR and public
libraries also write.

M. Earl brought attention to S. Szostak’s idea of having the January/February newsletter focus
on legislation and how libraries help communities economically, educationally, and culturally.
She suggested that TLAN editor A. Arnold will need guest writers . . . perhaps have S. Cohen
interview John Nye (a huge supporter of Tennessee libraries).

S. Szostak commented that the more focused, the better, for legislators, who want to know
what their constituents are getting for the money spent. M. Earl suggested compiling talking
points (including consumer health information, quality of life issues, potential for economic
development—not just use by schools).

J. Pinkston explained how decisions on items proposed for the State budget are made.

Other suggestions for Legislative Day included producing back to front on glossy paper a
synopsis of what appears in the January/February TLAN, some of the Cohen/Nye interview,
and pictures of individuals and groups in a variety of venues using TEL. S. Szostak will work
with A. Arnold.

Next meeting: Wednesday 18 April during the Annual Conference in Chattanooga. Location
and directions will be announced.

Meeting adjourned: 10:45 a.m.,
Respectfully submitted,
Bess Robinson
TLA Recording Secretary 2006-07