Present: Pat Thompson ('06-'07 President; '07-'08 Past President, Strategic Planning); Jane Pinkston ('06-'07 Vice President/President Elect, Finance; '07-'08 President); Bess Robinson ('06-'07 Recording Secretary); Cathy Farley ('06-'07 Past President, Strategic Planning; '07-'08 Legislation); Annelle Huggins ('06-'07, '07-'08 Executive Director, Finance, Site Selection); Virginia Cairns ('07-08 Recording Secretary); Stephen Patrick ('06-'07, '07-'08 Advisory Committee/State Documents); Genny Carter ('06-'07 Archives and History, Student Chapter); Louise Kelly ('07-'08 Bylaws and Procedures); Kay Cunningham ('07-'08 Conference Planning); Jeannie Sugg ('06-'07, '07-'08 State Library; '07-'08 Finance); Frances Adams-O'Brien ('06-'07 Honors and Awards; '07-'08 Scholarship); Sharon Parente ('06-'07 Honors and Awards; '07-'08 Library Instruction); Rhonda Watson ('07-'08 Intellectual Freedom); Jeanine Aker and Clark Nall ('07-'08 Intellectual Freedom); James Staub and Vivian Wynn ('06-'07 Legislation); Vandy Owen ('07-'08 Legislation); Chris Marszalek ('06-'07, '07-'08 Membership); Missy Dillingham ('06-'07, '07-'08 Membership); '07-'08 Children's/Young Adults); Dinah Harris ('06-'07 Nominating, Public Libraries; '07-'08 Public Relations); Sue Szcztak ('06-'07 Publications Advisory Board; '07-'08 Vice President/President Elect); Louis Morgan ('07-'08 Publications Advisory Board); Lisa Travis and Joan VanSickle Sloan ('06-'07 Public Relations); Teresa Newton ('07-'08 Public Relations); Kay Duce ('06-'07 Strategic Planning); Debbie Stevens ('06-'07 Scholarship); Scott Cohen ('06-'07, '07-'08 WeTALC; '07-'08 Staff Development); Sue Alexander ('06-'07, '07-'08 SELA); Regina Lee ('06-'07 GODORT); Mary Freilich ('07-'08 GODORT); Dorothy Hooper ('07-'08 School Libraries); Ann Clapp ('07-'08 Integrated Library Systems); Leah Allison ('06-'07 Library Instruction; '07-'08 School Libraries); Jenny Rushing ('06-'07 Reference/Information Services); Molly Moore ('07-'08 Reference/Information Services); Valerie Adams ('06-'07, '07-'08 CALA); Margaret Hausauer ('06-'07, '07-'08 TASL); Penny Frere ('06-'07, '07-'08 TENNSHARE)

Not present: Janette Prescod ('06-'07 Advisory Committee/State Documents); Yildiz Binkley and Inga Fillipo ('07-'08 Archives and History); Suresh Ponmappa ('06-'07 Bylaws and Procedures); Andy Hunt ('07-'08 Conference Planning); Sylverna Ford ('06-'07 Bylaws/Procedures; '06-'07, '07-'08 MALC); Marion Bryant ('06-'07 Conference Planning, Site Selection; '07-'08 Site Selection); Chuck Sherrill ('06-'07 Conference Planning); Gayle Baker and Mary Platt ('07-'08 Honors and Awards); Kathy Bennett and Julie Burns ('06-'07 TN History Book Award); Ken Fieth and Carol Roberts ('07-'08 TN History Book Award); Kathy Patton and Patty Williams ('06-'07, '07-'08 Volunteer State Book Award); Chris Durman and Perveen Rustomfar ('06-'07 Intellectual Freedom); Martha Earl ('06-'07, '07-'08 Publications Advisory Board); Marie Jones ('06-'07, '07-'08 Editor, TLA Newsletter); Rebecca Tolley-Stokes ('07-'08 Book Reviews); Amy Arnold ('07-'08 Editor, TLA Newsletter); David Ratledge ('06-'07, '07-'08 TLA-L); Chrisie Anderson Peters ('06-'07 TLA Newsletter; '06-'07, '07-'08 TLA Webpage); Larissa Stecker ('06-'07, '07-'08 ALA; '06-'07, '07-'08 ALA); Kari McHugh ('06-'07 Scholarship); Lynette Sloan ('07-'08 Scholarship); Caroline Barnett, Tricia Bengel, and Thura Mack ('06-'07 Staff Development); Faith Holdredge ('07-'08 Staff Development); Kathy Pagnes ('07-'08 Strategic Planning); J.T. Fisher ('06-'07 Exhibitors); Diana Holden ('06-'07 College/University Libraries); Gayla Hall ('06-'07, '07-'08 College/University Libraries); Dave Fullerton ('07-'08 Public Libraries); Sean Bruce ('06-'07 School Libraries); Amy Gideon ('06-'07 Special Libraries); Susan P. Chambers ('06-'07 Friends of TN Libraries); Frances Darnell ('07-'08 Trustees/Friends); Susan Greer ('07-'08 Trustee/Friends); Leslie Pullins ('06-'07 Children/Young Adults); W. Michael Bell ('06-'07 Electronic Resources Management); Michael Hooper ('07-'08 Electronic Resources Management); Georgeanne Burns ('06-'07 Technical Services); Mark Danley ('07-'08 Technical Services); Rick Wallace ('06-'07, '07-'08 Boone Tree); Ed Sullivan ('07-'08 East Tennessee); Lucinda Scanlon ('06-'07, '07-'08 Mid-State Library Association); Sarena Cleeton ('06-'07 Student Chapter); Jamie Oxborn ('07-'08 Student Chapter); Brenda Moriarity ('06-'07, '07-'08 TASL); Jan Haley ('07-'08 TheSLA);

P. Thompson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. CST. She welcomed those present and explained our meeting process and the rationale for meeting with incoming counterparts, reviewing last year's Action Plans and creating new ones for '07-'08. Everyone introduced themselves.
Executive Director's Report (A. Huggins). As submitted. A. Huggins added that she is working on the problems with online registration. Online registration for next year’s Annual Conference will be available only to those using credit cards. People wishing to pay by check may register on paper. She distributed the ‘07-’08 TLA calendar and ‘07-’08 TLA Officers and Board of Directors (and requested that updates may be emailed to her). ‘07-’08 Board members will be added to the TLABOARD listserv by the end of July. A. Huggins explained that quarterly reports should be posted to the listserv by the Thursday before an upcoming Board meeting, and that each report should be numbered in the order that it appears on the agenda. (If a Committee or other TLA group has nothing to report, let her/the TLA Board know that, too.) A. Huggins explained the reimbursement process and invited those who need TLA stationery and envelopes to email her. She mentioned that only about half of current TLA members read or have access to messages to the TLA-L listserv, so explained the process should Board members want something printed and mailed, encouraging people to send it to A. Huggins at least 2-3 weeks ahead of when they want it in the mail.

Finance Report (A. Huggins). As submitted. A. Huggins noted that the Conference expenses have mostly been accounted for. She commended M. Bryant and C. Sherrill for the great job they did on the ‘07 Conference and making what they needed to make—and more—toward the next Conference. A. Huggins announced that she would distribute the ‘07-’08 budget at the August meeting, but invited those who wanted to talk with her about expenditures prior to August to do so. The ‘07-’08 budget will be similar to ‘06-’07. There was a brief discussion about expenses and requesting more money if needed. A. Huggins announced that a major gift is about to be made to support the Daniel Taylor Award and part will go to the Scholarship fund. If chairs/co-chairs have something they want on the Web, they may do it themselves or give it to Annelle and she or the Clerical Assistant will upload it (give them some lead time). The Affiniscape tutorial is helpful; F. Adams-O’Brien suggested that the Webmistress send the tutorial information to new members.

Minutes of meetings during 2007 Annual Conference: While minutes of all three meetings had been approved by the Executive Board, they had not been posted to the TLA Web site, nor had they been distributed to the entire Board. A copy was circulated among those present; copies of all three meetings will be posted to the Web site and distributed via TLA-L. M. Freilich moved that the minutes of the 18 April 2007 Board of Directors meeting be approved; Frances Adams-O’Brien seconded; motion carried. (No one could identify who represented Boone Tree.)

P. Thompson reviewed a few highlights of the 18 April 2007 Executive Committee meeting, including:

• a proposal that TLA subscribe to Emerald (the Electronic Resources Management Roundtable is evaluating some of the Emerald products; P. Thompson invited suggestions about titles or other databases be sent to the ERM);
• approval of tying the Exhibitors Representative to Exhibits and Conference Planning, serving in an advisory capacity to those Committees;
• the Board’s decision not to approve TENN-SHARE’s request that we cover lobbyist Nathan Ridley’s expenses;
• Jennifer Cowan-Henderson as the new permanent Webmistress for Conferences starting in ’08;
• salary increases for the Executive Director and the Executive Director’s Clerical Assistant. There was some discussion of the TENN-SHARE request.

Regina Lee moved that the minutes of the 19 April General Session be approved; Kay Due seconded; motion passed.

Old business: None.

Announcements: P. Thompson announced that the Paraprofessionals and Integrated Library Systems Roundtables will cease to exist 30 June as neither roundtable could sustain enough members. However, the Honors and Awards Committee will still administer the Library Support Staff Award each year. Honors and Awards makes some recommendations about this Award in their report.

P. Thompson mentioned that the Association received a nice note from Maria Socher (awarded the first Ed Gleaves Scholarship Award during the General Session at the 2007 Annual Conference) thanking TLA for her award, and passed the note around.

New business: (Committee reports)

1. Advisory Committee on State Documents (S. Patrick). As submitted.
2. Archives and History (G. Carter). As submitted. G. Carter invited anyone interested in helping with the tasks of the Committee to let her know; P. Thompson suggested that since the Association’s documents are at the Tennessee State Library and Archives, it might be especially good if people near there could help.
4. Conference Planning. As submitted. P. Thompson and others present noted what a wonderful job Conference Planning and other Committees involved with the Conference did overall—including with the bottom line.
5. Finance (see above). As submitted.
6. Honors and Awards (F. Adams-O’Brien). As submitted. F. Adams-O’Brien encouraged incoming chairs/co-chairs to be aware of whether their groups solicit nominations and make awards, and be prepared to do so again this year. There was discussion of the TENN-SHARE Award; P. Thompson read aloud the relevant Guidelines from the TLA Manual of Procedures (available at www.tnla.org) to clarify. J. Pinkston recommended that each group that has an award winner have someone who knows the winner be at the session.
where the award is given to speak on the winner’s behalf. F. Adams-O’Brien mentioned creating a tip sheet for future chairs/co-chairs, including on it updating the online forms. P. Thompson said that the chair or co-chair is responsible for correct information on the group’s Web site. F. Adams-O’Brien suggested that the Executive Committee discuss and update the criteria for the Library Support Staff Award.

Tennessee History Book Award. As submitted.

Volunteer State Book Award. As submitted.


8. Legislation (J. Staub). As submitted. J. Staub added that anyone at ALA in DC on Tuesday 26 June is encouraged to go to the Library Day on the Hill. Activities include Legislators’ being able to have a Read poster created with their pictures on them plus maybe get a minute of Floor time talking about Libraries (which will appear in the Congressional Record).

9. Membership (C. Marszalek). As submitted. C. Marszalek encouraged all to read the Membership report for details of the new membership drive 1 November – 31 January and said that Membership would be sending packets to all members of TLA. P. Frere suggested having a special cover letter for the packets sent to Trustees and Friends (C. Marszalek: “no problem”). A. Huggins added that the Association’s dues structure will change in ‘07-’08, as voted on by the membership. J. Pinkston asked if anyone had become Lifetime members in light of A. Huggin’s remarks at a previous meeting about the benefits of doing so; A. Huggins: maybe three, including the winner of this year’s Honorary Membership.


11. PAB. No representation; as submitted.

12. Public Relations (J. VanSickle Sloan). As submitted. J. VanSickle Sloan encouraged all library employees to be public relations people by telling people why we have libraries and need librarians, and spreading the word that TEL is the best deal in any public library (and showing people how to use it!)

13. Scholarship (D. Stevens). As submitted. A. Huggins thanked D. Stevens and K. McHugh for their work over the last four years in getting the Gleaves Scholarship up and going.

14. Staff Development. As submitted. P. Thompson commended this Committee for their outstanding work this year, particularly their part in making the Annual Conference meaningful for Staff. S. Stoszak added that her staff returned from the Conference so enthusiastic, saying it was absolutely wonderful! There was discussion on the best time to schedule Staff Development Workshops; the consensus was that Fall may be the best time—after September and that better communication about them is needed. Information is on TLA Web page.

15. Strategic Planning (C. Farley). As reported. C. Farley noted that incoming chairs/co-chairs’ Strategic Plans are due to the Strategic Planning Co-Chairs P. Thompson and Kathy Pagels by 4 September; finalized plans are due to the Executive Committee by the end of September. The Strategic Plan paperwork was attached to the Strategic Planning Committee’s report; those who don’t have it should ask C. Farley for copies. ’06-’07 and ’07-’08 chairs/co-chairs should discuss their respective Strategic Plans during lunch.

16. Site Selection (A. Huggins). As submitted. A. Huggins stated that they’re looking for a location for the ’09 Annual Conference. Murfreesboro is not going to work out, nor have other sites throughout Tennessee. She’s still working on a site. The proposed Conference dates do not conflict with other organizations (like the Texas Library Association meeting, because of vendors or holidays). We may have to have it earlier in March. The main problem is that hotels must have adequate meeting space and rooms; usually they’ll have one but not the other.

17. ALA. No representation; no report.


19. State Library (J. Sugg). As submitted. J. Sugg added that as of today, we do not have $1,000,000 for TEL. She thanked those who have contacted their legislators. This coming Monday through Wednesday will be stressful as we wait for a decision. She explained how the budget process would go and named people in the Senate and House key to our cause. She encouraged all to email their legislators and those on the Budget Subcommittee asking for their support. She thanked P. Frere and TENN-SHARE for their efforts. She discussed the status of the new Tennessee State Library and Archives building. TEL is still in the Contracts office; she can’t tell us the new vendor, but believes that if it works out as she thinks it will, we’ll be pleased. She’ll let us know as soon as she can.

20. Exhibitors. No representation; no report.


25. Trustees/Friends. No representation; no report.

26. Children’s/Young Adults (M. Dillingham). As submitted.

27. Electronic Resources Management (W. Michael Bell). No representation; no report.


29. Integrated Library Systems (Ann Clapp). No report. P. Thompson stated that this Roundtable’s membership does not meet the stated requirements so will go away on 30 June.

30. Library Instruction (L. Allison). As submitted. L. Allison added that S. Parente is the incoming Chair.

31. Paraprofessionals. No representation; no report. P. Thompson stated that this Roundtable’s membership does not meet the stated requirements so will go away on
30. June.
33. Technical Services. No representation; as submitted.
34. Boone Tree Library Association. No representation; no report.
35. GALA (V. Adams). As submitted.
36. ETLA. No representation; no report.
37. Friends of Tennessee Libraries. No representation; no report.
38. Memphis Area Library Council. No representation; no report.
40. TASL (M. Hausauer). As submitted.
41. TENN-SHARE (P. Freer). No report. P. Freer discussed the issue of TLA's being asked to pay for lobbyist Nathan Ridley, who worked on behalf of TENN-SHARE. She encouraged all to call their legislators—especially the House Budget Subcommittee—on behalf of TEL; there is an 800 number, which she'll email Monday. P. Thompson noted that TLA did request from Judy Drescher specifics of Mr. Ridley's work, but did not receive them.
42. THESLA. No representation; no report.
43. Student Chapter. No representation; no report.
44. WeTALC (S. Cohen). As submitted. S. Cohen added that Mary Carpenter of Obion County Public Library will become the Library Director at UT Martin in July.

P. Thompson introduced J. Pinkston, who discussed TLA's actions for the future. With Margaret Mead's quote, "A small group of thoughtful people can change the world," in mind, J. Pinkston focused on what the Association could do in terms of advocacy and expanding its capabilities for development and training for all library employees.

Next meeting: Saturday 25 August at the Mt. Juliet Public Library.

Meeting adjourned: 11:54 a.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Bess Robinson
TLA Recording Secretary 2006-07