

Tennessee Library Association Advisory Council Meeting
@ Annual Conference
April 24, 2019
Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by Acting President Jeffie Nicolson at around 5:15PM at the Chattanooga Conference Center, Room 10. Attendees were asked to introduced selves.

Jeffie Nicolson called for the minutes for December 8th Advisory Council meeting to be approved. Minutes were approved.

In preparation for the Executive Board meeting later that night, various committees and representatives presented informational items

The Advisory Committee on State Documents reported they completed their task to amend the Tennessee State depository guidelines. The General Services Administration and State Library bill was passed March 13th approving the guidelines. Several changes highlighted were the definition of state publications was modified (greeting cards no longer included) and 1 copy of publication is to be retained instead of 2 copies. There are 6 depository libraries in the state of Tennessee.

Susan Jennings reported she was elected by the State Board representatives to ALA to sit on the search committee to help find the next ALA Executive Director. The goal is to present a list of candidates by October 15th, 2019. Question from the floor was asked if candidates would need to have an MLS degree. Susan replied that an MLS degree would be preferred but not required. Further discussion was “Are they concerned that this allowing any Master’s degree will set a precedent so other libraries may accept non-MLS degrees and thereby water down the library profession?” Susan reported that ALA had had failed searches when the MLS degree was required, hence the plan is to make it preferred but not required. Susan also reported she was appointed to a working group to see how viable the Council Forum system is now, in light of recent incidents of racism and bullying. (One source: <https://aprilhathcock.wordpress.com/2019/01/30/alamw-what-happened-and-what-should-happen-next/>)

Richard Groves reported that the Strategic Planning committee was going to try to ask volunteers to assist with a task force to develop procedures for future strategic planning. Based on other state associations, having a group of volunteers working together seems to work better than a few appointed members (Immediate Past-President and Immediate Past Recording secretary). See Jill Rael, Jeffie Nicholson, or Richard Groves to volunteer. If not enough volunteer, Jill could appoint members to the task force.

The Publications Advisory board proposed to pay an honorarium to the Tennessee Libraries’ Book Review editor.

The Diversity Committee, in their Board report, proposed renaming their committee to the “Diversity and Inclusion Committee”. Additionally, they requested that “library schools” be added to their goal to increase minority representation in Tennessee libraries and finally, that the Diversity statement be added to TLA’s mission statement.

Blake Hopper asked for presenters to the TASL Summer professional development meetings: June 4th, for the west of the state and June 7th, for the east of the state.

Annelle pointed out that a significant number of Advisory Council reports had not been posted by the cutoff. She commented that the lack of activity within the organization is demonstrated by the missing reports.

Susan Jennings commented that it seems the TLA listserv (tla-l) seems to have a lack of activities; “only one posting a week.” Discussion was opened and it was suggested that members of the Advisory Council need to share what is happening in their libraries on tla-l so other libraries will know and potential get new ideas such as “Edible Book festival”. Discussion went into wondering if upon joining or renewing TLA membership, members would be automatically subscribed to to tla-l and would have to opt out.

Meeting time was past 6:00pm so discussion was ended and Chuck Sherril motioned to end the meeting and motion was seconded.

In attendance

Jeffie Nicolson: Acting President

Sean Hogan: Recording Secretary

Sue Knoche: SELA representative

Matthew Jordan: representing Continuing Education division

Amy Kimani: At Large representative for Public Libraries

Pat Bashir: Diversity Committee

Purveen Rustomfram: Advisory Committee on State Documents

Blake Hopper: At Large representative for School Libraries; TASL

Lon Maxwell: Archives & History Committee

Anthony Price: Communications Division Representative

Richard Groves: Past President; Strategic Planning Committee

Susan Jennings: ALA representative

Meredith Goins: Leadership Committee

James Gill: Honors, Awards, Scholarship Committee

Margaret Brown: Bylaws & Procedures Committee

Dwight Hunter: Bylaws & Procedures Committee

Carl Parham: Roundtable Representative; Technical Services Committee

Chuck Sherrill: At Large representative for Special Libraries; Tennessee State Library & Archives

Annelle Huggins: TLA Executive Director via Go-to-Meeting

Susie Ries: Friends of Tennessee Libraries via Go-to-Meeting

Reports are located at: https://www.tnla.org/page/boardreports	
Advisory Council reports received – “x”	If blank - did not submit
Executive Director’s report	x
Divisions:	
<u>Administration</u>	
Archives & History Committee	
By-laws & Procedures Committee:	x
Finance Committee:	x
Strategic Planning Committee:	x
<u>Membership</u>	
<u>Communication</u>	
Public Relations Committee:	
Publications Advisory Committee:	x
<u>Advocacy</u>	
Advisory Committee on State Documents:	x
Diversity Committee:	x
Intellectual Freedom Committee:	x
Legislation Committee:	
<u>Continuing Education</u>	
Conference Planning Committee:	x
Honors, Awards, & Scholarship Committee:	x
Staff & Career Development Committee:	x
Roundtables	
Access & Patron Services:	x
Children & Young Adults:	
College and University Libraries:	x
Government Documents:	x
Leadership:	x
Library Technology:	
New Members:	
Public Libraries:	x
School Libraries:	
Special Libraries	

Technical Services:	x
Affiliates	
ALA/TLA Student Chapter:	
Friends of Tennessee Libraries:	
Tennessee Association of School Librarians:	x
Tennessee Health Sciences Library Association:	
Tenn-Share:	x
UTK-SIS Alumni Chapter:	
Boone Tree Library Association:	
Chattanooga Area Library Association	
East Tennessee Library Association:	
Memphis Area Library Council:	
West Tennessee Academic Library Consortium:	
Representatives	
American Library Association:	x
Southeastern Library Association:	
Tennessee State Library and Archives:	

Executive Board of Tennessee Library Association Meeting
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Jeffie Nicolson called meeting to order at 6:35PM

In attendance

- Jeffie Nicolson: Acting President
- Jill Rael: Vice President / President elect
- Sean Hogan: Recording Secretary
- Richard Grove: Past President
- Chuck Sherrill: Finance Committee; State Library and Archives Representative
- Amy Kimani: At Large representative for Public Libraries
- Susie Rie: Friends of TN Libraries
- Annelle Huggins: TLA Executive Director

Action Item: Naming of a Task Force to develop procedures for future strategic planning.
Approved. TLA-L will be used to seek volunteers and members will be appointed if not enough volunteer.
Action item: 2 amendments to Bylaws with subsequent changes to Manual of Procedures
Send back to the Bylaws Committee so total membership will vote on all the bylaws in September.
Action item: Proposed to pay an honorarium to Tennessee Libraries Book Review Editor.
Honorariums have to be approved by the Finance committee. Discussion on how much the honorarium should be. It was decided to be \$100 per issue.
Action item was approved to set honorarium at \$100 per issue and send item to Finance Committee.
Action item: approve Diversity Committee name change and statement change to mission.
Approved. Send the name change to Bylaws committee; send the mission statement change to Strategic Planning committee
Action item: Membership and renewals would automatically sign members up to TLA listserv
Not approved. Discussion showed that the software used by TLA does not allow direct signup and would make more work for Annelle and David Rutledge. Executive Board will ask the Publication Advisory Board to review the TLA-L to see if it is still necessary in light of the software TLA uses that allows for targeted emails.

Jill Rael moved to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Amy Kimani.
 Meeting closed at 7:30PM