Scot Smith, Librarian Media Specialist, Robertsville Middle School Oak Ridge, TN (TSLA VSBA Co-chair)  
Patricia Rua-Bashir, Children’s Services Supervisor, Southeast Branch (TLA VSBA Co-chair)  
Piper Nyman, Metro Nashville Public Schools (Primary Committee Chair)  
Jamie Bevins, Knox County Schools (Intermediate Committee Chair)  
Karla Keesecker, Unicoi County Schools (Young Adult Committee Chair)  

Scot and Pat called this meeting to talk about revising the VSBA selection procedures. The following items were discussed:

- There is a concern among School Librarians that the books nominated for the VSBA are too old by the time the list gets published. The co-chairs and chairs of the committees discussed this item and decided to change the publishing date from five years to three years. The board will be notified of this change on the selection procedures. The change will be noted as follows: “Only titles published in the three years prior to the year of voting are eligible.”

- Scot proposed to form a sub-committee that will only take care of promoting the VSBA. The VSBA promotion committee will be in charge of insuring that the school and public librarians get promotional materials and training materials that will include ideas to promote the awards.

- Other promotional ideas were discussed:
  - Ask Tennessee First Lady's Read20 Book Club to consider using VSBA nominees for their reads.
  - Present in teacher conferences
  - Invite more VSBA authors
  - Present at the TLA conference
  - Communicate with universities that offer MLS programs so they help promoting the awards in their classes.
  - Possibly ask Limitless Libraries to use our lists for the Battle of the Books.

- All librarians need to get involved promoting the VSBA titles (e.g. using displays or through book clubs that promote nominated titles).
- The co-chairs of the VSBA committee will submit these revisions to the TLA and TSLA boards for approval.

Respectfully submitted by Pat Bashir and Amy Dye Reeves.