

Delaware Library Association DSLMA Annual Report 2009-2010



Officers for 2009-2010 were:

Barbara FitzPatrick, Co-President

Jane Stewart, Co-President

Marilyn Kulkarni, Vice President/President Elect

Ed Hockersmith, Secretary

Paul Kough, Treasurer

This year was a bit strange for DSLMA. We started with no officers except the past president. Luckily members stepped up to this challenge. Then it was a difficult year for meetings due to family issues, scheduling issues, and winter weather. We, however, prevailed. The list below includes some of our activities and projects.

We have held two administrative and four regular meetings this year. Two of the general meetings were held via video conference (and on Elluminate) which allowed us to gather in two places yet all meet together as well as have people join from their computers. Our last 2 meetings were held through Elluminate only – everyone from their own location.

Topics of discussion during meetings included:

- Best Practices from our school libraries
- Advocacy of school library media centers and programs
- Discussions about Follett Circ/Cat and Destiny Programs
- Discussions about a joint access catalog for easier sharing of resources
- The DSLMA website and a possible Wiki
- The desperate need to get membership numbers up
- Updates from The Governor's Task Force, DOE, and DLA, AASL committees and conferences. Also school district representatives gave updates on their schools.

We had active representation on the following committees:

- The DLA Executive Board,
- The DLA Conference Planning Committee
- The Governor's Task Force on School Libraries.

As always DSLMA members attended Legislative Action Day.

Monies were spent on banners and plaques for presentation during the awards portion of the conference.

- The winner of the 2009-2010 DSLMA School Librarian of the Year was Gina Baumgartner from North Dover Elementary School.
- Two mini-grants to instill a love of reading were granted to our members:

- Patty Brown (Everett Meredith Middle School) 'Lunch Time Book Clubs'.
- Lori Robinson (Smyrna HS) 'Anime Club'.

Future goals:

- Increase the number of members in DSLMA.
- Advocate for School libraries, stressing the important and *necessary* role they play in the educational development of Delaware's children.
- Continue partnership with the Governor's Task Force on School Libraries and the DLA Executive Board.
- Update and better maintain the DSLMA webpage
- Continue use of Elluminate and probably Video Conferencing to enable more participation in meetings.

Officers for next year:

Officers for 2010-2011 will be:

Marilyn Kulkarni, President

Ed Hockersmith, Vice President/President Elect

Sharon Brubaker, Secretary

Unknown, Treasurer

Barbara FitzPatrick, Co-President

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