

Delaware Association of School Libraries Division Annual Report, 2013/2014



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Events:

Annual Reception:

DASL hosted AASL president Gail Dickinson and librarian Matthew Winner at the Annual Reception. Attendees learned about the state of school libraries across the country from Ms. Dickinson, and were inspired by Mr. Winner's innovative library program.

Monthly Meetings:

monthly meetings featured professional development and networking opportunities. Meetings were poorly attended, sometimes with only the board in attendance. Exceptions include the meeting with COSL and the Year End Social. The online meeting to discuss future directions was also well attended.

Advocacy:

DASL president met with the head of Curriculum, Instruction, and Professional Development to the state of DE school libraries. Dr. Rouser offered advice on strengthening DASL, but indicated that there are no plans to create (or recreate) a position to represent school librarians. Dr. Rouser did say that we would be on the list of concerns for the ELA Associate. While there are no immediate changes at DOE, a relationship has been created and lines of communication are open. It will be important going forward to make sure that DOE is made aware of how outstanding library programs impact students on a regular basis.

DASL crafted a letter to Dr. Blakesly in the Colonial School District in regards to the elimination of school librarians. Dr. Blakesly declined to attend the Annual Reception and said that school librarians are not being eliminated systematically. DASL called for support of the librarian position at Howard High and worked with AASL to send out a letter. Further action will need to be taken, as NCCVT is now planning to eliminate all school librarian positions.

Executive Board:

DASL President Elect is unable to assume the post of President for next year. Due to a lack of volunteers and the President-Elect's inability to step up next year, it was agreed that current Executive Board members will hold their positions for another year. Executive board members also voted to extend terms to two years to create more continuity. By laws will need to be voted on by the membership and changed. Janice Haney will be DASL treasurer next year.

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