

## DASL Executive Report - March 2017

Rachel West, President

### Executive Board Vacancy:

We're still looking for a Vice President to replace Debbie Burston, who stepped down before Christmas.

### Membership:

Thanks to Sara Thomas for an updated membership list in early March. We've added a few members and have had several reach out about being more active, but none are ready to take on leadership roles. Work has stalled a bit on the database of school librarians in the state, but it's still in process.

### Meetings:

We haven't had any division-wide meetings since our poorly attended ESSA Advocacy workshop.

### Other requests:

1. Feedback on possible bylaw change regarding term length
  - a. We brainstormed in our recent DASL Executive Board meeting the following:
    - i. 1 year VP, 1 year President Elect, 2 years President, 1 year Past President
    - ii. Send ballot to DASL members via email rather than attempt to make quorum at a meeting
2. Remove requirement of Conference Chair position for the VP
  - a. Rather than have MLA/DLA Annual Conference be our annual meeting, we'd prefer participating in MASL (Maryland Association of School Librarians) one-day conference
    - i. Less pushback from administrators since it's only one day
    - ii. Is at a better time of year for us to miss school
    - iii. Is more school librarian-specific
    - iv. MASL has graciously extended their membership discount to Delaware SLs
  - b. Conference Chair tends to be the most overwhelming part of being VP and is leading to a lot of the burnout - especially since the meetings are usually during a school day and it's really difficult for us to accommodate that.
3. DASL listserv separate of DLA listserv
  - a. Right now I just BCC a copy-and-pasted list of email addresses from Sara's membership spreadsheet.
  - b. A DASL listserv would automatically indicate to members that the email is DASL-related instead of general DLA notifications that may not apply to school librarians.