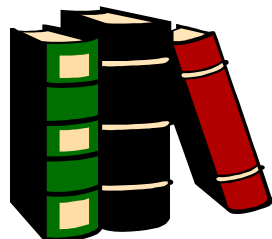


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LaSSAL **Newsletter**

Chair's Column by Jane Vidrine

Inside this issue:

- Louisiana's Paraprofessional of the Year is announced.
- LaSSAL's Fall 2006 Conference update.
- Minutes of the last Executive Board Meeting.
- Limited edition LaSSAL tote bag to be unveiled at ALA's fall conference in New Orleans.

The 2006 Louisiana Library Association Conference will be held in Lafayette this year beginning Tuesday, March 28, 2006 through Thursday, March 30, 2006. LaSSAL will be co sponsoring one pre conference on Tuesday, March 28, 2006 and three programs on Wednesday, March 29, 2006. We will also have our business meeting beginning at 8:00 a.m. Wednesday. I encourage all of you to join us for our meeting. Since we were not able to have our statewide conference last fall, we decided to combine business with pleasure and make it a social event as well. We will have breakfast items as well as door prizes, so hope to see you there!

The pre conference that we are co sponsoring is entitled: "Grant Writing – A Process". The program "Strategic Thinking and Planning (That the Rest of Us Can Understand) will begin immediately after our business meeting. Next we have "Supervising Student Workers: How to Handle Problem Situations" later in the day. The other program is entitled: "Vendor Pearls" Technology Showcase".

Special thanks to Elissa Plank, vice chair/chair elect and all members of the LaSSAL board for their hard work in making LaSSAL a great section.

As we gather to network among ourselves and enrich our lives for the future, let us not forget that libraries all over the State depend on us. We are truly "Supporting Louisiana Libraries."

Jane Vidrine
Chair, LaSSAL

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Minutes of the January 12, 2006 LaSSAL Executive Board Meeting Alexandria, LA

Present: Bob Bradley, Kathy Tuminello, Elissa Plank, April Milton, Leah Clark, Mary Shively, Sylvia Waits, Cathy Mungal

At 10:45a.m. meeting called to order by Elissa Plank.

Minutes from the previous meeting held on August 11, 2005 were read by Kathy Tuminello. Bob made a motion and Mary seconded. Minutes were approved.

Bob made a motion that Jane send a brief email to everyone concerning the financial statements. Kathy T. seconded.

We began the meeting by discussing the LLA Conference to be held in March. There were two nominations for the Paraprofessional support staff award. Bob Bradley is the winner. There were questions about the award; where the award was and/or if it had been purchased. April explained that it has not been purchased yet.

Elissa met with Lynell Buckley, Charlotte Lee and Mary Shively on January 11, 2006 in Ruston to talk about the Supervising Students Workers session. They discussed important points and information that could be helpful. Elissa was going to make an agenda and handouts. The meeting went well.

Jane asked for the board to decide on a menu for the Business meeting to be held Wednesday, March 29, 2006 at the LLA Conference. It is not mentioned in the program for the conference due to the fact that we would have to charge for it. We decided to publicize just to the LaSSAL members. We will also have 2 or 3 door prizes. The suggested menu for the meeting will be: 2 types Coffee, Hot Water w/tea bags, Water, Assorted Bagels, Cream Cheese, Butter, Jam and Fruit.

Elissa is in the process of filling out speaker registration forms.

Next we discussed the ALA meeting to be held in June in New Orleans. It was mentioned if we wanted to have a booth at ALA and LLA or if we wanted to just team up with the support staff booth already there. April was going to contact Beverly about the LLA booth and Cathy was going to contact the ALA support staff coordinator. We discussed having tote bags again pending the approval of the booths. Cathy gave us information that ALA is offering for \$35, you can attend the exhibits and First session with Madeline Albright as speaker. For \$25, you can attend only the exhibits.

Finally we discussed that LaSSAL Conference to be held September 21-22, 2006 in Baton Rouge. We will be using the Holiday Inn South. Elissa will recontact speakers from last year and see if they will be available this year.

Elissa is resubmitting the budget, with a few adjustments, but for the majority the budget is the same as last year.

It was decided that we needed and update newsletter and that the website needed to be updated.

The next meeting is proposed for the LLA Conference unless it is deemed that one is needed before then.

Meeting adjourned 12:00p.m.

LaSSAL News

Mark your calendars! LaSSAL's 2006 Fall conference will be held in Baton Rouge September 21-22 at the Holiday in South. Due to the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina, last year's conference had to be canceled. Look for this year's conference to be better than ever!

Did you know that LaSSAL's website has a "Professional Development" page? It is jam packed with websites and articles on everything from Paraprofessional training to the image of Paraprofessionals in the library field. Take a look! <http://www.laonline.org/sig/lassal/profdev.php> .

LaSSAL will be making it's presence known at the ALA Conference in New Orleans June 22—28. Look for our booth in the exhibits hall and come see our new "limited edition" tote bags. It's design includes a Mardi Gras mask in honor of New Orleans. They will be on sale at the LLA booth.

LaSSAL Announces the 2006 Outstanding Support Staff Professional Winner!

Bob Bradley has been a major supporter, planner and hard worker for LaSSAL for many years. He has brought enthusiasm and new ideas to the Association. Many people know him from the numerous workshops and lectures he has done for LaSSAL. Some of his other duties in LaSSAL have included: Vice chair 1991/2000, chair 2000/2001, and he has been a board member for over 10 years.

Bob has been Division of Continuing Education Coordinator at Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge since 1994. Some of his responsibilities include: Coordinate the Louisiana Consortium for the Advancement of Distance Education (LaCADE); maintain working relationship with the Louisiana Community and Technical College System (LCTCS) as it pertains to distance education; conduct training for the Division of Continuing education in the areas of Grant Proposal Writing; Strategic Thinking and Planning; and various technology subjects; design and conduct presentations off campus as an LSU representative.

Congratulations to Bob Bradley, our 2006 Paraprofessional of the Year Winner!

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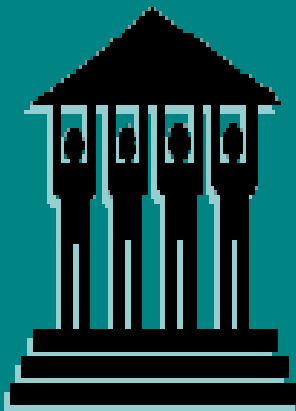
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