

2023 KLAS Users' Conference

*July 17-20, 2023 Conference, Nashville, TN
Business Meeting Minutes*

The business meeting of the 2023 KLAS Users' Group Conference was called to order by President Traci Timmons, Washington TBBL, on Thursday, July 20, 2023 at 11:35 AM Central.

Disposition of the Minutes of the 2022 KLAS Users' Group Business Meeting

Minutes were available on KLASUsers.com for members to review before the meeting. James Gleason, Perkins Library, made a motion to accept the minutes as written. It was seconded by Debbie Martin, Brevard County TBL. Motion approved.

Committee Reports

Program Committee

Drea Callicutt, Keystone Systems, provided the report. She stated that the biannual conference was originally supposed to be held in Nashville in 2021 but was virtual instead. For 2023, a pre-conference survey was distributed in Summer 2022. The committee began meeting monthly in September to plan a hybrid (in-person and online) event. A draft agenda was assembled in the Spring and finalized in May. Drea recognized the significant number of user presenters.

The committee offered online programming monthly throughout 2022, alternating between sessions led by IRCs, Talking Book Libraries, and Keystone. During the 2023 conference year, this was switched to a quarterly schedule. In 2024, an online mini-conference and monthly sessions will be offered.

In conclusion, Drea invited users to join the Program Committee to discuss topics for the upcoming year.

Logistics Committee

Chandra Thornton, Palm Beach County Library TB, provided the report on behalf of committee chair, Sarah Smedley. The committee started monthly meetings in June 2022. Photos of a 2018 Keystone visit to the Tennessee School for the Blind were reviewed. Mindful of the COVID pandemic, a preconference survey was distributed, and the committee chose to pursue a hybrid event in Nashville. In November, the Zoom Events platform was chosen. Keynote speakers were

selected in February. The committee also selected gifts for speakers, name tag ribbon options, food, hotel, and AV equipment options. A call went out for moderators. By June, registration was begun.

KLAS Development Advisory Committee (KDAC)

Traci Timmons provided the report on behalf of committee chair, Dan Malosh. She listed several items that have been in development over the past year. These included APH integration and census for IRCs, planning for browser based KLAS 8, forthcoming Web OPAC, material request enhancements, fiction check box issues, cataloging concerns with the number of new books, overhaul of serials module in anticipation of serials being taken over by libraries, and more. A KLAS Users Roundtable was held in June for KDAC Q & A. Dan encourages users to post ideas to the KLAS forum. He hopes for a future way to track how KDAC influences changes in KLAS.

Julie Klauber Award Committee

Chandra Thornton provided the report. Committee reconvened in March 2023. Previous committee members were reconfirmed, and new members were recruited. A call for nominations went out in April.

Chandra stated that the Julie Klauber Award is an outstanding recognition. It is an opportunity to recognize someone you work with who might not get recognized at the local level. [Note: The person who is selected receives travel, registration, and accommodations to the conference. The award is given not only in recognition of great work, but also to provide an opportunity for a recipient to attend the conference when they may not have been able to otherwise.]

Nominations were reviewed in May, and finalists were selected and notified. This year, Kimberly Tomlinson of the Wisconsin Talking Book & Braille Library was selected. She was recognized in person on the first day of this conference.

Old Business

Bylaws

President Traci Timmons presented the proposed bylaws that concern changes in elections procedures. The proposed changes were posted on KLASUsers.com a few weeks prior to the conference. The proposed changes are meant to clarify how transitions are handled when there is an officer vacancy and if an election should be held when there is only one candidate. Traci asked for questions or comments, and there was no discussion. Jessica McGarity, Virginia Beach PL, made a motion to accept the bylaws changes. It was seconded by Lee Anne Hooley, Worcester TBL. Motion approved.

New Business

Elections

There was a call for nominations for the position of Secretary. Outgoing secretary, Tony Bucci, nominated his colleague, Sara Zapotocky, Arizona TBL. There were no further nominations. A motion to accept Sara's nomination as Secretary was made by Michael Lang, Kansas State Library TB. It was seconded by Chandra Thornton. Per the bylaws, with only one candidate, a voice vote was taken, and Sara was elected unanimously and congratulated by Traci. [Note: Officer transitions will occur on August 1st. The Secretary serves a term of two years and can stand for re-election at the end of their first two-year term.]

Future Conferences

Drea Callicutt announced that in 2024, a mini conference will be held online, possibly in May, over three afternoons. In 2025, the biannual conference will be held in March or April. Indiana Talking Book Library has expressed interest in hosting at the Indiana State Library in downtown Indianapolis. Another library has expressed interest in hosting a future conference.

Other New Business

Traci asked if there is any other new business. James Gleason stated that he has served on many committees and encouraged everyone to get involved. Debbie Martin asked if the 2025 conference would be a hybrid event. Katy answered that it is up to us, as users. She is a believer in hybrid events but acknowledged that it is a lot of work. Users should monitor for announcements of surveys or get involved with committees. Drea stated that a lot was learned about the work and energy required to do the hybrid conference. Michael Lang made the comment that Keystone was essentially running "two events" this week, with the in-person and online elements concurrently. Drea thanked everyone who gave their time and energy this week.

There being no other business, Teresa Kalber, Colorado TBL, made a motion in the online chat that the business meeting be adjourned. It was seconded by Michael Lang. There being unanimous approval, the 2023 Business Meeting was adjourned at 12:12 PM Central.

Respectfully submitted by Tony Bucci, Secretary