

**ALA/AASL Report**  
**Submitted by Merlyn Miller**

ALA polls open March 17, 2008 and close on April 24. In order to be eligible to vote, your ALA and AASL membership must be current as of January 31, 2008. Check your membership status online <http://www.ala.org> or by calling 800-545-2433.

Please note that when you open your ballot you will find two familiar names. First, former AASL president J. Linda Williams is running for the Presidency of ALA and second, our good friend, Sylvia Norton of Maine is running for President of AASL. As teacher/librarians/media specialists, we have an opportunity to elect folks we believe will be responsive to our issues and concerns at the national and regional levels so PLEASE VOTE. **Your Vote Counts!**

If you are planning ahead, the AASL Fall Forum held during non-AASL national conference years will take place October 17-19, 2008 in the Chicago area at the Oak Brook Hills Marriot Resort in Oak Brook, Illinois. The conference title is *Assessment, Part II: Constructing and Interpreting Viable Tools for Effective Student Learning in the Library Media Center*. Find out more information: <http://www.ala.org/ala/aasl/conferences/andevents/fallforum/fallforum.cfm>

Re-affiliation packets were given out at the midwinter meeting. All affiliates must complete the process by ALA's annual conference in June.

The organization seeking affiliation with AASL completes a four-page application form and submits it to the AASL Executive Director with the attachments specified as follows:

1. Constitution
2. By-laws
3. Newsletter and/or journal
4. Roster of officers
5. ALA/AASL membership numbers for the VSLA president and delegate(s)
6. List of minimum of 25 AASL personal members (or 10% of the membership) who are members of the organization seeking affiliate status

Our re-affiliation packet was completed and mailed March 4, 2008 and I received an email confirmation that it was received and in order.

Ann Perham, our AASL director-elect, has set the goal for herself of increasing communication and collaboration for Region 1. A part of the increased communication includes sharing dates of conferences/important events so that there will not be competition between the states. To that end, she has created a Region 1 listserv. Thanks to Jen Habley (AASL Program Coordinator) who took care of the logistics of setting up the listserv. The 22 subscribers include:

**Vermont/VSLA:** Anne Gallivan

**NEEMA:** Merlyn Miller, Sue Ballard

**MA/MSLA:** Ann Perham, Gerri Fegan, Kathy Lowe, Sandy Kelly, Valerie Diggs

**Maine/MASL:** Donna Chale, Marilyn Joyce, Peggy Becksvoort, Sylvia Norton, Terry Caouette

**Connecticut/CASL:** David Bilmes, Irene Kwidzinski, Lucia Rafala, Janet Roche

**New Hampshire/NHEMA:** Nancy Keane, Sharon Silva

**Rhode Island/RIEMA:** Jacquelyn Lamoureux, Barbara Ashby

New subscribers may be added by contacting Ann Perham; they should be "core" affiliate leaders. Ann Perham's email is [ann.perham@verizon.net](mailto:ann.perham@verizon.net)

In addition, a calendar page for Region 1 events has been created on the NEEMA web site in an effort to coordinate all events for the Region in one place. Please visit <http://neema.org> to look at the calendar.

