

**NJASL Report – NJEA Liaison, Legislative
January 2010**

A. NJEA Convention 2009 Wrap Up

1. Workshops that were sponsored by NJASL –
Thursday, 9:30 – 11 AM – Reading to Learn – Dr. Ya-Ling Lu, Rutgers University, Room 404
Thursday, 1-4:30 PM – Expanding Students’ Global Awareness with the NY Times – Robert Greenman, NY Times, Room 420
Friday, 9:30 – 11 AM – Help Me, I Think I’m Blogging! – Bridget Zino and Bruce DuBoff, Pennsauken School District, Room 401
Friday, 1-2:30 PM – Looking Beyond Google: Using Gale Cengage Learning Online Resources - Geoffrey Thieke – Gale Cengage, Room 309
2. Sent thank-you letters to all presenters.
3. Attended sessions with State Board of Education and Commissioner Davy – thanked them for supporting NJASL’s proposed amendment to NJQSAC which will provide some measure of accountability to encourage school districts to comply with regulation which requires districts to provide school library media services under the direction of a certified school library media specialist. Thanked them for recognizing that SLMS are the agents to teach critical thinking skills that students will need to be prepared to be productive in 21st century.

B. NJEA Convention 2010

1. Received packet for 2010 Convention. Sent out messages to listserv and board members asking for suggestions for conference proposals.
2. Working on 5 possible programs. Should have the program information by Feb. 15.

C. Attendance

1. Gloucester County Superintendent’s Dinner – Dec. 7, GCEA Office
Does not foresee any major changes in standards revisions or HS graduation requirements.
His job has been to encourage shared services and reduce non-instructional budgets. Believes will still continue with whomever is appointed Commr of Ed.
What will help schools improve?
 - PLC important
 - Distributing leadership
 - Understanding Leadership Change Theory
 - Using Data
 - Curriculum Development – new standards – new curriculum
 - Integrating technology
2. AASL Legislative Committee Meeting – Jan. 16, Boston, MA
Committee has been very active in preparing comments for Race to Top and ALA office has been including information and comments
Will be putting together information for National School Library Month and Invite Your Legislators to Your Library

<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/aasl/aaslissues/slmm/schoollibrary.cfm>
<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/aasl/aaslissues/slmm/leginvite.pdf> - to be updated. Look for new link.

Will also be working to have school librarians included in inclusion of new ESEA. Therefore, SKILLS Act is on hold.

Will also be working to put something together for a legislative event at ALA in June in DC – more details to come

Discussion of national snapshot day in April.

3. NJLA/NJASL Joint Meeting – January 25, Infolink Office

Discussed ways that organizations could cooperate

Possible Joint Legislative Day in May – tentative date, May 13

D. Other

1. Current status of the New Jersey Knowledge Initiative. Funding for the program has been cut roughly in half since 2005, and although NJSL is asking that full funding be restored in FY2011, further budget cuts are anticipated. The databases included in NJKI for the remainder of FY10 are RefUSA, Academic Search Premier and Business Source Premier. The State Library's FY11 budget priorities may be found at: http://www.njstatelib.org/About_Us/FY11_Priority_Packages_1-6.doc.

2. NJEA Legislative Conference

Saturday, Feb. 20, 9 AM – 2 PM

Hyatt Regency, New Brunswick

Opportunity to speak with legislators and hear what is occurring in political environment in NJ.

Opportunity to share concerns related to education with legislators.

3. Continuing to work on QSAC regulation.

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