



General Session – Annual Business Meeting  
Williamsburg Lodge  
Williamsburg, VA  
Friday, September 28, 2018  
Agenda

- I. Call to Order (Todd Elliott)
- II. Secretary's Report (Jennifer Resor-Whicker)
- III. Treasurer's Report (Cori Biddle)
- IV. Second Vice President's Report (Adrian Whicker)
- V. Past President's Report – Elections (Keith Weimer)
- VI. President's Report (Todd Elliott)
- VII. Executive Committee Recognition/Passing the Gavel (Todd Elliott)
- VIII. 2019 Annual Conference (Jessica Scalph)
- IX. Adjourn



## VLA Highlights of 2017

- Updated our Mission Statement and Strategic Plan for 2017-2020; developed a Statement of Core Value.
- Forged new links with the Virginia Association of School Librarians (VAASL), by appointing Susan Catlett as liaison to that group.
- Partnered with the Virginia Association of School Librarians and the American Library Association in expressing opposition to HB 2191, which would have required each school board to have “procedures for annually notifying parents of course content which may be sexually explicit in nature.”
- Strengthened our internal and external communication plans for addressing future such challenges.
- Our Legislative Committee worked with the Library of Virginia and legislators in the General Assembly to recover some funding lost during 2016 budget cuts, as well as to restore archives personnel and public access hours to the Library of Virginia.
- Sent a strong delegation for the American Library Association's National Library Legislative Days in early May, which lobbied Congress for funding for the Library Services and Technology Act, for net neutrality, for copyright reform, and for other issues that are important to our users.
- Reorganized our website to make the pages more dynamic.
- Relaunched *Virginia Libraries*.
- Committed funds generously donated by the Tidewater Area Library Directors Advisory Committee (TALDAC) to a scholarship for the 2018 Joint Council for Librarians of Color Conference.
- Established a travel grant to assist members of groups underrepresented in the library profession increase their professional development opportunities.
- Hosted another successful Professional Associates Forum in Norfolk.
- Continued to provide scholarships to aspiring librarians, and to support Virginia library workers with travel stipends.
- Explored a change in our dues structure that should help more Virginia library workers to participate in VLA as members in an era of tight library budgets and economic uncertainty.
- Achieved our goal of having the balance our main investment account exceed our annual budget.
- Increased our membership to over 1,000.