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HASL  
 SPRING MEETING  
 MARCH 13  
 Kaimuki Intermediate  
 8:30 - 12:00  
 THE SCHOOL LIBRARY:  
 Trends & Trauma



## PROGRAM

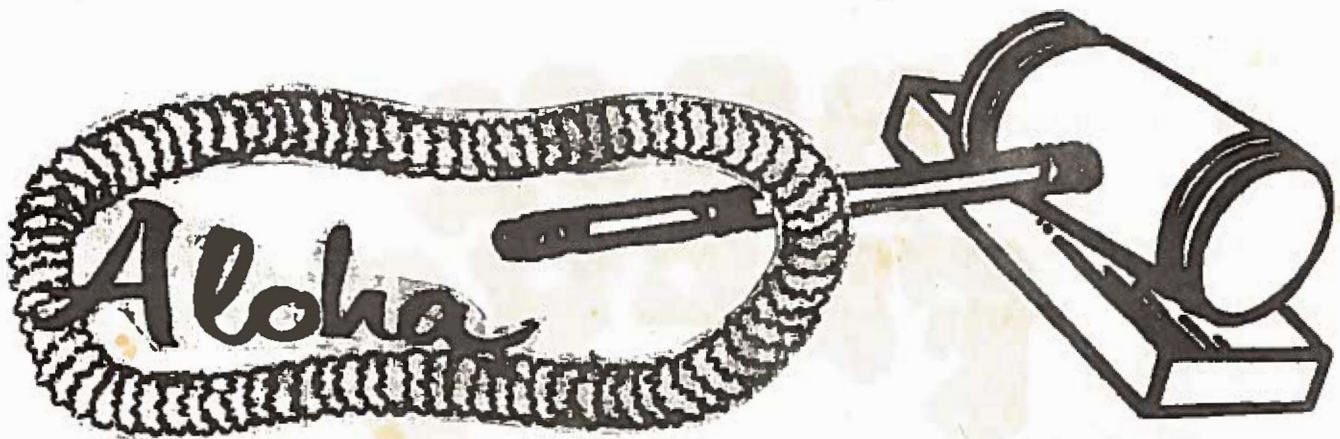
- 8:30-9:00 COFFEE/REGISTRATION
- 9:00-9:30 PRESENTATION:  
Mr. Sterling Rigby,  
Ed. Consultant,  
Westinghouse  
Learning Corporation
- 9:30-10:30 BUSINESS MEETING
- 10:30-10:45 COFFEE RECESS
- 10:45-11:30 PRESENTATION:  
Mrs. Patsy Izumo,  
SLIM Branch,  
DOE

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Our annual spring meeting is already upon us and we hope to see you all there. Most Board activities will be reported on there. I only wish to mention a few items here.

AASL is hoping to activate and revitalize its State Assembly. They request that the president of each state association be the official representative. A second choice is the vice-president and a third, an appointed representative. Our Board decided to commit ourselves for this summer to meet the registration deadline, feeling that this is a part of the responsibility of a professional organization and that it coincided with our aims as set forth in Article II, no. 2 of our constitution.

However, it was pointed out by a concerned board member that this would constitute a considerable drain on the treasury if pursued on a yearly basis. Suggestions for other uses of our money were also made: bringing a top-notch person to Hawaii to conduct an in-service workshop; bringing a Nene award winner to Hawaii; emphasizing better PR to improve our image. Please consider these suggestions. Time will be provided during the business meeting for discussion.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT CON'T.

The Golden Key will be mailed shortly after the spring meeting so that all members may have the minutes of the meeting while it is still fresh. Please remember that the minutes of the last meeting were mailed to you in the Golden Key supplement. Please phone or drop me a line if you wish to be placed on the agenda.

On Wednesday, Feb. 3, a statement was delivered before the Board of Education on behalf of the Association. A complete text is enclosed.

It has been a privilege to serve as your president this year,

Mahalo, *Edna Hurd*

## HAWAII ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL LIBRARIANS

AN ORGANIZATION OF PUBLIC, PRIVATE, AND PAROCHIAL SCHOOL LIBRARIANS

The Hawaii Association of School Librarians, in the future to be referred to as HASL, is a professional organization presently comprised of 144 public school librarians, 29 private school librarians and 13 members from the Graduate School of Library Studies, and librarians employed in a variety of positions at the State level as well as retired members. One of our aims, as set forth in our Constitution, is: To encourage the development and improvement of school library services in parochial, private and public schools. The present statement has been prepared in consultation with the fourteen member board of HASL. Every effort has also been made to include comments of individual librarians that have reached us.



In early January the Legislative Committee of HASL conducted a survey to find out which special interests and concerns the membership wished to have priority in its legislative program. A complete copy of the questionnaire and a tabulation of the results is included with this statement. Briefly, of the 149 school librarians who replied to the questionnaire

77, a large proportion of the elementary school librarians, gave top priority to requesting clerical assistance in school libraries, a very pressing need

77 gave priority to requesting that school librarians be kept on teacher salary schedule

2 gave priority to requesting that school librarians be integrated into a salary schedule with public librarians.

Since this totals 156, a few doubled checked two items as top priority.

Other concerns were also included by responding school librarians.

Copies of their comments, as compiled by our Legislative Committee are also attached to this statement. Mention will be made of only the three most often stated concerns of school librarians.

1. The request not only for clerks, but that clerks be classified as library clerks
2. The request for better, faster and more adequate information from the State to the District to those in the field
3. The request to support public librarians on a basis other than being on a teacher salary schedule

In regard to the last item the Board of our Association on January 14 adopted the following statement:

The Hawaii Association of School Librarians supports the public librarians in their efforts to gain better salaries, working conditions and opportunities for continuing education.

This is a general statement, not backing any specific plan.

At the time of our action there did not appear to be a definite plan that was being proposed by a majority of public librarians.

## HASL MID-WINTER MEETING MINUTES CON'T.

Ruth Fung described the progress on Legislative Resolution 99 requesting Hiram Kamaka's Budget and Finance Department to study total school clerical needs. They are presently planning to undertake a time study of the libraries of three Windward schools and are aware of the school librarians manpower study as a result of a book presented to them by the Ad Hoc HSTA group. May Chun explained that the book mentioned is a report of Phase 1 of the School Library Manpower Project funded by the Knapp Foundation. In this first phase three Hawaii schools and other schools nationwide were involved. The exact title of the pamphlet is:

### SCHOOL LIBRARY PERSONNEL TASK ANALYSIS SURVEY

A report prepared in Phase 1 of the School Library Manpower Project by the Research Division of the National Education Association in a national study to identify the tasks performed by school library personnel in unified service programs at the building level

It can be ordered from:

Order Department  
American Library Association  
50 E. Huron Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60611  
(Single copy: \$2.00)

Several groups were mentioned as also being concerned and actively working for school librarians: the Ad Hoc HSTA librarians group and the HFT.

The Spring Conference will be held on March 13, 1971. The program committee, headed by Nona Minami, welcomes any membership suggestions. Nona noted that the Fall Conference was a result of some membership participation in the suggestion department.

A final handout, a statistical report on librarians' professional background and clerical assistance, was given to those attending. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jane Kurahara*

Jane Kurahara, Secretary

### NEWBERY AND CALDECOTT AWARD WINNERS, 1971

CALDECOTT: Gail Haley. A STORY, A STORY; AN AFRICAN TALE. Atheneum. 5.95  
NEWBERY: Betsy Byars. SUMMER OF THE SWANS. Viking. 3.95

However, since the main purpose of the Association is to support school librarians, we strongly advocate that public school librarians be retained on the teacher classification and salary schedule because we feel that the qualifications of teaching experience and educational background are necessary to function well in the school situation.

On January 9, at a HASL interim meeting, the National Educational Planning Associates report, as it pertains to public school librarians, was presented to us by Mr. Charles G. Clark, Director of Personnel Relations, Welfare and Benefits. We were gratified to hear that the conclusions set forth in the report coincided with our own opinion that school librarians should be teachers. Other items in the report, many school librarians would like the opportunity to respond to.

In conclusion, at this point, and with the information we now have, this is where we stand. It is hoped that the results of any further studies or plans will be presented to school librarians with ample time and provision for their reaction.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this point of view.

Edna Hurd, President

## HASL MID-WINTER MEETING, JANUARY 9, 1971

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by Nona Minami, Vice-President and Program Chairman. Quoting from President Edna Hurd's letter in the Golden Key Supplement, she explained the purpose of the meeting:

"Again we are in the throes of self-examination, considering what the role of HASL should be in the present problems which confront school librarians. The Board felt an interim winter meeting was in order so that some of these problems could be discussed."

To explain HASL's role in the process of getting school librarians' requests met, handouts on "How budget requests are processed" and excerpts from the By-Laws describing the purposes of HASL and the work of the Legislative Committee were passed out. The budget request chart showed the supportive role that HASL and other organizations, such as HEA, HLA, etc., played when an item is already on the DOE budget. There is need for HASL to have a unified approach on what school librarians want and to seek the support of other organizations. If HASL wants to support something not on the DOE budget, then it must verify that it is speaking for the membership at large. For this reason a questionnaire from the legislative committee requesting reaction from school librarians as to which concerns they consider most important was handed out as the first step toward verifying that the committee is speaking for the majority of school librarians.

Mr. Charles Clark, Director of Personnel Services, Benefits, and Welfare, was introduced and gave a status report on the "Hawaii plan for a comprehensive personnel plan and systems". The National Educational Planning Associates (NEPA) Classification study of teachers was just completed and the preliminary report has been approved by the Board of Education in principle. The final report is due at the end of January and copies will be distributed to each school. Copies of the preliminary report pertaining to the role of the school librarian as well as reference to pages wherever school librarians are mentioned were given to HASL and will be duplicated for the membership. Mr. Clark went over some of the proposals and commented on them.