



**Arkansas Library Association  
Annual Business Meeting  
Sunday, October 6, 2024, 1:00 PM  
Hot Springs Convention Center  
and  
Online via Zoom**

- I. **Call to Order** – President Taylor Vanlandingham called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.
- II. **Roll Call & Minutes** – Attendance was taken via sign-in sheet and Zoom Chat. Ron Russ made a motion to accept the 2023 minutes, seconded by Crystal Gates. Motion carried.
- III. **President’s Report** – President Vanlandingham reported on visiting various committees and communicating with the association's lawyer. Key activities included consulting on the EveryLibrary Candidate Survey, the appointment of a New Marketing Chair, and the progress of the Calendar project.

The Censorship reporting form has been created, and the association received notice that they will receive the Intellectual Freedom Helpline grant in August.

She will be visiting Henderson to assist the Records Management Committee with archival records.

- IV. **Financial Report** – Treasurer Ron Russ noted that he will train the treasurer-elect and will serve as chair of the Budget & Finance Committee in 2025. Efforts are underway to reduce the volume of reimbursements, and the final profit and loss statement will be defined at a later time.
- V. **ALA Councilor’s Report** – Crystal Gates reported attending the LibLearnX conference. The final LibLearnX will be held in January. The search for an ALA Executive Director is ongoing, and annual conference dates were discussed. President-elect Lynn Valetutti will be attending the next advocacy workshop, with ALA paying for the associated costs. Councilor Gates highlighted a partnership with Freedom to Read to support local chapters and encouraged members to fill out the online volunteer form to participate.
- VI. **SELA Representative’s Report** – No report.
- VII. **Election Results** – Past President Carol Coffey reported the results of the 2024 election.
  - a. President-Elect – Adam Webb
  - b. Treasurer-Elect – Clare Graham
  - c. Secretary – Melissa Taylor
  - d. At-Large Representatives
    - i. Jim Curry
    - ii. Sarah Mallory
    - iii. Britt Anne Murphy
    - iv. Lacey Wolfe
  - e. All proposed Bylaws & Handbook revisions passed.

## VIII. Committee Reports

- a. Awards – Judy Calhoun reported that there were a record number of nominations this year.
- b. Budget & Finance – Ron Russ reported that the committee would like to look at the procedure for budget requests.
- c. Bylaws & Handbook – Jessica Riedmueller restated that all of the proposed Bylaws changes have been accepted by the membership. The committee is working on Handbook updates that will be submitted at the December board meeting.
- d. Conference – Lynn Valetutti reported conference attendance was 113, with 24 vendors registered. The committee is assessing the conference's profitability. The next conference is scheduled for October 18-19 (Saturday and Sunday), and there was discussion regarding meal arrangements for the following year.
- e. Emerging Leaders – No report.
- f. Intellectual Freedom – Adam Webb reported a busy committee year, including receiving the Intellectual Freedom Helpline Grant. The committee also worked on the model reconsideration policy, and Allie Stevens Gosselink will attend training in Chicago for the Helpline grant.
- g. Journal – No formal report was given, but Janice Weddle put out a call for articles.
- h. Marketing – The committee focused on supporting the conference, voting initiatives, and ALPS Infobits.
- i. Membership – Lacy Wolfe reported on the rollout of the mentor program, with mentors and mentees having been assigned.
- j. Nominating & Elections – Carol Coffey reported that she worked on the ballot preparation with webmaster Ron Russ, and the elections ran smoothly.
- k. Records Management – Jean reported on data retention and data management efforts, noting that the committee will review 75 boxes at Henderson to reduce the number of physical documents.
- l. Scholarship – No report.
- m. Strategic Plan – Dan Boice reported on the activities of the committee leading up to the current strategic plan.
- n. Web Services – No report.

## IX. CI Reports

- a. ALPS – No report.
- b. AQuALib – The CI will be merging with LACI and MArLA to form a new CI that encompasses all forms of advocacy.

- c. CULAR – The CI will hold a joint meeting with ARKLink on October 18 at UCA.
- d. COSLLE – The CI will focus on small summer conferences in parts of that are sometimes unable to attend the larger conference. The next meeting will be at SEARL in Monticello. The recent meeting in Jonesboro was well attended.
- e. LACI – The CI will be merging with AQuALIB and MArLA.
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- g. Member Involvement – No report\*
- h. MELLW – The CI hosted brief MELLW Minutes sessions throughout the year. Activities are planned for 2025.
- i. Public Libraries & Trustees – The CI recently met and will have activities in 2025.
- j. RISci – No report.
- k. Two-Year Colleges – No report
- l. WMS Users Group – The CI is working on new leadership and will possibly partner with OCLC for programming.
- m. Youth Services – The CI met quarterly and had a very successful day-long workshop featuring Craig O’Neill and Mychal Threets. They are working on more programming for teen librarians.

**X. Business Items** – No new business items came before the membership

**XI. Old Business** – No old business came before the membership

**XII. Calendar** – No additional calendar items were announced.

**XIII. Announcements**

- a. Reminder for committees and CIs to submit budget requests ahead of the November meeting.

**XIV. Public Comment** – Judy Calhoun encouraged members to consider submitting proposals for next conference.

**XV. Adjournment** – President Vanlandingham passed the gavel to President-elect Lynn Valetutti and the meeting was adjourned at 1:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jessica Riedmueller

Approved at the ArLA Business Meeting, Oct. 19, 2025