



Arkansas Library Association
Executive Board Meeting
Friday, February 9, 2024, 9:00 AM
Virtual via Zoom

Executive Board in attendance (voting members denoted by *): *Carol Coffey, *Amy DeVooght, *DeAnna Dillon, *Crystal Gates, *Britt Anne Murphy, *Secretary Jessica Riedmueller, *Treasurer Ron Russ, *Lacy Wolfe, Amber Wilson, *Lynn Valetutti, President Taylor Vanlandingham

Not in attendance: JP Myrick

- I. **Call to Order** – President Taylor Vanlandingham called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.
- II. **Roll Call & Minutes** – Attendance was recorded via presence on Zoom. Minutes of the 12/9/2023 Executive Board meeting accepted as distributed.
- III. **Consent Agenda** – Consent agenda of information-only reports was distributed prior to the meeting. Jessica Riedmueller made a motion to receive the reports on the consent agenda; seconded by Taylor Vandlandingham. Motion carried.
- IV. **President’s Report** – President Taylor Vanlandingham reported about the work on the candidate survey with AAIM and AAAL and have approved list of questions. Survey went out Wednesday afternoon. Question about press plan. Taylor: after we get results will be highlighted. Trying to do it before primary. Will try to highlight in newsletter. Want people who are interested in libraries to know how their candidates plan to vote and will use survey results to compare to legislative session for report card. CI and Committee orientation at beginning of Feb. Attended budget and finance meeting and ArLA PR project - highlight the good that AR libraries are doing. Met with Kacy Spears to be Marketing chair and continues communication with ArLA entities.
- V. **Financial Report** – Treasurer Ron Russ delivered the financial report. ArLA has \$106,409.61 in Edward Jones—\$84,154.26 of which is scholarship money and \$22,225.35 of which is LEAF funding—and \$110,543.11 in the checking account. Bills for the Journal have been paid, and the ALA Emerging Leader has been reimbursed for LibLearnX. The bank and Edward Jones statements have been sent to H&R Block for tax purposes. The Budget and Finance Committee met on February 1. Ron has updated the Annual Report for Domestic Nonprofit Corporations with the Secretary of State.
- VI. **Councilor Report** – Crystal Gates reported on activities at LibLearnX in Baltimore. ALA Council activities included announcing new executive board members and the passage of a Resolution on Damage and Destruction of Libraries and Other Cultural Institutions in Gaza. A Resolution Calling for Immediate Ceasefire in Gaza failed to pass.

Crystal reminded the board that ALA Annual Conference will be held in San Diego, CA, June 27-July 2, 2024; registration opens February 20th. The next LibLearnX will be held in Phoenix, AZ, January 25-27, 2025.

VII. Committee Reports

- a. Conference Committee** – Lynn Valetutti reported on conference planning progress. The keynote speaker and two authors have committed. Lynn also presented the conference budget.

VIII. Business Items

- a. Marketing Committee Chair Approval** – Taylor Vanlandingham brought a motion to approve Kacy Earnest Spears as the Marketing Committee Chair. Motion carried.
- b. Youth Service CI** – The Youth Services CI requested a budget increase of \$450 for their continuing education event. The event was originally approved for \$525. The CI was able to invite “I Love My Librarian” award winner Mychal Threats. The additional \$450 will support increased attendance for the event. A motion to approve the increase was brought by Taylor Vanlandingham. Motion carried.
- c. Conference Budget** – The Conference Committee brought a motion to approve the 2024 conference budget as presented. Motion carried.

IX. Calendar

- X. Announcements** – President Taylor Vanlandingham reminded CIs and Committees to let webmaster DeAnna Dillon know meeting dates so they can be added to the ArLA calendar.

XI. Public Comments

- XII. Adjournment** – President Vanlandingham adjourned the meeting at 9:28 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Riedmueller