



Arkansas Library Association
Executive Board Meeting
Friday, April 19, 2024, 9:00 AM
Virtual via Zoom

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

Not in attendance: JP Myrick, Lacy Wolfe, Carol Coffey

- 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 2/9/24 Executive Board meeting accepted as distributed.
- III. **Consent Agenda** – Consent agenda of information-only reports was distributed prior to the meeting. Britt Anne Murphy made a motion to receive the reports on the consent agenda; seconded by Lynn Valetutti. Motion carried.
- IV. **President’s Report** – President Taylor Vanlandingham reported that she met with Marketing Committee chair Kacy Spears and Webmaster DeAnna Dillon to discuss Wild Apricot’s newsletter capabilities. She has also attended committee and CI meetings. A question was asked regarding the status of the lawsuit; it is still in the discovery phase.
- V. **Financial Report** – Treasurer Ron Russ delivered the financial report. ArLA has \$106,627.02 in Edward Jones—\$84,154.26 of which is scholarship money and \$22,472.26 of which is LEAF funding—and \$110,412.01 in the checking account. The Budget and Finance Committee met on March 13, 2024. Ron has filed the tax paperwork, and Wild Apricot has been renewed for the next year.
- VI. **Councilor Report** – Crystal Gates reminded the board that ALA Annual will held in San Diego, CA on June 27-July 2, 2024; she will try to coordinate a lunch or dinner for Arkansas librarians. The 2024 State of America’s Libraries report has been released. Raymond Pun has won the ALA Presidential election, and ALA has several job openings.
- VII. **Committee and CI Reports**
 - a. **Conference Committee** – Lynn Valetutti reported that the call for proposals has been extended to May 1, 2024. The committee is considering opening registration early this year. Everything is on track and the committee feels confident about progress.
 - b. **COSLLE** – Rachel Shankles updated the board on programming plans for small, rural school librarians. They will hold a mini conference in Northeast Arkansas on July 31. The conference will provide 6 hours of PD credit. Cassandra Barnett from the State Library will speak on collection development. They will also have sessions with illustrator Rich Davis and author Talya Tate Boerner. The cost to attend will be \$15; lunch will be included.

VIII. Business Items

- a. Model Materials Reconsideration Policy** – Intellectual Freedom Committee chair Adam Webb presented the committee’s work on a model materials reconsideration policy and form and a Censorship Reporting Form. The policy and form will serve as a template for libraries to respond to community input regarding materials in the library. The censorship reporting form can be used by ArLA members to report incidents of censorship. A motion was brought by the committee to approve the model materials reconsideration policy and form and the censorship reporting form. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. ArLA Instagram Account** – The Marketing Committee brought a motion to approve the creation of an official ArLA Instagram account. The board discussed whether an account already existed, and determined that one does not. Chair Kacy Spears provided more information about the demographics of various social media platforms and the potential of Instagram to appeal to a wider audience. Motion carried.

IX. Calendar

- X. Announcements** – Attendees were reminded that ArLA has an ongoing PR project to collect photos from all types of libraries for a calendar and poster series.

XI. Public Comments

- XII. Adjournment** – President Vanlandingham adjourned the meeting at 9:48 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Riedmueller