



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

**Executive Board in attendance (voting members denoted by \*):** Secretary *pro tem* Dan Boice, \*Carol Coffey, \*Amy DeVooght, \*John McGraw, \*Britt Anne Murphy, \*JP Myrick, \*Treasurer Ron Russ, Parliamentarian Amber Wilson, \*Vice President Lynn Valetutti, \*President Taylor Vanlandingham, \*Lacy Wolfe

**Not in attendance:** Crystal Gates, Secretary Jessica Riedmueller

- I. **Call to Order:** President Vanlandingham called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.
- II. **Roll Call & Minutes:** Attendance was recorded via presence on Zoom. President Vanlandingham MOVED “that the minutes of the June 14 Executive Board meeting be accepted as submitted.” The motion was seconded and CARRIED.
- III. **Consent Agenda :** Consent agenda of information-only reports was distributed prior to the meeting. Ron Russ MOVED “That the reports be received,” which motion was seconded and PASSED.
- IV. **President’s Report:** No report.
- V. **Financial Report:** Treasurer Ron Russ delivered the financial report. ArLA has \$107,568.94 in Edward Jones—\$84,154.26 of which is scholarship money and \$23,413.68 of which is LEAF funding—and \$131,732.62 in the checking account. Ron had dispersed funds for the COSLLE Workshop and for the printing and mailing of *Arkansas Libraries*.
- VI. **Councilor Report:** Crystal Gates had distributed her report noting that she had successfully advocating for the establishment of a task force to study support of AASL and ACRL chapters in states without formal ALA chapters. ALA is establishing a framework for future resolutions and statements. Updating of the ALA policy manual is underway.
- VII. **Committee and CI Reports**
  - a. **Budget and Finance Committee:** The committee met with Adam Webb to discuss support of the Intellectual Freedom Committee and the EveryLibrary project. Based on that conversation, the Committee is recommending pledging \$5,000 to EveryLibrary for that organization’s public polling and message development initiative, to be remitted only if the project is fully funded.
  - b. **Conference Committee:** Lynn Valetutti reported that Rachel Shankles, owing to the death of her husband, had resigned as the chair of the Vendor Committee. Lynn noted that to date there were currently eighteen vendors registered, and 76 individual registrations. There was discussion on boosting registrations and board members offered some marketing ideas.

- c. **Nominating and Elections Committee:** Carol Coffey reported that John McGraw had been elected to the At-Large position on the Executive Board. The Committee was recommending that April Sheppard and Jenn Wann be appointed as the official vote counters for the ArLA election in September.
- d. **Strategic Planning Committee:** Dan Boice reported that the committee had completed its work on a draft three-year strategic plan, and was presenting it to the Board with the recommendation that it be approved by the Board and sent to the ArLA membership for approval.

**VIII. Business Items**

- a. **Finance & Budget Committee:** The Committee brought a motion “to pledge \$5,000 to EveryLibrary for that organization’s public polling and message development initiative, to be paid only if the project is fully funded.” The motion CARRIED.
- b. **Nominating and Elections Committee:** The Committee brought a motion “that April Sheppard and Jen Wann be appointed as official vote counters for the ArLA election in September,” and the motion CARRIED.
- c. **Strategic Planning:** The Committee brought a motion “that the Board approve the draft 2024-27 ArLA Strategic Plan and put before the ArLA membership for approval.” The motion was discussed, and the decision made that the membership vote be held at the annual meeting. The motion then CARRIED.
- d. **Conference Committee:** Lynn Valetutti MOVED “to suspend rules and add an item to the agenda.” The motion CARRIED. Lynn then made a motion which, after discussion, was “That the Association fund scholarships for first-time conference attendees with funds up to \$2,000, with the amounts awarded be made according to need as determined by the Conference Committee.” The motion was seconded and CARRIED.

**IX. Calendar**

**X. Announcements:**

**XI. Public Comments**

**XII. Adjournment** – J.P. Myrick’s MOTION to adjourn was CARRIED, and President Vanlandingham adjourned the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Boice  
Secretary *pro tem*