



Arkansas Library Association

Arkansas Library Association
Executive Board Meeting
Friday, November 8, 2024, 9:00 AM
Virtual via Zoom

Executive Board in attendance (voting members denoted by *): *Carol Coffey, *John McGraw, *Britt Anne Murphy, *JP Myrick, *Secretary Jessica Riedmueller, *Treasurer Ron Russ, Parliamentarian Amber Wilson, *Lynn Valetutti, *President Taylor Vanlandingham, *Lacy Wolfe

Not in attendance: Amy DeVooght, DeAnna Dillon, Crystal Gates

- I. **Call to Order:** President Vanlandingham called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.
- II. **Roll Call & Minutes and Consent Agenda:** Attendance was recorded via presence on Zoom. The consent agenda of information-only reports was distributed prior to the meeting. President Taylor Vanlandingham moved that the minutes and the consent agenda be approved as delivered, seconded by Carol Coffey. Motion passed.
- III. **President's Report:** President Vanlandingham reported that she has been working with StarChapter to investigate whether moving the ArLA website from Wild Apricot would benefit the association. She is working on a conference overview for the journal. She reported that we received good feedback from the conference survey. The lawsuit date has been pushed back.
- IV. **Financial Report:** Treasurer Ron Russ delivered the financial report. ArLA has \$106,071.73 in Edward Jones—\$79,820.32 of which is scholarship money and \$26,251.41 of which is LEAF funding—and \$128,141.52 in the checking account. Ron assisted with conference financial transactions including trivia, the basket auction, calendar sales, and other merchandise. Ron met with the Budget and Finance Committee on October 28th to draft the 2025 budget. All conference expenses from 2024 have been paid.
- V. **Committee and CI Reports**
 - a. **Budget and Finance Committee:** Ron Russ reported that the Budget and Finance Committee met to review budget requests for 2025 and to draft the 2025 budget. The Association has received the \$10,000 grant award from the ALA Intellectual Freedom Helpline. The committee is discussing where the money should be housed.
 - b. **Conference Committee:** Lynn Valetutti reported that the conference made \$8080. The committee members reviewed the survey comments and received some good ideas to implement in future conferences.

Based on survey comments, a brief discussion took place regarding the possibility of moving the conference from the weekend. The desire was expressed for a committee that would handle long-term conference planning (Future Conference Committee or similar).

- VI. **Business Items**

- a. **StarChapter Membership Management:** President Vanlandingham attended a demo provided by StarChapter. There would be benefits to moving our membership and website management from Wild Apricot to StarChapter including less cost, additional admins with permission control, clearer institutional membership management, and increased contact and member limits. Discussion points included increased ability for Cis to manage their own pages, initial set up expenses and continuing costs, and moving, designing, and training for website management.

Following discussion, President Vanlandingham brought a motion to set up an ad hoc exploratory committee to create a proposal and implementation plan to move ArLA membership and website management from Wild Apricot to Star Chapter. Britt Anne Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- b. **Strategic Plan:** The board discussed and decided to move forward with the strategic plan based on previous board approval at the October meeting.
- c. **Budget Approval:** The Budget & Finance Committee brought a motion to approve the proposed 2025 ArLA Budget. Treasurer Ron Russ noted that the budget may look higher than it will actually be, but the committee wanted to be certain everything could be covered with existing funds. Motion carried.
- d. **Arkansas Libraries for Everyone CI Approval:** The board reviewed a petition to form a new CI called Arkansas Libraries for Everyone (ALE). ALE is the combination of three currently active CIs: AQuALib, LACI, and MArLA. The CI leaders (Allie Stevens Gosselink, Tammie Evans, and Jessica Riedmueller) believe that combining these CIs will bring together all types of advocacy for Arkansas libraries, and make the single CI more powerful since people will not be splitting their energy among several advocacy groups.

President Taylor Vandlandingham brought a motion to approve the Arkansas Libraries for Everyone CI petition, seconded by Treasurer Ron Russ. A brief discussion noted that this CI would be an appropriate group to work on a plan for the ALA Intellectual Freedom grant award. Motion carried.

VII. Calendar

- a. MELLW Mindfulness Minute for Stress Reduction
11 Nov 2024 12:00 PM • via Zoom
- b. Budget & Finance Committee Business Meeting
20 Nov 2024 10:00 AM • via Zoom
- c. ArLA Executive Board Meeting
13 Dec 2024 9:00 AM • via Zoom
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VIII. Announcements

- a. Britt Anne Murphy reminded everyone to submit their conference reports and pictures for the journal
- b. There are about 50 calendars left. They can be purchased on ArLA shop site at <https://arlib.org/shop>.

IX. Public Comments

X. Adjournment –President Vanlandingham adjourned the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary Jessica Riedmueller