



ARKANSAS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Executive Board Meeting

MINUTES

Thursday, November 13, 2025, via Zoom

Voting Members - Present: Adam Webb, Janice Weddle, Ron Russ, Crystal Gates, BrittAnne Murphy, Lacy Wolfe, Misty Hawkins. **Not Present:** Taylor Vanlandingham, Jim Curry, and Sarah Mallory

- I. **Call to Order** - President Adam Webb called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM.
- II. **Roll Call & Minutes** - Attendance was recorded. The consent agenda and reports were distributed before the meeting. The proposed Agenda was modified to include three new action items: a request from the Conference Committee, the recognition of a new Community of Interest, and the approval of the 2026 Budget. Janice Weddle moved to approve the agenda as modified; the motion was seconded and carried. Ron Russ moved to approve the October 18, 2025, minutes, and Janice Weddle seconded. The motion carried.
- III. **Consent Agenda** - Janice Weddle moved to approve the consent agenda, and Lacy Wolfe seconded. The motion carried.
- IV. **President's Report** - President Adam Webb reported on member concerns regarding recent actions by the school district. A draft response letter was prepared, and the National Coalition Against Censorship (NCAC) was consulted for guidance (included as Action Item)
- V. **Financial Report** - Treasurer Ron Russ presented the Financial Report. Conference profit reported at \$5,954. Current balances: \$122,578.12 in Arvest and \$106,292.47 in Edward Jones. Ron Russ presented the 2026 budget proposal, noting reduced office supply expenses but continued essential operational costs.
- VI. **Councilor's Report** - Crystal Gates reported updated information regarding ALA 150th events and the transition of January meetings to a virtual format.
- VII. **Committee & CI Reports**
- VIII. **Action Items**
 - A. Ron Russ moved to approve signing NCAC's letter to the Benton School District, and Janice Weddle seconded. The motion carried. The Board will also sign the forthcoming NCAC letter to the North Little Rock School District once finalized.
 - B. 2026 Budget: Britt Anne Murphy moved to approve the 2026 budget as proposed by the Finance Committee, and Janice Weddle seconded. The motion carried without dissent.

- C. CULAR Request for Transfer of Funds: Following discussion, the Board determined that the funds in question could be transferred without requiring Executive Board approval. The Board also discussed general procedures for committees and Communities of Interest to monitor their budgets; however, no formal action was taken.
- D. The Board approved and formally recognized the creation of a new CI, CASL (Collaboration between Academic and School Libraries). Janice Weddle moved that the Executive Board recognize the new Community of Interest, and Crystal Gates seconded. The motion carried.
- E. Records Management Committee: Crystal Gates moved to disband the Records Management Committee, with appreciation expressed to Chair Jean Waldrop and committee members. Ron Russ seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IX. Old Business

X. Calendar

- A. The next Executive Board meeting is December 12, 2025, via Zoom

XI. Announcements

XII. Public Comment

XIII. Adjournment - Ron Russ moved for adjournment, seconded, and carried at 10:26 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Secretary Misty Hawkins