

**Arkansas Library Association
Annual Business Meeting
Embassy Suites, Hot Springs, AR
Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2007**

President Ashley Burris called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. After establishing a quorum, Pres. Burris welcomed all those present.

The minutes of the 2006 annual business meeting were handed out. Everyone was given a few minutes to look over the document. Ashley asked if there were any additions or corrections. There were none. She then asked for a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Motion was made by Nancy Arn and seconded by Dwain Gordon. Motion passed.

ALA Councilor----Ellen Johnson:

Goals for 2008:

- Continue to provide news/information to the Arkansas Library Association and ALA
- Encourage membership
- Attend/participate in ALA's Midwinter Meeting and Annual Conference

Accomplishments for 2007:

- Provided news of the American Library Association to the Arkansas Library Association's board, journal and listserv
- Represented the Arkansas Library Association on ALA Council during the Midwinter Meeting in Seattle and the Annual Conference in Washington, D.C.

On-going projects and suggestions for 2008: see "goals" listed above

Budget: Travel to ALA's Midwinter Meeting and Annual Conference 2008, budget request turned in

SELA Representative---Dwain Gordon:

The Southeastern Library Association joint conference with the Kentucky Library Association will also be the National Diversity in Libraries Conference. Plan to be in Louisville, Kentucky from October 1-4, 2008. Incoming President-Elect Kathleen Imhoff will be coordinating SELA's participation. More information will be located on the SELA website (<http://www.jsu.edu.depart/sela>) when available.

SELA will have a joint conference with Arkansas in 2010.

I attended the SELA annual board meeting and spring conference in Atlanta in March. SELA continues to invite librarians to submit articles for publication.

Executive Administrator---Barbara Martin:

Current balance is \$91,000 in the checking account. She handed out the financial report to those present.

AASL Division---Ramona Abernathy:

Bound to Stay Bound has very generously provided two grants of \$750 each to two Arkansas school librarians. These grants are to send the recipients, which have never attended before, to the 2007 American Association of School Librarians National Conference and Exhibition in Reno, Nevada. The conference is to be held October 25-28, 2007. The two recipients are Eden Buerger from the Fort Smith School District and Donna Stobaugh from the Pottsville School District. The grant check for \$1500 was received by Ramona Abernathy the last week of August. The check will be given to Barbara Martin for deposit.

Ramona Abernathy has contacted Mr. Mike Brady, Bound to Stay Bound representative, on several occasions to express the organization's appreciation and gratitude for the two grants. Both recipients are very excited to be attending the conference for the first time.

ALPS Division---Lynaire Hartsell:

We are sponsoring a session at conference and have brought a basket. We also had a resignation from one of the ALPS Executive Council representatives, Betty Martin.

Officers for 2008:

- Chair: Lynaire Hartsell
- Vice-Chair/Chair-elect:
- Secretary:
- Treasurer: Elaine Contant

College & University Division---Kathie Buckman:

Goals for 2008:

- To have a Spring Meeting, possibly in conjunction with the ArkLINK Spring Meeting. To put together at least one session for the Fall Conference. To create at least one basket for the Fall Conference Basket Auction

Accomplishments for 2007:

- Had a successful Spring Meeting with ArkLINK in April at UALR. Presented the results of the Arkansas Academic Survey. Will sponsor 2 sessions at the Fall Conference, one on Plagiarism, and one on more results from the Survey. Will have a basket at the auction.
- Put together an Academic Librarian's Survey

Suggestions for 2008: see goals above

Officers for 2008:

Chair: Karin Medin, UALR
Vice Chair/Chair Elect: Jim Robb, NW Ark. College
Secretary: Kaye Talley, UCA

Public Libraries Division---Kristie Boucher:

Goals for 2008:

- Encourage more participation and increase awareness of the Public Library Division
- Increase leadership skills of Public Library staff

Accomplishments for 2007:

- Joined the Trustees Division with the Public Libraries Division
 1. Voted at business meeting. Motion: Nancy Arn. Second: Bettye Kerns. Passed unopposed.
- Participation at conference through workshops and seminars offered
- We've worked on a master email list of all public librarians in Arkansas, members and non-members of ArLA

Suggestions for 2008:

- Coordinate with AAPL to offer a DISC workshop
 - Motion to form a committee to look into having a management workshop by Bettye Kerns. Second: Nancy Arn. Passed unopposed.
- Look into other "middle management" leadership workshops for assistant directors, circulation management, etc.
- Would like to budget approx. \$500-\$1,000 for workshop?
 - I have contacted two companies that do Myers-Briggs and various other ½ day leadership workshops. Heard back from one company, way out of monetary reality for us, around \$5,000. Still waiting to hear back from the other company which is local out of Fayetteville. If anyone knows someone cheaper and has done this before let me know.

Officers for 2008:

- Chair: Kristie Boucher
- Vice-Chair: Anna Bates
- Secretary: Sandra Rogers
- Treasurer:

Reference Services Division---Jennifer Davis:

Goals for 2008:

- Possible name change from Reference Services Division to Reference and Instruction Services Division

Special Libraries Division---Shawn Pierce:

Sponsoring a session, Speed Mentoring and Networking, and brought a basket.

Officers for 2008:

None elected.

Childrens Services Roundtable-----Sarah McClure:

Goals for 2008:

- To establish new officers
- Increase membership
- Develop a program for the 2008 ArLA Conference
- Re-build the roundtable into a more active group

Accomplishments for 2007:

- Developed plans for re-building

Suggestions for 2008:

- Request budget from 2008 Conference Committee for program at annual conference. Try to organize speakers (sponsor sessions) for the 2008 conference.

Officers for 2008:

- President: Sarah McClure, Central Arkansas Library System
- Vice-President: Karen Newbery, Jonesboro Public Library
- Secretary: Sue Ann Pekel, Bentonville Public Library

Government Documents---Sarah Ziegenbein:

Goals for 2008:

- Sponsor at least one program at annual conference
- Encourage participation of more documents librarians in GODORT

Accomplishments for 2007:

- GODORT held two successful programs at the 2007 ArLA Conference in Hot Springs:
 - Who is Ben and how can he help teachers teach and students learn?
 - LexisNexis' U.S. Serial Set

Suggestions for 2008:

- GODORT would like to have a booth at the Genealogy Roadshow in Little Rock, to promote the use of government documents in genealogical research. The cost of the booth would be \$5.00.

Officers for 2008:

- Chair: Carol Hanan, UCA
- Vice-Chair: Kathy Davis, UA-Monticello
- Secretary:
- Treasurer:

Information Technology Roundtable---Loretta Edwards:

Goals for 2008:

- Sponsor session at 2008 ArLA Conference
- Sponsor basket at 2008 ArLA Conference
- Continue to support Association with technical support

Accomplishments for 2007:

- Created a technical support call list that can be used by the ArLA Executive Administrator for help with technical issues, as a referral for small libraries that have no technical support staff or as a resource for technical support staff or as a resource for technical support issues at ArLA Fall Conference

Officers for 2008:

- President: Elaine Contant, UAFayetteville

New Members Roundtable---Diane Hughes:

Goals for 2008:

- To continue to recruit new members into our association

Accomplishments for 2007:

- We had a New Members session at conference with 10 new members in attendance. Several ArLA Board members dropped by to be introduced and to meet our new members
- The Chocolate Reception, held Sunday night in the Embassy Suites Hotel Foyer, was a meet and greet event to welcome our new members
- According to our records, we have had 64 new members join ArLA this year

Two-Year Colleges Roundtable---Jim Robb:

Goals for 2008:

- Conduct membership survey, re: priorities for the roundtable

Accomplishments for 2007:

- Basket for Basket Auction

Officers for 2008:

- Chair: Eileen Burg, ASU Mtn. Home
- Acting Vice-Chair: Jim Robb, Northark, Harrison

Awards Committee---Kaye Talley:

Goals for 2008:

- To have nominations for all awards

Accomplishments for 2007:

- There were nominations for all awards except for the Intellectual Freedom Award

On-going projects:

- To find out if ProQuest is sponsoring the Intellectual Freedom Awards anymore

Constitution Committee---Barbie James:

- Voted on the following issues and all issues passed:
 - The Government Documents and Microforms Roundtable is requesting that “and Microforms” be deleted from their name.
 - Initial dues for first time members will be \$30.00 for the first year.
 - First time members who pay \$30.00 dues and ArLA Conference fees at the same time will have membership for the rest of the current year and the next calendar year.
 - Request for changes to the names of divisions and roundtables submitted to the Board for approval by the affected division or roundtable shall not require a constitutional amendment.
 - Merge Arkansas Library Association’s Trustee Division with the Public Libraries Division upon approval of the Public Libraries Division meeting and vote.

Intellectual Freedom Committee---Bettye Kerns:

Goals for 2008:

- Revise the IFC Handbook
- Provide support as needed for materials challenges in Arkansas Libraries

Accomplishments for 2007:

- Responded to requests for support from libraries that had challenges

Suggestions for 2008:

- See above—If the Handbook is printed then appropriate budget should be requested for both printing and distribution. If the Handbook is provided on our web site this amount would not be needed.

Legislative Committee---Dave Burdick:

This year was highlighted with the restoration of State Aid to Public Libraries by the Arkansas Legislature, with the full support from Governor Beebe. Next year State Aid will also include previous cost of living increases which were also lost, bringing State Aid to a level of \$5.7 million.

In May a delegation headed by State Librarian Carolyn Ashcraft, along with State Library Board members Sherman Banks of Little Rock, and Donna McDonald of Charleston (who is also a Public Library Director), Sarah Ernst of Charleston, a Public Library Trustee, along with myself, visited with Senators and Representatives in Washington, DC during ALA’s National Legislative Day activities. During our visit with our political leaders and their staff, we thanked them for higher LSTA funds, urged them to support Net Neutrality, to seek reforms in the e-rate filing process, and asked them for stronger support in the “Improving Literacy through School Libraries” program.

In August, I testified in a special field hearing of the Senate Commerce Committee. For the first time in History, two FCC commissioners were in Arkansas to hold an informational hearing to find out what Arkansas’ needs are as it pertains to Broadband Services. I took this opportunity to inform the commissioners that we have

public libraries in Arkansas which get the Internet through dial-up, 56k, DSL or Cable TV services, and that this is just not adequate. I urged that any solution in bringing Broadband to all Arkansans needs to include Public Libraries, and that we need to consider a fiber optic or long-distance Ethernet Network to bring all of our Public Libraries and learning institutions together.

I also would like to thank Ron Russ, and others, for the many times they informed members of other issues, especially those pertaining to Federal Documents, EPA Libraries and copyright issues.

Membership Committee---Diane Hughes:

Goals for 2008:

- To continue to maintain our current ArLA members, to recruit new members and to encourage all members to use the online membership database and keep their individual profiles up-to-date.

Accomplishments for 2007:

- The launching of the new online ArLA membership database
- According to our records, as of September 9th we have 540 ArLA members

Nominating Committee---Debbie Hall:

Jerrie Townsend of _____ was elected ArLA Vice-President/President-elect for 2008.

Publications Committee---Dominique Hallett:

Webmaster---Ron Russ:

Having no further business, Sandra Dupree Campbell moved to adjourn, Necia seconded. The 2007 Annual Membership Meeting adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jamie Melson
ArLA Secretary/Treasurer