

**Arkansas Library Association
ArLA Annual Membership Business Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 6, 2015
State House Convention Center Ballroom C
Little Rock, AR**

President Jud Copeland called the meeting to order at 11:55 am.

The minutes from last year, October, 2014 have been online. QR codes were provided for members to scan to view the minutes. Motion was made to accept the minutes as presented by Michael Sawyer and 2nd by Judy Casey. The motion was approved.

President's report

- As ArLA President, this is my last Meeting with you, the Association Membership, in attendance. I think we are growing stronger through the dedicated efforts of our Members working as a real "Team".
- For me, this year has been a *chase* to capture the spirit of ArLA. Indeed, a quest to define and strengthen what we are currently about and where we are going. But it is YOU who defines this spirit. I will have to step back after today and after this year to reflect on this unique dynamic. But I know it is there. Keep it going, OK?
- Next year, as Past President, I plan to dedicate my efforts to increasing ArLA membership and to marketing our unique *brand* on the regional (SELA) and National (ALA/AASL) levels.
- I want to recognize Dan Fitzroy...he is leaving ArLA and our state for another professional position. I know we all wish him the Best and thank you, Dan, for your continued support and work with ArLA. We will miss you.

Executive Administrator, Lynda Hampel, had made QR codes for the budget. She reported that there was \$56,000 in the checkbook and \$ 36,000 in two CDs. A question was asked if the money was up or down for the past year. Lynda reported that it was up \$22,000.

To save time, ALA Councilor, Hadi Dudley, would send her report through email later.
This is the email:

- During the membership meeting at conference, I stated 'no report' in the interest of time, and noted that I would follow up with a message to the list. So, here is the retro-ALA Councilor report by your 'immediate-past councilor.'
- The Arkansas Library Association joins nearly 30 other chapters across the United States in support of the American Library Association's statement regarding appointment of a Librarian of Congress holding librarian credentials. For more information, please see the attached letter to U.S. President Barack Obama which has been forwarded to the ALA Washington Office who is delivering correspondence to Presidential Personnel. (Letter is attached at the end after the executive board reports)

- On a personal note, I want to publicly congratulate and welcome ArLA's new ALA Councilor - Lacy Wolfe! She is smart, engaged and professional (I know this b/c I nominated her!!). I am confident she will represent Arkansas very well - and contribute to the national association too.
- But - before I completely 'pass the torch' ... I must appreciate the 'ArLA community' for giving me three awesome years; I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as ALA Councilor!!! I represented Arkansas libraries in my travels to Seattle, Chicago, Philadelphia, Las Vegas, Chicago (again) and San Francisco. Travels which were sometimes weary, but always exciting! Thank you, ArLA members, for trusting me with such an important responsibility!

➤ **Other Executive Board Reports will follow after the business meeting minutes**

Unfinished Business: There was no unfinished business from the October, 2014 membership meeting.

New business: President Copeland called on ALA Councilor, Hadi Dudley, to discuss the history of the addition to the Bylaws.

The change would be:

Membership (Article I)/Dues (Section2)

c. An additional joint membership option is available for students, in partnership with the American Library Association (ALA). The membership dues are determined by ALA, and the fee is split evenly between the national association and our chapter.

President Jud Copeland called for a vote and it passed unanimously.

President Copeland announced the election results. They were that **David Eckert** was elected president-elect to serve for the 2016-2018 and **Lacy Wolfe** won as ALA Councilor serving from 2015-2018.

Hadi Dudley made the motion to adjourn and Dan Fitzroy 2nd. The motion passed. The meeting concluded at 12:16 pm.

Submitted by:

Cathy Toney, ArLA secretary/treasurer

Arla Executive Board Reports from the Membership meeting

ArASL-Lori Bush

- Barbie James called the meeting to order. Jana Dixon seconded the motion.
- Sign in sheets will be digitized and sent to Lynda for keeping for five years per state department regulations.
- Nominations were taken for chair-elect. Ashley Cooksey was nominated by Barbie James, seconded by Cassandra Barnett, motion passed
- Other discussion included increasing registration costs to cover increasing conference expenses.

In attendance:

Lori Bush

Sloan Powell

Cassandra Barnett

Jill Heard

Amy Shipman

Cathy Toney

Jana Dixon

Brooke Settle

Quanta Wyatt

Barbie James

Ashley Cooksey

ALPS-Shawn Manis

- The following were selected as new officers:
Chair-Elect: Devona Pendergrass
Secretary: Judi King
Treasurer: Kim Hillison

College & University-Lacy Wolfe

- The following officers were selected:
Chair: Philippe Van Houtte,
Vice-Chair: Christiana Shutt,
Secretary: David Sesser

Public Libraries & Trustees-Ashley Burris

- The Public Library Division met at 4:00 in the Arkansas State Convention Center on October 4th. The slate of officers that were nominated include:
Johnice Dominick – Chair
Anna Bates, Vice-Chair

Amanda Coward – Secretary

- Motion was made by Michael Sawyer to accept these nominations by acclamation. Seconded by Eva White, motion carried unanimously.
- Membership discussed the need for vigilant oversight and constant involvement as the new board takes office.
- Meeting adjourned at 4:30

Reference & Instruction Services-Pamela Meridith

- Call to Order Pamela Meridith, chair, called the meeting of the Reference and Instruction Service Division to order. A sign in sheet was distributed for those present to sign.
- General Report Reported by Pamela Meridith: The two RISD organized ArLA Conference 2015 breakout sessions by Google Certified Trainer Michael Graham were reported to be successful and well-attended.
- Old Business No old business.
- New Business
 - a. RISD Secretary for the past two years Karen Golden resigned her position.
 - b. Election of officers was conducted. Results are as follows: Rebecka Virden, Secretary; Anne Simpson, Vice-Chair Pamela Meridith, Chair
 - c. Mid-year meeting: To be announced.
- Adjournment Pamela Meridith adjourned the meeting

Resource & Technical Services-David Sesser

- The Resources and Technical Services Division met at the 2015 ArLA Conference and held elections. The new officers are: Linda Evans, Chair; Carol Hanan, Vice-Chair; Lacy Wolfe, Secretary
- The division announced that Monica Moore from the University of Notre Dame would speak on Monday afternoon on electronic resource management and a panel discussion of electronic resource librarians would immediately follow Moore's presentation.
- With no further business, the division voted to adjourn.

Special Libraries-Dwain Gordon

- Officers elected for 2016-
 - Chair - Dwain Gordon
 - Vice Chair – Janice Weddle
 - Secretary - Ava Hicks

Round Tables:

Government Documents-Frances Hager

- No new officers to report at this time, working on it.

Information Technology-Carol Coffey

- Carol Coffey will continue as chair of the IT Round Table in 2016.
- Matthew Windsor will serve as vice-chair.

Two-Year Colleges-Jay Strickland

- No report

Youth Services-Brett Williams

- No report

Committees

Awards-Sloan Powell

- Awards will be presented at the luncheon following this membership meeting.

Conference-Devona Pendergrass

- No report

Future Conference Site-Dwain Gordon

- No report

Constitution-Dana Thornton

- No report

Emerging Leader-Ashley Parker Graves

- No report

Intellectual Freedom-Freddy Hudson

- No report

Legislative-Amber Gregory/Hadi Dudley

- No report

Managing Editor *Arkansas Libraries*-Britt Anne Murphy & Heather Hays

- No report

Marketing-Rebecca Rasnic

- No report

Membership/New Member-Carol Hanan

- We have 496 members and 101 that are new.

Nominating-Judy Calhoun

- No report

Public Relations-Cassandra Barnett

- The committee will receive information about the winners and will send the info to the winner's local newspaper.

Scholarship-Diane Hughes & Barbie James

- The committee will announce the winners at the luncheon following this membership meeting.

Web Services-Dan Fitzroy

- No report



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October 3, 2015

President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On October 3, 2015 in Little Rock, Arkansas, the Arkansas Library Association Executive Board of Directors voted to formally endorse the statement released by the 2014-2015 American Library Association President Courtney L. Young on June 23, 2015 which makes a compelling case for the appointment of a professional librarian to lead the Library of Congress.

Part of the Arkansas Library Association's mission is 'to serve as an advocate for librarians and libraries.' Our group's support for librarianship extends beyond Arkansas to the national leadership of our profession. It is in this sentiment that the Arkansas Library Association wholeheartedly agrees that "an informed citizenry is essential to our future as a thriving democratic society. Strong library and information services, led by the Librarian of Congress' visionary leadership, are essential to creating and maintaining that informed citizenry."

On behalf of more than 500 members, the Arkansas Library Association strongly supports the American Library Association's position, joining other state chapters across the United States. Respectfully, we collectively request appointment of a professional librarian as the next Librarian of Congress.

Respectfully,

Jud Copeland, 2015 President

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