



Arkansas Library Association

**Arkansas Library Association
Board Meeting
Friday, February 16, 2018, 12:30 PM
Laman Library, North Little Rock, AR**

AGENDA

- I. **Call to Order** – President Covington called the meeting to order at 10:00am
- II. **Roll Call & Minutes** – Lynn Valetutti circulated the sign-in sheet and distributed a copy of the minutes from the December 15, 2017, Executive Board meeting. Phillip Shackleford made a motion to approve the minutes and Jessica Riedmueller seconded it.
- III. **Budget and Account Update** – Lynn Valetutti shared the status of our current finances. There is \$63,433.01 in the Region’s checking account in which \$54,496.51 is scholarship monies. Prime Management opened a six-month CD for \$25,000.00 with Edward Jones. The budget was presented and Ron Russ made a motion to approve. The motion was rescinded and voting procedures were delayed until after presentation of committee reports involving conference expenditures.
- IV. **ALA Councilor’s Report** – Lacy Wolfe attended the mid-winter conference in Denver February 8-13, 2018. OCLC sponsored the dinner for the Arkansas librarians. They are interested in becoming more involved in Arkansas and possibly participating at the ArLA conference. Lacy discussed the possibility of Jeff Julian, ALA Public Awareness Office Director, presenting at the ArLA conference. She wants to increase promoting advocacy within our state. ALA President Jim Neal announced that the Whitehouse released its budget proposal for FY2019. The budget proposal eliminated funding 183 million to IMLS and 27 million to LSTA.
The Arkansas Leader Institute (All-In) is forming a second group and needs volunteers to mentor. We need to distribute ArLA brochures at the event to recruit new members. The meeting is tentative for November 2018.
- V. **Committee Reports**
Conference Committee – Daniel Fouts presented a proposal for change in exhibits, sponsorship, and printed materials rates for the conference. Judy Calhoun initiated a motion to approve the increase and Britt Murphy seconded it. Session applications are open now and will close April 20, 2018. Janice Weddle is orchestrating proposals but the program chair position is still vacant.
Legislative Committee- Lacy Wolfe narrated in Courtney Fitzgerald’s absence. Legislative Day is May 7-8, 2018 and costs \$75.00. Registration closes April 13, 2018. ALA Washington Info’s concerns over the reauthorization of the Museum and library Services Act of 2017 (MLSA) were forwarded to the ArLA Listserv. Librarians are encouraged to contact their legislators to express their opinions on it.
ALPS- Held a meeting on January 5, 2018 there was almost full attendance. They are updating their logo, merging their website into Wild Apricot, and rewriting their bylaws to mirror ArLA. Meetings dates were set. Simone circulated a budget outline for an ALPS conference. The board delayed conference discussion until the new business section of the meeting.

College and Universities Library Division- Jessica Riedmueller requested to move the committee that handles the status of academic libraries within Arkansas from CULD to ArkLink and to incorporate it into the strategic plan. There are no bylaws restricting this transfer of duties. CULD meets with Arklink on March 9, 2018.

VI. Old Business

- a. SELA representative- Lauren Robertson to scribe job description. Dwain Gordon to provide input.
- b. Certificate deposit- Prime management deposited \$25,000 (scholarship money) with Edward Jones for six months.
- c. Brooks Blevins books- Lynn to sell at Literary Festival in April 13-14, 2018 in El Dorado.
- d. ADA and interpreters at conferences – Need to consult with organizational lawyers.

VII. New Business

- a. AMIGOS as possible management company- Dean entertained the idea of us contacting AMIGOS as our management company since Prime Management’s contract is up for renewal and our expectations were not met. In addition, their monthly fees will increase \$300-\$500/month. Phillip Shackelford made a motion to request a bid from AMIGOS and David Eckert seconded it.
- b. Conference theme and ALA- Dean Covington selected the ALA theme “Libraries Transform” for our annual conference. We will contact Jeff Julian, ALA, for his availability as a keynote speaker for the conference.
- c. Board meeting 2018 schedule reconfirmed: April 20, June 15, August 17, and September 23-25 (Conference)

d. Other new business:

There was discussion surrounding having a separate ALPS conference. Pros and Cons were voiced. The group conceded after much deliberation. The conference for ALPS and the School Librarians would be held on Saturday, September 22, 2018 at Embassy Suites in Rogers prior to the annual conference if the space were available. Daniel Fouts contacted Embassy Suites during the meeting and left a message to confirm availability.

Lynn Valetutti relayed message from Ashley Burris requesting \$500 from the LEAF account for the Walnut School Library. It suffered damage in a transformer fire. David Eckert made a motion to approve and Britt Murphy seconded it.

The board reviewed and modified the budget. Funds allocated for separate ALPS and ARSL conferences were eliminated from the presented budget. David Eckert made a motion to approve revised budget and Lynn Valetutti seconded it.

VIII. Correspondence/Announcements

IX. Public Comment

- X. Adjournment** – David Eckert made a motion to conclude the meeting and Ron Russ seconded it. Dean Covington adjourned the meeting at 3:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Valetutti