

Arkansas Library Association

Executive Board Meeting

John Q. Hammons Convention Center (Rogers, Arkansas)

October 5, 2008

Those present were: Debbie Hall, President; Jerrie Townsend, Vice-President/President-Elect/Nomination Comm. Chair; Ashley Burris, Past President/New Members RT Chair; Ellen Johnson, ALA Councilor; Dwain Gordon, SELA Representative; Jana Dixon, AASL Div. Chair-Elect; Lynaire Hartsell, ALPS Div. Chair; Jim Robb, College and University Div. Chair/Constitution Comm. Chair; Kristie Boucher, Public Libraries & Trustees Div. Chair; Ron Russ, Reference and Instruction Services Div. Chair/Webmaster; Diane Hughes, Special Libraries Div. Chair; Carol Hanan, Government Documents RT Chair; Elaine Contant, Information Technology RT Chair; Eileen Burg, Two-Year Colleges RT Chair; Kaye Talley, Awards Comm. Chair; Karen Russ, Centennial Comm. Chair; Judy Casey, Conference Comm. Chair; Devona Pendergrass, Intellectual Freedom Comm. Chair; Michael Strickland, Scholarship Comm. Chair; Britt Anne Murphy, Associate Editor; and Barbara Martin, Executive Administrator.

Debbie Hall called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. The minutes of the last meeting were sent by e-mail prior to the meeting. By e-mail vote, the minutes were approved. The roll call sheet was circulated. Jamie Melson was absent, and minutes were taken by Jerrie Townsend.

Debbie Hall, President's Report/Executive Comm. Report: No report.

Ellen Johnson, ALA Councilor: ALA is preparing for a challenging financial year with approximately \$600,000 in tentative budget cuts identified. They are planning for a "greener election" (online) as a means of cutting expenses and saving paper.

ALA membership is up and registration for the Midwinter conference is going well. The next two annual conferences are planned for Chicago and Washington, DC.

The redesigned website is online as work continues on its design.

Information on libraries affected by Hurricane Ike is available on the websites for the Texas Library Association and the Society of American Archivists.

Everyone was invited to visit the ALA/SELA table at the conference exhibits area.

Dwain Gordon, SELA Representative: Dwain represented Arkansas at the annual SELA conference held October 1-4 in Louisville, Kentucky. A flyer with information about the 2010 joint ArLA/SELA conference to be held in Rogers was distributed in Louisville.

Barbara Martin, Executive Administrator: Barbara reported that conference pre-registrations were down by about 100. As of today, we have 232 registrations. The number of exhibitors has increased from last year.

Membership is down this year.

The Executive Administrator's liability insurance and surety bond have been paid.

End of September balance was \$121,988.17.

Jana Dixon, AASL Division: The summer conference was held in Eureka Springs on July 27-28 with over 136 people pre-registered. There were 16 different presenters and 5 authors participating. We are co-sponsoring 8 sessions during the ArLA conference. The division is sponsoring a basket for the LEAF auction.

Lynaire Hartsell, ALPS Division: The ALPS annual conference was very successful with 125 participants. We have submitted 2 columns for *Arkansas Libraries* and will be sponsoring a basket for the auction.

Jim Robb, College & University Division: The division is sponsoring a basket for the auction *and is sponsoring several programs at the annual conference.*

Kristie Boucher, Public Libraries/Trustees Division: The division is sponsoring a basket for the auction.

Ron Russ, Reference & Instruction Services Division: I am working with the incoming Chair and Vice-Chair to plan a budget for 2009. We will be sponsoring a basket for the auction.

Tracy Farmer, Resources & Technical Services Division: No report.

Diane Hughes, Special Libraries Division: We are in the process of writing A Description of Arkansas Special Libraries, A Special Libraries Division's Mission Statement and Goals for 2009. We will be voting on these at our business meeting on Monday afternoon.

We are also trying to identify and list all of the special libraries in Arkansas including the name of the current librarian or contact person. Our objective is to contact those who are not currently members of ArLA and encourage them to join us.

Sarah McClure, Children's Services Roundtable: This year we sponsored children's book illustrator Ard Hoyt at the ArLA conference and had a display at the children's programmer conference in Ferndale.

Carol Hanan, Government Documents Roundtable: We are sponsoring a basket for the auction.

Elaine Contant, Information Technology Roundtable: We are sponsoring a basket for the auction.

Ashley Burris, New Members Roundtable: There will be a session this afternoon for new Association members. All board members were invited to come by to “meet and greet.” We are sponsoring a basket for the auction.

Eileen Burg, Two Year Colleges Roundtable: We have completed digitization of past minutes. They are now available on one CD.

Kaye Talley, Awards Committee: Recipients have been selected for the following awards: Ann Lightsey Children’s Librarian Award, Bessie B. Moore Trustee Award, Distinguished Service Award, Frances P. Neal Award, LaNell Compton Prize, Lorrie Shuff Paraprofessional Award, Retta Patrick Award, and the Suzanne Spurrier Academic Librarian Awards. We will also be presenting a special award of recognition to Bob Razer for his 31 years of service writing for *Arkansas Libraries*. These presentations will be made at the Awards Luncheon on Tuesday, October 7.

Karen Russ, Centennial Planning Committee: WE have been busy brainstorming ideas for the centennial celebration. Sales of a 2011 wall calendar highlighting new and historic libraries could be a good fund raiser. If possible, we are asking that sales in 2010 of calendars for 2011 be reserved for the Centennial Planning Committee. Photos submitted for the calendar could come from photography clubs, school art departments or private photographers in addition to ArLA members.

The Arkansas State Library has offered to assist with funding for the project.

Another project idea is to interview past presidents and other individuals who played a key role in the history of ArLA.

Judy Casey, Conference Committee: Everything is ready to go. The Sunday evening reception will be at the Rogers Public Library at 711 S Dixieland. Judy expressed her appreciation to Barbara Martin for her assistance in preparing for the conference.

Jim Robb, Constitution Committee: The amendments ballot is ready for voting. Results will be reported at the annual business meeting on Tuesday morning.

Devona Pendergrass, Intellectual Freedom Committee: No activity to report.

Donna McDonald, Legislative Committee: No report.

Ashley Burris, Membership Committee: No report.

Jerrie Townsend, Nominating Committee: Voting ballots for the two board positions are included in the registration packets. Results will be announced at the annual business meeting on Tuesday morning.

Erin Waller, Public Relations: Debbie Hall reported that we are working on a poster to advertise the license plates contest.

Kathie Buckman, Publications Committee: The license plate program needs to be reintroduced with greater emphasis.

Conference session summaries are needed for *Arkansas Libraries*.

Michael Strickland, Scholarship Committee: The Scholarship Committee met on September 12 to review applications for the 2008 ArLA Scholarship. Three outstanding applications were received for consideration. Darby Wallace of Newport, Arkansas was selected as the recipient.

The scholarship application packet does need a form for winner to sign as a commitment to work in Arkansas libraries.

Guidelines for a new joint AASL/ArLA scholarship for Arkansas school library students have been drafted and are being reviewed for the AASL executive committee for comments and suggestions.

We are discussing the idea of have a past/current scholarship recipient reception at next year's ArLA conference as a means of promoting the scholarship program and raising funds for scholarships.

Dominique Hallett, Journal Editor: The fall issue is ready to go and should be mailed in the next 2 weeks.

Britt Anne Murphy, Associate Journal Editor: No report.

Ron Russ, Webmaster: April Sheppard has been working with Judy Casey and Barbara Martin to make sure that the conference scheduled posted on the website is current. As needed, Russ is updating other aspects of the website.

Judy Casey reported that she has received good feedback from members about having the tentative program posted on the website. Dwain Gordon suggested it was a good idea to post information about the upcoming conference as soon as possible.

Bob Razer, Archives: No report.

Unfinished Business

Board members agreed that the license plate program was still a good idea and needed to be emphasized in the coming months to generate more interest.

We have still not located any evidence that the Association was formally incorporated. On motion by Ashley Burris, second by Ron Russ, board members approved incorporation of the Association.

New Business

There was no annual report from LEAF.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Diane Hughes and seconded by Kristie Boucher. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Submitted by,

Jerrie Townsend