

**Arkansas Library Association  
Executive Board Meeting & Retreat  
DeGray Lake Resort  
Feb. 1, 2008**

Those present were: Debbie Hall, President; Jerrie Townsend, Vice-President/President-elect; Jamie Melson, Secretary/Treasurer; Barbara Martin, Executive Administrator; Ellen Johnson, ALA Councilor; Lynaire Hartsell, ALPS Div. Chair; Kristie Boucher, Public Libraries Div. Chair; Ron Russ, Reference Services Div. Chair; Carol Hanan, Government Documents RT Chair; Elaine Contant, Information Technology RT Chair; Kaye Talley, Awards Comm. Chair; Judy Casey, Conference Comm. Chair; Kathie Buckman, Publications Comm. Chair; Michael Strickland, Scholarship Comm. Chair; Dominique Hallett, Arkansas Libraries Editor; Britt Anne Murphy, Assoc. Editor; Karen Russ, Centennial Planning Comm. Chair; Dwain Gordon, SELA Representative, and Diane Hughes.

President Debbie Hall opened the meeting at 2:25 p.m. by welcoming everyone to the annual ArLA board retreat.

Ron Russ moved with a second from Dwain Gordon to accept the minutes as presented from the December board meeting and leadership exchange. Motion passed.

President Hall didn't have an executive committee report since the Executive Committee did not meet today. She did say, though, that she has high hopes for this retreat in setting goals for this year.

**Ellen Johnson, ALA Councilor:** Report on American Library Association Midwinter Meeting held January 11-16, 2008 in Philadelphia.

Our meeting in Philadelphia was well attended, and, as usual, there was much activity. I'll limit myself to just a few items of interest in this report.

1. ALA presidential candidates are Camila Alire and J. Linda Williams. Brochures are available for both candidates.
2. There was a report on the graduated dues study. The study will be carried out in six steps, with the first step being a membership survey.
3. Numerous awards were announced and ALA's president, Loriene Roy, made a traditional appearance on the Today Show during the conference to introduce the Newbery and Caldecott awards and their authors. (The awards issue of Cognotes, the daily newspaper of the conference, was passed around to our board members.)

A more detailed report will appear in Arkansas Libraries.

**Dwain Gordon, SELA Representative:** no report.

**Barbara Martin, Executive Administrator:** Barbara gave her report with handouts pertaining to the bank accounts.

**Jeanna Cook, AASL Division:** A brief report was turned in from the AASL conference chairperson. They have emailed the conference registrants from last year with information concerning this year's conference. They've had several offers to present. Jill is handling presenters, and Ramona is taking care of the vendors.

**Lynaire Hartsell, ALPS Division:** We had our ALPS leadership exchange during our January meeting at Torreyson Library, UCA. Work continues on the ALPS Conference, which will be May 12-14 at Mt. Magazine State Park.

**Kristie Boucher, Public Libraries Division:** no report

**Ron Russ, Reference Services Division:** The Reference Services Division voted at our last business meeting to include Instruction into our charge and to change the name to Reference and Instruction Services Division (RISD). Article II of the Bylaws will have to be changed in order to reflect this. Chapter 4, part 1 on the ArLA Manual will have to be amended as well to reflect this change.

Michael Strickland has graciously accepted the post of Secretary of our division. We're looking into the possibilities of having an outside speaker for the fall conference. Nothing has been finalized as of yet. One of our new projects is putting together an online repository of handouts that are being used for reference/instructional purposes. This will take into account all types of libraries in the state as well as any subject area. The repository will be accessible through the Reference Services Website. We're also looking to identify prospective members and we're in the process of contacting people via e-mail.

Ron Russ moved to change the name of this division as stated above. Jerrie Townsend seconded the motion. Some discussion and explanation ensued. Motion passed.

**Carol Hanan, Government Documents RoundTable:** no report

**Elaine Contant, Information Technology RoundTable:** IT people are getting ready for the ALPS Annual Spring Conference in May, 2008. I have sent an email message out to all who have indicated an interest in the IT Roundtable and nobody has replied with any concerns or projects at this time. Our first meeting will be at the ALPS Conference.

**Kaye Talley, Awards Committee:** no report

**Karen Russ, Centennial Planning Committee:** Brainstorming about fundraising possibilities. An announcement will go out on the listserv and webpage shortly to solicit committee members. I am aiming for report/promotional statements in Arkansas Libraries twice a year.

**Judy Casey, Conference Committee:** Things are moving right along with 8-10 program ideas already along with 3 authors (including Joan Hess and Philip Gulley) indicating interest in speaking at conference. She will also start drawing up costs, forms, and formats. She needs some help still with contacting the school libraries and academic libraries.

**Donna McDonald, Legislative Committee:** She is up on pending legislation and will be attending Legislative Day.

**Jerrie Townsend, Nominating Committee:** She will be working on a pool of candidates from the School Library Division for President and nominees for Secretary/Treasurer.

**Kathie Buckman, Publications Committee:** no report

**Erin Waller, Public Relations Committee:** She is working with Danny Koonce on a booth at the upcoming Literary Festival in April.

**Michael Strickland, Scholarship Committee:** He is working on putting together a committee for fundraisers.

**Dominique Hallett, Arkansas Libraries Editor:** She is working on the Spring Issue right now and needs articles.

**Britt Anne Murphy, Ark. Lib. Assoc. Editor:** no report

**Ron Russ, Webmaster:** He has updated the website to reflect the new leadership. Also updated the Calendar of Events and Jobline. Problems with the completion of the redesigned website have arose, and will discuss possible solutions at this meeting.

Discussion was held on hiring someone else to fix the redesigned website to suit our purposes and will work like what we had envisioned. It was suggested that Barbara talk with David Hudson and set up a meeting with him and Ron to see what can be done and what he might charge us to fix it. Barbara and/or Ron will come back to the Executive Committee to make a decision. The ultimate decision was left with the Executive Committee. (It was discovered at this meeting that members cannot use the website to renew their membership. Membership registration will only work for first-time members.)

**New Business:** A conference site needs to be decided on today for 2009. We decided on Hot Springs and Barbara will check to see if the Embassy is available in October 2009.

Kathie Buckman brought up fees for vendors and journal advertising costs and reciprocity, i.e. vendor buying a booth gets a discount in the journal and vice versa.

The Executive Committee will get together tonight and go through the constitution and by-laws.

Dwain Gordon brought up the SELA joint conference in 2010. The Peabody costs are exorbitant but according to joint conference registration numbers, there's not many hotels that can accommodate this conference. Barbara will make some phone calls to Rogers, Hot Springs, and possibly Ft. Smith about accommodations and availability.

Dinner is at 6:00 tonight and Barbara will hand out coupons for breakfast. The board meeting will continue at 9:00 on Saturday morning.

President Debbie Hall re-opened the meeting on Sat. morning, Feb. 2, at 9:10 a.m. Barbara Martin had made contacts with Hot Springs and Rogers looking at what's available for the 2010 joint conference. Dates were handed out and 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> choices were given to Barbara. Lynaire Hartsell moved, with a second from Dwain Gordon, to let Barbara get prices from Hot Springs and Rogers allowing the Executive Committee to make the final decision.

The Publications Committee, chaired by Kathie Buckman, submitted the following proposal: If someone pays for a booth at conference, they will get \$50 off a ¾ journal ad or vice versa; or \$100 off if you do all 4 issues Ron Russ moved with a second to the motion made by Dwain Gordon. Some discussion ensued. Motion passed.

Debbie Hall asked for the entire board to go through the entire constitution and by-laws as well as the policy and procedures manual. Please submit all ideas and considered changes to her so the Executive Committee and the Constitution Committee Chair can sit down and take all suggestions and go through all three documents with a fine tooth comb.

A footnote was made here: membership as of Dec. 31 was 547.

The meeting was suspended at 9:30 a.m. for leadership training.

Having no further business, Ellen Johnson moved with a second made by Kristie Boucher to officially adjourn the meeting at noon. Motion passed.