

**Arkansas Library Association
Executive Board Meeting
Laman Library, North Little Rock, AR
June 4, 2010**

Those present were: Connie Zimmer, President; Ron Russ, ALA Councilor/Webmaster; Dwain Gordon, SELA Representative/Conference Comm. Chair; Jamie Melson, Secretary/Treasurer/ Finance Comm. Chair; Kara Propes, ALPS Division Chair; Virginia Perschbacher, Public Relations Comm. Chair; Bill Parton, Constitution Comm. Chair; Laura Speer, Youth Services Roundtable Chair/Arkansas Libraries Managing Editor; Britt Anne Murphy, Associate Editor; Amber Wilson, Reference & Instruction Services Division Chair; Kaye Talley, College & University Division Chair; Barbie James, Awards Comm. Chair; Karen Russ, Centennial Planning Comm. Chair; Frances Hager, Government Documents Roundtable Chair; Barbara Martin, Executive Administrator.

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by President Connie Zimmer. Kaye Talley moved with a second from Laura Speer to approve the corrected minutes. Motion passed. A roll call sheet was passed around for everyone to sign.

Reports:

President, Connie Zimmer: Since the last meeting, I attended the ALPS conference and had a wonderful time and would have liked to have stayed longer.

ALA Councilor, Ron Russ: In the process of planning the Arkansans Out On the Town dinner at the ALA Annual Conference. Will update blog at the conference and use Twitter for comments from the Council Floor (similar to what I did at ALA Midwinter).

If you're going to ALA and are interested in the Arkansans Out On the Town dinner, please contact me at rsruss@asub.edu.

SELA Representative, Dwain Gordon:

1. Session presenters have been notified that their session proposals were accepted.
2. Conference brochure with a registration for was designed, mailed to members, and sent to ArLA, AAIM, and SELA members via the three list serves.
3. The brochure will be posted to the website soon.
4. Schedule continues to be adjusted due to some cancellations.
5. First draft of the schedule with the session descriptions has been completed.

We will need hosts in each session room to assist the presenter, introductions, supplies, directions, water, call for assistance, gather lost items, etc.

Executive Administrator, Barbara Martin: The corrected nomination form has been printed and sent out. A few registrations have already been received from SELA members. Balance overall is \$227,480.32. A hard copy of the financial report will be kept in this file.

AASL Division, Devona Pendergrass: We are finalizing the plans for the AASL summer conference. I will have more to report after the affiliate meeting at big ALA.

ALPS Division, Kara Propes: ALPS is off to a great start, our conference was held at Winthrop Rockefeller Institute May 10-12. Our theme this year was "Get in the game with team ALPS". Our sessions focused on leadership, office bullies, team building, community partnerships, and overcoming procrastination just to name a few. We were very fortunate to have Nancy Bolt as our Keynote speaker and session presenter. Carolyn Ashcraft was able to attend briefly and spoke to our group. On Tuesday afternoon, Connie Zimmer our ArLA board President spoke during our group meeting. We had 86 registered attendees. One presenter did not show, Wade River the author of "Y" City. We prepared for this and had a back-up plan. We showed an active shooter video in the place of this session. We had several donations to our conference, The Arkansas State Library gave a monetary donation which covered our keynote speaker, Garland County Friends of the Library made a donation of \$200 in Wal-Mart gift cards for our drawings, Timex donated 150 watches that everyone received, OCLC donated canvas bags that we gave out with conference information, The Shirt Shack in Alma gave us a huge discount on our shirts that each participant received.

Our evaluations were mostly positive, some of the negatives included not enough free time, not enough networking opportunities, too much stuff on the schedule, and need speakers at lunch to count for work. Our Conference deposit was \$551 on baskets, \$261 from Raffles totaling \$812 toward our scholarship fund. Sale of past merchandise for our general funds was \$151.50. We held our general business meeting at conference and opened nominations for chair elect. This position will be voted on at our next business meeting the ArLA/ SELA conference in October. As of today we only have one nomination. ALPS plans to speak briefly at the ArLA/SELA conference during the new members session about our role and connection with ArLA. Our conference next year will be held at the Holiday Inn/Conference center in Fort Smith. November 6th at the Arkansas State Library we will present our annual InfoBits. This years theme will be libraries in the digital age. Our speakers will hopefully include Amber Wilson and Laura Speer speaking on Twitter and Facebook (both speakers at our conference), Laura Speer also on copyrights. Jon Goodell speaking on open source technologies and Melanie Allen will speak on downloadable audiobooks and eBooks.

College & University Division, Kaye Talley: no report

Public Libraries & Trustees Division, Sarah Ernst: no report

Reference & Instruction Services Division, Amber Wilson: no report

Resource & Technical Services Division, Heidi Vix: no report

Special Libraries Division, Michael Strickland: no report

Government Documents Roundtable, Frances Hager: no report

Information Technology Roundtable, George Fowler: No official report but would like to say that the ArLA IT unconference (CuC) is well into its planning phase and will occur on Friday, July 30th, at UAMS.

New Members Roundtable, Jerrie Townsend: no report

Two-Year Colleges Roundtable, Tina Bradley: no report

Youth Services Roundtable, Laura Speer: no official report but they are looking for a chairperson for 2011.

Awards Committee, Barbie James: The Awards Committee of the Arkansas Library Association is accepting nominations for awards for this year. The deadline for nominations will be July 30, 2010. Awards will be presented at the ArLA/SELA Conference in September.

Information about each award and nomination forms may be found on the ArLA website: <http://arlib.org/Guidelines&CriteriaAwards.pdf>

The following is a list of the awards that will be given:

- LaNell Compton Prize
- Frances P. Neal Award
- Distinguished Service Award
- Bessie B. Moore Trustee Award
- Retta Patrick Award
- Intellectual Freedom Award
- Lorrie Shuff Paraprofessional Award
- Suzanne Spurrier Academic Librarian Award
- Ann Lightsey Children's Librarian Award

Nominations should be sent to:

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Centennial Planning Committee, Karen Russ: The Centennial and Publications Committees would like permission to create a new homepage for association website for the celebration of the centennial. This site would not replace the existing one, but anyone coming to the site would get this page first, with the option to bypass it and go back to the usual ArLA homepage. The webmaster is looking into necessary coding to carry out the project.

Kathie Buckman and I have settled on an idea assigned to us by the Board earlier this year. We are going to do a reprint of the first issue of *Arkansas Libraries*, but not as a special issue of the volume year. (We decided not to make enemies with the catalogers in the world). We are going to have it reprinted as a souvenir to be distributed in the registration packets of the conference. Those who wish to have an extra copy will be offered the chance to purchase it. That cost will be determined after we talk to the printer.

Arrangements are being made with the US Government Printing Office to have some of their staff join our government document roundtable to share celebrations. (GPO will be 150 years old in 2011) It has not been decided if this will be an event at the 2011 conference or a special gathering of the documents roundtable members with GPO.

The Centennial Committee will be gathering for a full work day on June 15th to address details for some centennial events and fund raising. We will also be meeting with at least one potential corporate partner to discuss their possible roles.

Conference Committee, Dwain Gordon: already gave this report in with his SELA report

Constitution Committee, Bill Parton: Discussion only – rewrite of Bylaws, Article I (copies distributed at meeting); discuss reorganization of Article I; discuss Life Membership amount; discuss possible student membership category & dues amount. (*Proposals are in italics*)

Reviewed Bylaws, Article I (membership).

Article I.

Membership

Section 1. Classification of membership.

Membership of the Association shall consist of Personal Members *and Institutional Members*. Personal members shall have the right to vote in elections and *on* business

matters, hold office, serve on committees, attend division and round table meetings, and receive all publications and notices of the Association upon payment of annual dues.

4. Retired Library Employee - *persons retired from library staff positions (age requirement?).*

[5. Student - persons enrolled in [higher] educational institutions who are interested in the purpose of the Association.]

Section 2. Dues.

4. Retired Library Employee \$25

[Student Member \$_____]

5. Contributing Member \$125

6. Life Member no dues; *one-time payment of \$_____*

Intellectual Freedom Committee, Devona Pendergrass: No one has contacted me about any problems. But, I have been contacted by the IFC Chair from the ARA. We are working on collaborating on some projects. I will be attending a 4 hour IFC meeting in Washington, DC and will report back late on that.

Legislative Committee, Donna McDonald: no report

Membership Committee, Jerrie Townsend: no report

Nominating Committee, Shawn Pierce: no recruit from the Special Libraries section of the organization for Vice-President/President-Elect. We may have to skip that group this year. Michael Strickland from the State Library has agreed to run for secretary/treasurer.

Public Relations Committee, Virginia Perschbacher: The new “license plates” are in and have been brought to the meeting. They are \$20 each and the sales will go to support the scholarship fund.

Publications Committee, Kathie Buckman: no report

Scholarship Committee, Diane Hughes: Information about the 2010 Scholarship opportunities has been distributed via the Arklib and AAIM Listservs twice in the past

two months. We also have posted updated information about both scholarships, including the criteria, application and donation forms, on the ArLA Website. An article about the two scholarships has been written and submitted for the next issue of Arkansas Libraries. The deadline for scholarship applications is August 10, 2010.

In order to provide continuity, all applications are to be sent to the ArLA office. As of May 27th no applications had been received.

We have requested a booth at conference and will sell license plates and possibly other items.

We are also planning an awesome basket for the LEAF auction.

Arkansas Libraries, Managing Editor, Laura Speer: Working on Summer Journal – should be to printer in the next week.

Please encourage libraries to send in pictures of activities to use in each issue.

Example: Fall Journal – Fall photos (Fall festivals, etc.)

Arkansas Libraries, Associate Editor, Britt Anne Murphy: no report

Webmaster, Ron Russ: Heidi Vix has designed the ArLA/SELA Conference Website. The URL for the site is <http://www.arlib.org/2010conference/>. There is a link off of the ArLA Main Page as well as from the Events and Conferences page. We've also added a link from the ArLA Main Page to the ArLA Scholarships page (by request). In addition, we added the full pdf image of the Spring 2010 issue of Arkansas Libraries, to that web page (minus the cover).

As per request of the Association Office, we are going to meet with David Hudson, regarding issues with the ArLA Website as it pertains to them. Hopefully, we'll be able to get some items straightened out in order to make their jobs easier. We're also working with ALPS in transferring their website to our web-hosted account. We're still working out the specifics at the present time.

Archives, Bob Razer: no report

Unfinished Business:

Membership Committee report on surrounding states with student rates and their criteria was postponed.

New Business:

Ron Russ moved with a second from Dwain Gordon to allow Connie to write a letter to the board of trustees of LSU to try and save the ALA accredited library school on behalf of the Association. Motion passed. It was also encouraged for individuals to write letters as well.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.