

**Arkansas Library Association
Board Meeting Minutes (1st Session)
Friday, December 2, 2011
Laman Public Library, North Little Rock, AR**

Present: Michael Strickland, Jon Goodell, Jamie Melson, Ron Russ, Karen Russ, Frances Hager, Devona Pendergrass, Bill Parton, Virginia Porschbacher, Britt Ann Murphy, Daniel Page, Melanie Allen, Loretta Edwards, Ronald Russ, Connie Zimmer, Shawn Pierce, Jim Robb, Kevin Barron, Ashley Parker, Holly Mercer, Lynda Hampel

Call to Order: President Shawn Pierce opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. A quorum was established.

Roll Call and Minutes: The minutes were distributed. Corrections were noted. Melson made a motion that the previous meetings minutes with corrections be approved. The motion was seconded and passed.

President's Report/Executive Committee, Shawn Pierce:

President Pierce thanked everyone for a great year. She stated this had been one of the most knowledgeable boards she had been around and she enjoyed how everyone worked together and helped each other. She noted that she had received a very nice letter from Bill and Elizabeth Sanders. She suggested the letter might run in Library Journal. She also wanted to make sure everyone got a Christmas card from her.

Pierce announced that the Executive Committee recommended that Linda Hampel be approved as the new Executive Administrator and offered a three year contract with annual evaluation. Edwards proposed that the Executive Committee recommendation be approved by the full board. Motion was seconded and approved. The Executive Committee also recommended that the ArLA President sign the contract on behalf of the organization. Edwards proposed that the second Executive Committee also be approved. The motion was seconded and passed.

Linda Hampel agreed to accept the position as Executive Administrator to the delight of the board.

ALA Councilor Report, Ron Russ:

Russ reported he would be attending the ALA Mid-Winter Conference. He also participated on the Executive Administrator search committee. Due to the fact that the Mid-Winter conference was rapidly approaching, Russ asked the board to approve \$1500 to cover his expenses and hotel room. He noted last year he had requested \$1800.

Zimmer recommended that the board approve Russ's request. The motion was seconded and approved.

SELA Representative Report, Kevin Barron:

Barron reported that there had been a SELA board meeting in August in Alabama that he was unable to attend.

He stated that SELA was considering changing its quarterly print journal to online only to save on costs.

He also mentioned that there is a question about what ArLA owes SELA. The SELA board believes ArLA owes them \$1000 for our membership. Laurie Colvin with the Florida Library Association told him that Florida had recently pulled out of SELA for two major reasons. First, the recent adoption of the Arkansas membership plan and second, that SELA in her opinion no longer has a purpose. Years ago a regional association helped serve a purpose but today with improved communications and technology, they are no longer needed.

Barron suggested that the board study other options to SELA and make a decision on whether or not it wishes to continue as part of SELA.

Executive Administrator Report, Lynda Hampel:

Hampel provided the board with three financial reports. She reported that conference expenses were good and the membership was doing well for 2011. She also stated that she had worked out an arrangement with the telephone that would be saving the organization about \$540 a year on telephone expenses.

Division Reports:

AASL, Cathy Toney:

Tracy McAllister will be the chairman of AASL for 2012. At the Fall ArLA conference, AASL met and elected Erin Shaw as the chairman elect/conference chair for 2012. The following people volunteered to serve on the ArLA committees as AASL representatives:

Awards: Cathy Toney cathytony54@gmail.com

Conference: Beth Stone stoneb@jessiel.k12.ar.us

Intellectual Freedom: Devona Pendergrass dpendergrass@mtnhome.k12.ar.us

Membership: Tracy McAllister (division chair)

Nominating: Erin Shaw (division chair-elect)

Publications: Arkansas Libraries: Whitney Ivy whitneysivy@hotmail.com

Rachel Shankles shankles@cablelynx.com

Public Relations: Connie Zimmer connie.zimmer@atu.edu

Scholarship: Ann Ayres aayres@bentonvillek12.org

Planning (ad hoc): Erin Shaw (division chair-elect)

The next AASL Conference will be in Eureka Springs on July 29 and 30, 2012.

ALPS, Melanie Allen:

Allen reported that ALPS met November 4th at the CALS Library. They worked on final preparations for the InfoBits workshop and appointed some new Regional Representatives. On November 17, 2011, they held an InfoBits Workshop. There were sessions on Wikipedia, Dealing with Difficult People in the Library and Teen Programing. There were around 40 in attendance. The next Executive Council meeting, which is the Leadership Exchange, will be held at the UCA Library at 10:30 on January 6, 2012.

College & Universities, Daniel Page:

CULD met at the Arkansas State Library conference in September. Since that meeting, new leadership for CULD was elected. They include the following:

Carol Hanan – Chair CHanan@uca.edu

Linda Evans - Vice-Chair/Chair Elect evansl@hsu.edu Sherry Tinerella - Secretary stinerella@atu.edu

A mission statement for CULD was approved. It is as follows:

The mission of the College and University Division of the Arkansas Library Association is to develop best practices and secure resources for its members and member institutions.

Kathie Buckman offered Henderson University to host the spring CULD meeting in Arkadelphia.

Public Libraries & Trustees, Ashley Parker:

Parker reported that 6 people met at the ArLA Conference in Little Rock and discussed various activities. This included the development of a skills directory that could be utilized by the ArLA membership.

The Public Library committee also conducted an online survey of those who had selected public libraries as an interest. The survey was also sent out via the listserv ARKLIB. Out of 200 people, Parker said she got 47 responses, of those 20 said they would be interested in working with ArLA and 18 said they would be willing to serve on a committee.

Reference & Instruction Services, Amber Wilson:

No Report.

Resource & Technical Services, Jeannie Ballinger:

Ballenger reported that Linda Evans will be the new chair.

Special Libraries, Loretta Edwards:

Edwards reported that Debbie Hall will be the 2012 chair. She also stated that Catherine Peterson, the new Director of Crystal Bridges Museum Library in Bentonville, wants to be actively involved in ArLA. Edwards gave Peterson information about the Association and the Special Libraries Division. Peterson seemed eager to connect with other librarians in Arkansas. Edwards sent her contact information to Ron Russ, who added her to the list of Special Libraries on the ArLA site and to Carolyn Ashcraft to add to the State Library site.

Roundtable Reports:**Youth Services Roundtable, Randi Eskridge:**

No report.

Government Documents Roundtable, Frances Hager:

Karen Russ and Ron Russ represented the board as an exhibitor of government document resources that can be used for genealogical research, at the Arkansas Genealogical Society meeting in North Little Rock in October. They spoke to around 80 attendees.

Information Technology Roundtable, Jon Goodell:

The committee met at the annual conference. The 2012 UnConference will be held at CALS Main Library on June 29 from 10 am to 3:30 pm. This is a change from past meetings which were usually held in late July.

New Members Roundtable, Connie Zimmer:

3 new members joined at the conference. Overall there were 95 new members for 2011.

Two-Year Colleges, Tina Bradley:

No Report.

Committees:**Awards, Jamie Melson:**

Melson stated she would like for the board to consider revising the wording of the award guidelines to read "the award winner and one guest or representative."

Centennial Planning, Karen Russ:

Karen Russ reported this was the committee's last report. She thanked everyone who helped with the celebration and planning. She reported that the Centennial website had been archived.

Conference, Holly Mercer:

Mercer thanked everyone who helped with the annual conference. She had received many positive comments about the conference. She and the conference committee had only received so far only 15% of the conference surveys back.

Mercer also said she was looking for volunteers to help with the 2012 conference. The conference committee was pleased to report they had spent less than they were allotted and had met all the goals they had set for themselves.

Constitution, Bill Parton:

Parton reported that the major changes on Article 1 that the general membership had approved had been updated online last week. The increase in membership dues would not take effect until 2013.

Intellectual Freedom, Devona Pendergrass:

Pendergrass stated that she was still updating the old Intellectual Freedom workbook. Two committee members were scanning the old book. She also attended the Intellectual Freedom meeting in Dallas, Texas.

Legislative, Donna McDonald:

McDonald announced this would be her last year as Legislative Committee chair and announced that Sarah Ernest would be the new Legislative chair.

Membership, Connie Zimmer:

Zimmer reported the final 2011 membership total was 577.

Nominating, Jim Robb:

No Report.

Public Relations, Virginia Perschbacher:

No Report.

Publications Committee, Kathy Davis:

No Report.

Scholarship Committee, Diane Hughes:

Hughes announced that Daniel Page will be taking over as Scholarship Chair. Hughes provided him with a CD of all my files during her term as chair. And, she mailed all the old scholarship files that she had received to Bob Razer for the archives.

Hughes said she still had some license plates and would gladly continue to mail them out, if Page wanted her to. She said when Page was ready to take over, he can change the contact information on the order form that is on the ArLA Website and she would send him the license plates or send them to the ArLA office.

Hughes also recommended that the scholarship committee budget for the 2012 be a total of \$3,500. The amounts are \$1,500 for each of the two scholarships and \$500 for general committee expenses. The only expense the committee had in 2011 was postage to mail the license plates.

Arkansas Libraries, Managing Editor, Laura Speer:

No Report.

Associate Editor, Britt Anne Murphy:

No Report.

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Webmaster, Ron Russ:

Ron Russ said this would be his final report as ArLA's webmaster. He had completed all his duties and had written his final Webmaster's Corner.

Archives, Bob Razer:

Razer asked that all records from 2010 committee chairs be turned in to him as soon as possible. Jamie Melson offered to take the records to Razer at CALS.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

There was a discussion on whether or not to opt out of printing paper copies of The Arkansas Libraries or not and go to just an online format. No motion was made and it was decided to continue to study the issue at this time.

Leadership gavel was symbolically exchanged from President Pierce to incoming President Jim Robb. Robb thanked Pierce for her service during the past year and gave her a plaque as a token of thanks. Pierce thanked Robb for all of his help and service.

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Adjournment:

Edwards moved adjournment at 11:20 a.m. The motion was seconded and approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Strickland
Secretary/Treasurer