

**Arkansas Library Association
Board Meeting Minutes
Friday, December 7, 2012
Central Arkansas Library, Main Branch, Little Rock, AR**

Present: Jim Robb, Michael Strickland, LeTonya Jones, Linda Evans, Kara Propes, Bill Parton, Carol Hanan, Sara Seaman, Tracy McAllister, Kathy Seymour, Jamie Melson, Carol Coffey, Hadi Dudley, Ashley Parker Graves, Whitney Ivy, Holly Mercer and Lynda Hampel

Call to Order: President Jim Robb called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. A quorum was established.

Roll Call and Minutes: The Roll Call sheet and 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, Jim Robb:

The Executive Committee met briefly prior to the meeting.

The president's report is a big "thank you." It's been a busy year but the group has managed to accomplish quite a bit this year. We had an excellent conference and we had some ideas and projects that will be carried on to the next year. Robb offered many, many thanks to each member of the board.

The board acknowledged President Robb's work this past year with applause.

A few moments were taken to acknowledge the new 2013 board members who were in attendance.

ALA Councilor Report, Hadi Dudley:

Dudley reported she took over immediately following the election at the ArLA Annual Conference. She will be attending the Mid-Winter Meeting in Seattle at the end of January 2013. She reported the vote the ArLA board joined 47 other state library associations on supporting the ALA letter to support e-books. ALA has a new career resources link that will coordinate with ArLA to publicize Arkansas library job openings and provide information about the ArLA listserv. The ALA membership dues will likely increase. Rate increases will be voted on at the Mid-Winter Meeting. The rates are expected to rise \$3-4 annually for most ALA members. The increase is based on the Consumer Price Index. Dudley proposed the ArLA board should support the proposal to increase ALA fees and asked for a vote on the measure. The ALA membership will vote on the proposal.

Dudley opened the floor for questions and discussion about the proposal.

Dudley made the motion that the ArLA Board supports her voting FOR the ALA report that recommends a modest increase in ALA fees. The motion was seconded and passed.

Hampel and Dudley will be working on the State of the Council report for ArLA to report to ALA.

***SELA Representative Report, Kevin Barron:**

No Report. ArLA membership at 2012 Annual Conference voted to terminate its membership in SELA and cease providing a representative.

Executive Administrator Report, Lynda Hampel:

Hampel distributed Financial Information sheets. She reported all the CDs updated. Under fund balances, she has broken out the ALPS fund balance for conference awards and other. In Profit and Loss vs. Actual she has included the 10% administrative fee for ArASL and ALPS for 2012. She also handed out Profit and Loss this year vs. last year.

She opened the floor for discussion, corrections and questions.

President Robb thanked Hampel for her hard work re-organizing the ArLA budget process along with creating and clarifying categories to assist in the way the budget is reported to the membership.

Future plans include re-organizing the speaker proposals for the annual conference.

Division Reports:

ArASL, Tracy McAllister:

No Report

ALPS, LeTonya Jones :

Jones reported that ALPS had their last meeting on November 16, 2012. They had off-site remote sites through Adobe Connect. One was Faulkner County and they had 6 attendees. Craighead County had 35 and the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff had 12. Officers for 1013 will be Shay Washington, chair; Erin Baber Chair-elect; Beth Lincoln, Secretary; Kim Hillison, Treasurer and Loretta Edwards, Historian.

College & Universities, Carol Hanan:

No Report

Public Libraries & Trustees, Ashley Parker Graves:

Graves was unable to attend the conference but the PLT provided a Pre-Conference program for the first time in several years. Anne Grisham planned it and Graves was very grateful. It worked out very well since she was in Springdale. There were 5 people who attended.

Reference & Instruction Services, Amber Wilson:

No Report.

Resource & Technical Services, Linda Evans:

Evans reported the Division had an interesting meeting at Annual Conference. Daniel Fitzroy was elected chair. Carolyn Baker is continuing as vice-chair and David Sesser will be the secretary. Evans said they discussed implementing RDA. Baker had good insights on RDA and so the group decided maybe they needed to offer more programs on it.

Special Libraries, Debbie Hall:

No Report

Roundtable Reports:**Youth Services Roundtable, Kara Propes:**

Propes reported the roundtable held a meeting at the conference. There was a lot of interest in having other programs outside of the conference. Youth Services would like to raise funds to bring an outside speaker in through the roundtable to have speaker come in either at conference or outside the conference. We would rather do it outside conference simply because we would like the school librarians to be able to participate; possibly hosting it on a Saturday. Arkansas has exhausted a lot of our state's resources and it would be nice to bring in someone from out-of-state with fresh ideas.

Government Documents Roundtable, Kathy Seymour:

Karen Russ and Frances Hager represented ArLA at the Arkansas Genealogical Society Annual Meeting. They served over 120 people at the meeting. The society asked them to write some articles for publication related to government documents.

Information Technology Roundtable, Carol Coffey:

The next UnConference will be held on June 14, 2013 at Philander Smith College in Little Rock.

New Members Roundtable, Shawn Pierce:

For 2012 we had 83 new members.

Two-Year Colleges, Sara Seaman:

At the October conference, the Two-year Colleges Roundtable shared a meeting with CULD since everyone was members of both. There were 8 people present. Two issues were discussed. The College Division had already talked about their survey for next year. One suggestion was to break out two year college and four year college by size to compare statistics in a college survey. The two year colleges decided to use the college survey with additional benchmarking data, rather than create a separate survey. The

second issue was the lack of interest and involvement in the Two Year Colleges Roundtable in the past five or six years, and a recommendation to be in active for 2013.

Although the 8 members at the October meeting voted to become inactive, they requested a poll of the entire roundtable membership before a final decision was made. Seaman sent emails to all 42 members and received 7 yes votes to being inactive and 4 no votes. Therefore, the roundtable will be inactive as of this year. However the Roundtable will maintain a separate identity and separate listserv.

Committees:

Awards, Jamie Melson:

No Report

Conference, Holly Mercer:

Mercer said we had a great conference despite a few technical glitches. Some things we tried worked and some didn't work. Thanked Melson for putting together the conference evaluations..

Constitution, Bill Parton:

No Report

Intellectual Freedom, Devona Pendergrass:

No Report

Legislative, Hadi Dudley:

February 13, 2013 will be Arkansas Libraries Day in the State Capitol rotunda from 8 a.m. to noon. Dudley said the message for the day was being jointly produced by AAPL and the Arkansas State Library.

Membership, Shawn Pierce:

Total membership for 2012 is 550.

Nominating, Patricia (Trish) Miller:

Miller reported a thank you email went out to all the officer candidates and a congratulation email went to the newly elected officers. She also spent time contacting and verifying Chairs for the committees and to secure Chairs in vacant committees. Several members had approached her at the conference and she had also received emails from members wanting to serve on various committees. Their information was sent on to the appropriate Chairs. Miller stated it was important to her to have Chairs on each Committee so they did not have to spend time finding new ones. Miller also worked during the conference to get members to join committees. In 2013, Miller hopes that Holly Mercer will be able to concentrate on helping the Chairs build their committees and work on their goals. Miller said she really enjoyed the challenge.

Planning Committee (Ad Hoc), Jim Robb/Trish Miller:

No Report

Public Relations, Ashley Parker Graves:

No Report

Publications Committee, Kathy Davis:

No Report

Scholarship Committee, Daniel Page:

No Report

Arkansas Libraries, Managing Editor, Whitney Ivy:

Ivy reported that she was currently working on the new issue. It will be longer than 24 pages. Ivy is also hoping to solicit more ads. Any ideas of companies or vendors please let Ivy know. The last issue, thanks to Jon Goodell, was posted on the website and looked great.

Associate Editor, Britt Anne Murphy:

No Report.

Webmaster, Jon Goodell:

Goodell updated the board information the 2013 and added some ArLA jobline jobs. Some Website Committee members met last Friday night via Google Hangouts. Goodell also submitted a Webmaster's Report.

Archives, Bob Razer:

If any of the outgoing chairs have any paperwork please give their documents to Jamie Melson who will turn them over to the Archivist.

Unfinished Business:

None

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New Business:

Robb submitted that the new board begin the process to officially change the transition date. The ArLA Constitution states that elected officers take their office on 1 January. So it would be difficult for the new officers to conduct a board meeting without officially taken office. There needs to be a constitutional amendment submitted to the general membership at the upcoming annual conference. Robb asked that this be tabled until the 2013 board officially takes over.

Pierce has a draft welcome packet put together and will be submitting to Robb as Membership Chair.

Dudley made a motion for a travel budget, as part of 2013 budget, not to exceed \$2500 to attend the 2013 ALA Mid-Winter Meeting as ArLA's ALA Counselor. The motion was seconded and passed.

2014 President-elect Holly Mercer presented President Robb with a token of appreciation from the 2012 Board and thanked him for a job well done.

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Adjournment:

Melson made a motion to adjourn at 11:23 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Strickland
Secretary/Treasurer 2011-2012