



**Arkansas Library Association
Executive Board Meeting
Friday, October 9, 2020, 9:00 AM
Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

In attendance: Dan Boice, Dean Covington, Crystal Gates, Jill Heard, Susie Kirk, Lavoris Martin, Shenise McGee, Britt Murphy, Jessica Riedmueller, Emily Rozario, Ron Russ, Philip Shackelford, Rachel Shankles, Lynn Valetutti, Rebecka Virden, Janice Weddle, Lacy Wolfe

- I. **Call to Order** – President Crystal Gates called the meeting to order at 9:06 AM.
- II. **Roll Call & Minutes** – Attendance was recorded via presence on Zoom. Minutes of the 8/21/2020 were made available through Dropbox prior to the meeting. Ron Russ made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Philip Shackelford. Minutes approved.
- III. **Financial Report** – Lynn Valetutti that we have \$40,680 in Edward Jones, \$92,935 in our checking account, \$41,000 of which is scholarship money and \$11,000 of which is LEAF funding. She reported that so far the conference has had 28 institutional registrations and 44 individual registrations. Registration ends today 10/9/2020.
- IV. **ALA Councilor’s Report** – “Together Forward” talks take place every other Friday from 3-5 PM. The discussions are complex, and a timeline for changes is hard to determine. There will be a full Council meeting on November 5, 2020.
- V. **Committee Reports**

Awards – Plaques have been ordered and will be mailed to the recipients. The Awards Ceremony will take place via Zoom on October 15, 2020 from 12:30-1:30 P.

Bylaws – Janice Weddle reported that the committee continues to discuss changes to the Handbook. They are waiting on the results of the election to make sure that changes in the Handbook align with the final Bylaws.

Nominating – Jill Heard reported that the results of the election will be announced at the Membership meeting during the Conference.

Conference – Philip Shackelford reported that the conference committee is finishing up final preparations for the conference.

Arkansas Libraries – No report.

Emerging Leader – No report.

Future Conference – No report.

Intellectual Freedom – Shenise McGee reported on Banned Books Week.

Legislative – No report.

Marketing – Susie Kirk reported that the focus has been on promoting the conference. Several of the sessions have been highlighted and trivia night is being promoted.

Membership – No report.

Scholarship – No report.

Strategic Plan – No report.

Web Services – Ron Russ reported that the committee has been busy creating new pages for the conference. Most recently they added the Basket Auction pages. They have also added Amanda Sexton as a new member of the committee.

ArASL – Rachel Shankles reported that she has emailed a Zoom link to the membership list inviting them to a meeting during conference. They will be discussing applying to become a Community of Interest (CI).

ALPS – Becky Fischer reported that ALPS is ready to apply to become a CI. They have the 15 members necessary to support the application. They are still seeking a Chair-Elect.

CULD – ARKLink and CULD will have a joint meeting during the conference.

Public Libraries – They have scheduled a meeting during conference and will be discussing the application to become a CI.

RISD – No report.

RTSD – No report.

Two-Year Colleges – Ron Russ reported that Two-Year Colleges will have a meeting during conference. They are sponsoring a conference program. Shawna Thorup has been elected the new Chair of Two-Year Colleges.

Youth Services – No report.

SELA – No report.

Pandemic Response – One of the primary findings from the survey sent out by the committee was a concern about access to technology. The Pandemic Response Committee made a motion for the board to take action in the form of a letter from President Gates advocating for the expansion of broadband access in the state. Janice Weddle seconded the motion. Motion passed.

VI. Business Items

- a. Communities of Interest (CI)** – Subcommittee met and created documents that were sent to Bylaws Committee for review. Sample forms were reviewed during the meeting. Discussed where forms are submitted and who approves them for 2020. Suggestion that Executive Committee review and approve CI petition forms. Philip Shackelford moved The Executive Committee will approve all CI applications received by December 31, 2020 for a start date of January 1, 2021. Following January 1, all CI applications will be approved by the Executive Board. Britt Murphy seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Discussion about approval process for CIs. As long as CI completes the petition to form, does not contravene the ArLA Bylaws, and has the support of 15 active ArLA members, the CI can be formed. It was suggested that a timeline for approval also be explicitly stated for future approvals (i.e. CI petitions will be approved at the next board meeting after submission). It was suggested that there be guidelines and more explanation put into place about the formation of CIs. Rachel Shankles moved that all forms and documentation needed for CI formation be approved and put on the website following this meeting. Ron Russ seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- VII. Announcements** – Philip Shackelford will send a proposal from Amazon to board members concerning the possibility of a consortial business account. Could be a benefit for institutional membership.

The next meeting will be held December 11, 2020 via Zoom at 10:00 AM.

- VIII. Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Riedmueller