



Arkansas Library Association

Arkansas Library Association  
Executive Board Meeting  
Friday, November 10, 2023, 9:00 AM  
Virtual via Zoom

**Executive Board in attendance (voting members denoted by \*):** \*Kathleen Ashmore, President \*Carol Coffey, \*Simone Kirk, \*John McGraw, Secretary \*Jessica Riedmueller, Ron Russ, \*Rachel Shankles, \*Taylor Vanlandingham, \*Jennifer Wann, Amber Wilson

**Not in attendance:** Crystal Gates, Jessica Kirk, JP Myrick

- I. **Call to Order** – President Carol Coffey called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.
- II. **Roll Call & Minutes** – Attendance was recorded via presence on Zoom. Minutes of the 10/13/23 Executive Board meeting accepted as distributed.
- III. **Consent Agenda** – Consent agenda of information-only reports was distributed prior to the meeting. Jennifer Wann made a motion to receive the reports on the consent agenda; seconded by Simone Kirk. Motion carried.
- IV. **President's Report** – President Carol Coffey declined to attend a meeting of the Joint Performance Review Committee on October 24. The Committee had requested her attendance to answer questions regarding ArLA's support for ALA policies. Some Committee members seem to be under the impression that ArLA is a state-funded entity; it is not. President Coffey has not heard anymore from the Committee.

President Coffey and President-Elect Taylor Vanlandingham met with ArLA's attorneys to discuss next steps regarding Act 372. The defendant will not appeal the temporary injunction and will wait to appeal the final judgement.

There will be another demo from StarChapter to determine whether we want to change our member management software from Wild Apricot.

President Coffey congratulated the Conference Committee for putting on a successful conference.

- V. **Financial Report** – Treasurer Kathleen Ashmore delivered the financial report. ArLA has \$103,865.26 in Edward Jones—\$84,154.26 of which is scholarship money and \$19,711 of which is LEAF funding—and \$138,291.54 in the checking account. Kathleen and Ron are working on the 2024 budget and are sharing treasurer duties to prepare for the changeover. Conference profit was around \$8000 after deposits for the next conferences in Hot Springs were paid.
- VI. **Committee Reports**
  - a. **Conference Committee** – The conference committee has completed their work for the year. Conference made about \$4000 for LEAF. Thanks and congrats to the committee members.
  - b. **Nominations and Elections** – Rachel Shankles was notified that Member-at-large Jason Byrd would be resigning his position, and there would be a need for a special election. Rachel is in

the process of organizing the special election. The call for nominations will end on the 19<sup>th</sup>, candidate info will be posted two weeks before the election, and the election will run Dec. 3-9. Rachel will announce the winners following the official count.

**VII. Business Items**

- a. **2024 Budget Approval** – The Budget and Finance Committee brought a motion to approve the 2024 ArLA budget. Motion carried.

**VIII. Calendar**

- a. The next Executive Board Meeting will take place via Zoom on December 1, 2023 at 9:00 AM.

- IX. Announcements** – The December 1 meeting will be the changeover from old board to new board. New board members should attend both meetings if possible.

- X. Public Comments** – Welcome to DeAnna Dillon as the ArLA Webmaster.

- XI. Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Riedmueller