



**Arkansas Library Association
Executive Board Meeting
Friday, June 11, 2021, 9:00 AM
Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

Executive Board in attendance: Carol Coffey, Crystal Gates, Emily Rozario, Ron Russ, President Philip Shackelford, Rachel Shankles, Lynn Valetutti, Jennifer Wann, Secretary Janice Weddle, Lacy Wolfe

- I. **Call to Order** – President Philip Shackelford called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.
- II. **Roll Call & Minutes** – Attendance was recorded via presence on Zoom. Minutes of the 05/14/2021 meeting were distributed prior to the meeting. Minutes approved as corrected.
- III. **Consent Agenda** – Consent agenda of information-only reports distributed prior to the meeting. Ron Russ made a motion to receive the reports on the consent agenda; seconded by Crystal Gates. Motion carried.
- IV. **Financial Report** – Lynn Valetutti delivered the financial report. ArLA has \$60,333.74 in Edward Jones and \$81,430.58 in the checking account, \$20,000 of which is scholarship money and \$12,165 of which is LEAF funding. The operating cash balance is \$49,265.58.
- V. **ALA Councilor Report** – Lacy Wolfe was unable to attend the June 7 meeting of the Forward Together Resolution Committee due to inclement weather. Follow-up information from the meeting will be distributed soon. ALA Annual Conference will take place June 23-29 with several notable speakers, including President Obama at the closing session. Megan Cusick, the ALA Assistant Director for State Advocacy, will have a discussion with members of the Arkansas library community on July 30. The discussion is being hosted by the Library Advocacy CI (LACI).
- VI. **SELA Report** – Emily Rozario reported that the SELA/North Carolina Joint Conference will take place October 18-22. Most sessions will be available virtually, though some in-person events are being planned in North Carolina. Registration is now open. The cost is \$80 for SELA members, \$100 for non-members, and \$25 for students. Dues for joining SELA as a new member are \$10. Crystal Gates reported that SELA also has a virtual summer conference scheduled August 5-6. The cost for the summer conference is \$30.
- VII. **Committee/CI Reports**

Member Involvement – Becky Fischer reported that the CI is finalizing forms for the mentorship program and will work with the Web Services Committee to have them added to the website soon.
- VIII. **Business Items** – No new business came before the Board.

- IX. Announcements** – President Shackelford announced that the Executive Board meeting scheduled for July 9 has been canceled to allow for a Board Retreat on that day via Zoom. Additional details will be sent to members of the Executive Board.

Jennifer Wann announced that applications for the ALL-In 2022 cohort will open in August and will be due October 1. All expenses apart from travel to DeGray Lake Resort State Park will be covered for participants by the Arkansas State Library.

President Shackelford announced that Leah Frieden will present the next Lunch & Learn webinar about “Creating a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Plan for Your Library” on June 16.

The next RISci Lunch & Learn will be held on June 18.

The South Arkansas Literary Festival will take place June 12.

Awards nominations are due July 2.

Crystal Gates announced that the next Open Forum for ArLA members will take place July 8, with sessions at both 2:00 PM and 6:00 PM to increase opportunities for members to participate.

The next meeting will be held August 13, 2021 via Zoom at 9:00 AM.

- X. Public Comments** – Becky Fischer announced that she is trying to organize a skit during the ArLA Conference and is seeking volunteers interested in participating.

Crystal Gates announced that AAAL is working on a special initiative with Impact Management and Capitol Consulting to request that funding for libraries be part of Arkansas’s plan for the state’s undesignated ARPA funds. If approved, the State funds will be administered by the Arkansas State Library. All donations to AAAL in support of this project are welcome. There is a special invoice available for institutions and the ability to pay via PayPal, as well as via check. Additional information and links can be found on AAAL’s Facebook page.

- XI. Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 9:20 AM.

- XII. Actions Taken via Email** – These are actions taken by the Board, outside of regularly scheduled meetings, due to exigent circumstances.

- a. Slate of Officers** – On July 9, Crystal Gates moved that the Board take up consideration of the Nominating & Elections Committee’s slate of officers via email, in accordance with the Handbook 10.6.2. The Board unanimously consented to proceed on July 12. Crystal Gates distributed the proposed slate of officers on July 12. It was observed that one proposed candidate would already be serving on the Executive Board and would no longer be eligible for the position they were nominated for in the slate. The slate was amended to remove that candidate for consideration as a Member-at-Large. The slate of officers was approved, as amended, on July 26.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Weddle