

**Arkansas Library Association
Executive Board Meeting
Sunday, November 13, 2016 (1:00 p.m.)
Manning Room, Marriott, Little Rock Arkansas**

Minutes taken by: Jerrie Townsend for Nicole Stroud

The meeting was called to order by President Judy Calhoun at 10:01 a.m.

Present:

Executive Committee: Judy Calhoun, President; David Eckert, President-Elect; Jerrie Townsend, Past President; Lacy Wolfe, ALA Councilor

Executive Administrator: Lynda Hampel

Division Chairs: Sloan Powell, ArASL; Janice Weddle, Special Libraries

Round Table Chairs: Frances Hager, Government Documents; Carol Coffey, Information Technology; Jay Strickland, Two Year Colleges

Committee Chairs: Amber Gregory, Awards; Shawn Manis, Conference; Dwain Gordon, Future Conference Site; Lauren Drittler Robertson, Constitution; Ashley Graves, Emerging Leaders; John Paul Myrick, Intellectual Freedom; Britt Anne Murphy, Journal Editor; Heather Hays, Journal Associate Editor; Ashley Burris, LEAF; Hadi Dudley, Legislative; Rebecca Rasnic, Marketing; Carol Hanan, Membership/New Members; Cassandra Barnett, Public Relations; Debbie Hall, Scholarship; Ron Russ, Web Services

Visitors: Courtney Fitzgerald, Anna Bates, Sarah Gowdy, Sue Ann Pekel, Donna McDonald, Lavis Martin, Julie Todaro

Roll Call and Minutes

Acting Secretary Townsend reminded everyone to sign the attendance sheet. John Paul Myrick moved to approve the August 2016 minutes as posted; Debbie Hall seconded. Approved.

Executive Board Reports

President's Report

Judy reported that we have received a \$5000 donation to the Scholarship Committee from Mr. Fetherolf. The School Library Media Scholarship will be renamed the Shirley Fetherolf for School Library Media Specialist Scholarship in memory of Shirley Fetherolf. The use of Survey Monkey for elections will be made available to ALPS. The Arkansas State Library has donated \$5,000 to the ArLA Conference.

ALA Councilor Report

Lacy will be attending the ALA Midwinter Conference in Atlanta in January.

Executive Administrator Report

Lynda reported that we have identified two alternate sources of revenue for ArLA: the sale of the conference t-shirt and *Amazon Smile*.

Financial Report

The report was included in the information packet for the Annual Membership meeting. Lynda reported that we are on target for the Association budget and for the conference budget.

Consent Agenda – Committee Reports

(Verbal reports were given if pulled from the Consent Agenda)

Legislative Committee

Hadi reported that the Legislative budget hearing for the Arkansas State Library is scheduled for November 15. Members were encouraged to use *ENGAGE* and email their legislators regarding funding for ASL. Cassandra Barnett spoke on legislation that may be proposed to eliminate libraries in public schools. She is seeking confirmation on this proposal and will share her findings.

Constitution/Bylaws

Lauren requested comments from members regarding the proposed changes to the Constitution and Bylaws. Guidelines for using the new logo are needed and should confine such use to Association business only. Elections for Divisions and Round Tables should be held during conference so changes to those bylaws can be revised as the Association changes.

Conference

Shawn reported registration of 215 with all hotel rooms booked. We have 39 paid vendors and 3 sponsors. Lynda reported that 2 vendors cancelled on Friday (November 11) and recommended development of a procedure regarding conference cancellations and refunds.

Old Business

Of the 492 Association, only 69 have voted online by the start of this meeting. Everyone should vote online using the Absentee Ballot function. Voting ends at 3 p.m. on Monday afternoon.

New Business

David Eckert made a motion to allow AIM to use *Engage* to send letters of support to state legislators for school libraries; motion seconded by Sloan Powell and approved. Hadi will be the administrator.

Ashley Graves made a motion to refund 50% of the conference fee to vendors who cancel; motion seconded by Ron Russ and approved. Lynda will process the cancellations with a letter

of explanation. Further discussion supported the development of a cancellation policy with a specific cutoff date.

Frances Hager requested that the Association publish a statement regarding diversity. Julie Todaro reported that ALA is working on a statement that will be proactive in the affirmation of our values. She mentioned the emerging importance of book clubs in promoting libraries. Libraries are encouraged to access free documents focusing on 21st century job titles, descriptions, and competencies from the Human Resources Division.

Correspondence/Announcements

The annual membership meeting will be held at 5 p.m. on Monday in Ballrooms B & C.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

John Paul Myrick made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Ron Russ and approved. The meeting was adjourned at 11:06 a.m.