

Arkansas Library Association Business Meeting, 2004

October 19, 2004, 9:00am, Double Tree Hotel, Little Rock, AR.

By Secretary-Treasurer, Sandy Olson

President Loretta Edwards called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the September 30th, 2003 Business Meeting were distributed. Deborah Bailey moved to accept minutes as distributed, Nancy Am Seconded. MOTION PASSED *Treasurer's Report*. Sandy Olson: Treasurer's report attached to Agenda. We are doing better financially. The journal is under budget and AV costs are down, as most equipment is being provided in-house.

President's Report, Loretta Edwards: The Butler Center has been approved as ArLA's Archives and Bob Razer will be the Archivist.

SELA, Ellen Johnson: Provided news of the Arkansas Library Association to the *Southeastern Librarian*, as requested by the board and various divisions and committees. Provided news of the Southeastern Library Association to the Arkansas Library Association's board and journal (such as an article with wonderful contribution by Carolyn Ashcraft on the passing of Charles Beard), information on the upcoming biennial conference, news of a new company providing SELA's administrative services, a couple of postings on our listserv, and the like. Upcoming plans; attend joint SELA Biennial Conference and NCLA Centennial Conference November 9-13 in Charlotte, NC. I plan to continue to provide news/information to the Arkansas Library Association and SELA, encourage membership in SELA, and attend the SELA leadership conference in the spring of 2005 in Atlanta.

ALPS Division, Donette Smith: InfoBits will be held November 12 from 9-2:30 at CALS. The subject

will be Disaster Preparedness, both personal and at your library. Officers for next year will be; Kareen

Turner, Chair, Brenda Van Dusen, Chair-elect, Lynaire Hartsell, Secretary/Treasurer, and LaDonna

Addison Rusher, Historian.

Public Libraries Division, Tracy Cline: Officers were elected at the business meeting on Monday evening,

10/18/04. Officers are: Chair, Phyllis Burkett from Craighead Regional Library System; Vice-Chair,

Lisa Johnson from Lawrence County Library System; and Secretary, Kathy Buchanan from Corning

Public Library. We discussed training ideas and locations for next year.

Reference Services Division, Jan Dixon: The Reference Services Division sponsored four programs at the 2004 Annual Conference: *Trends in Reference Services Across Libraries*, *Government Information for Free!*, *Business Reference Services's Collection Issues: Strategies in Different Libraries*, and *Award Winning Arkansas: GeoStor-Online Geographic Data*. The section participated in the basket auction for the conference.

Information was provided and a web page created for the Reference Services Division by ArLA's Webmaster. In cooperation with the ALA Map and Geographic Round Table, we contacted various academic, public, and government libraries around the state for their participation in a survey to update the *Guide to U.S. Map Resources*. The map resources of more libraries in Arkansas will be included in the updated edition of this guide, soon to

go to the publisher. Laura Downing, who has been serving as the vice chair of the Reference Services Division for 2004 has been elected as the Chair for 2005. Laura is Coordinator of Reference Services at Arkansas State University, Jonesboro.

Resources & Technical Services Division, Mary Walker: The new officers for 2005 are Chair, Mary Walker, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville; Vice-Chair, Brooke Lippey, University of Central Arkansas, Conway. A conference session, *Cataloging for Beginners* was sponsored with Amigos.

Trustees Division: Donna McDonald will be the new Chair.

Children's Services Roundtable, Randi Eskridge: The Children's Services Roundtable sent in a proposal for a "Strategies for Serving Teens" workshop for the 2004 conference. This proposal was denied because of funding issues. Unfortunately, this information was not given in a timely manner; therefore, the Children's Roundtable did not have sufficient time to develop and sponsor any other sessions. The Children's Roundtable cosponsored a Teen Read Week theme basket with the Saline County Library's Teen Advisory Board for this year's basket auction. Elections for 2005 were held on October 17th during the Children's Roundtable business meeting. Ruth Hyatt was elected Chair and the person for the office of Vice Chair is pending confirmation.

Two-Year Colleges Roundtable, Deborah Bailey: Officers for 2005 will be: Jerrie Townsend, Chair; Allison Malone, Vice-Chair; and Virginia Perschbacher, Secretary. During the roundtable meeting the importance of a strong representation at the annual AATYC conference was discussed. We respectfully request that the College and University and TYCRT meetings be held at different times during future conferences.

Awards Committee, Jamie Melson: The 2004 Awards Committee held its annual dinner in conjunction with the Trustees Division. We had 4 award winners and those were as follows: Retta Patrick Award

- Brenda Wayne, Suzanne Spurner Award - Henry Terrill, Distinguished Service Award - Louise Turner, LaNell Compton Award - Bob Razer.

Conference Committee, Frances Morgan: The committee would like to thank Maggie Milligan for taking over for Jennifer; she did a wonderful job. Turn in evaluation sheets and give feedback about the facility and conference! A concerted effort was made to professionalize sessions to encourage directors to send staff to conference. The 2nd objective was to hold down costs. UAMS donated a lot of equipment and we thank them. Also, thanks to our sponsors, Amigos Library Services, Davidson Titles, Inc., KI Glen Jones and Associates, Missco Contract Sales, Possom Grape RHK, Inc., S&W Distributors, Inc., University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, World Book School/Library, and all of the exhibitors for their support.

Membership Committee, Karen Richardson: 541 total members. Five new members joined at conference.

Nominating Committee, Art Lichtenstein: Election of 2005 President-elect and Secretary/Treasurer completed. Diane Hughes, President-elect and Jamie Melson, Secretary/Treasurer.

Publications Committee, Ron Russ: Goals for 2004 were: solicit articles and news items for *Arkansas Libraries*, seek potential advertisers for *Arkansas Libraries*, renew domains & web-hosted account for the ArLA Website, improve tracking of budget for *Arkansas Libraries*, improve contributor forms for *Arkansas Libraries* to better reflect electronic

publishing possibilities, improve the coordination of volunteer photographers for ArLA Annual Conference, and encourage more units to be represented on the ArLA Website. Accomplishments for 2004 were: Ron Russ wrote to more than 70 potential advertisers regarding placing ads in *Arkansas Libraries*. Joni Stine took over the Jobline & redesigned the ArLA Conference web page. Internet domains were renewed until March 2005, and the Web-hosted account was renewed until January 2005. The ArLA Manual now contains information about the website. Web pages were created for a number of ArLA units. Thanks to Necia Parker-Gibson, Britt Anne Murphy, and Brent Nelson, *Arkansas Libraries* has been produced within budget.

Ongoing projects are: publish *Arkansas Libraries* on a quarterly basis; conference reporters have been contacted and recruited. Carol Coffey will coordinate the effort and edit the entries when completed. We hope to maintain the ArLA Website and make it more content-rich. We intend to create guidelines for web page additions and develop ideas for a redesign of the website. For 2005:renew web-hosting and internet domains, consider changing style manual for *Arkansas Libraries* to MLA, and find a more effective way of attracting advertiser to *Arkansas Libraries*.

*Announcements:*President Loretta Edwards wanted to extend her thanks to all who helped in any way this past year and for allowing her to serve this great body.