

**Arkansas Library Association  
General Business Meeting  
Oct. 4, 2005**

President Art Lichtenstein called the meeting to order at 9:10. Art gave a rundown on a couple of major changes we've gone through this year with the journal changes and management firm changes and the Access Grid at UAMS and UAF for board meetings.

Motion was made by Nancy Arn and seconded by Kareen Turner to accept the minutes for the Oct. 19, 2004 business meeting. Motion passed.

**Reports:**

**SELA Representative--Ellen Johnson:** Goals for 2006: Continue to provide news/information to the Ark. Library Association & SELA; encourage membership in SELA; attend/participate in the TLA/SELA joint conference April 5-7, 2006 in Memphis

Accomplishments for 2005: Provided news of the Ark. Library Association to The Southeastern Librarian and to the board and membership of SELA. Provided news of the Southeastern Library Association to the Ark. Library Association's board and journal and listserv. Participated in the SELA Leadership Conference held in May 2005, in Decatur, GA.

Suggestions for 2006: Budget=travel to TLA/SELA joint conference (estimated amount to be submitted by Nov. 30).

Officers for 2006: 2006 will be my final year as representative.

**ALA Councilor--Marilyn Schulte:** ALA has set up a secure site for anyone wanting to help rebuild libraries in the Gulf Region. Contributions are tax deductible and go to: <https://secure.ga3.org/03/alakatrina>. For a list of organizations that have established book and computer donations go to: <http://www.ala.org/ala/cro/katrina/katrinafinancialdonation.htm>. Keep in mind that any book donations must be new or in good condition. Computers need to be at least Windows 2000 or later, complete with monitor, keyboard, mouse, and updated browsers. Shipping costs are the responsibility of the donor. SirsiDynix will provide free ASP hosting for those libraries that have good backups and are working with other libraries to see what assistance they can offer. Ebsco, ProQuest, and IBM are offering services to affected libraries, CQ Press will replace books for all their customers affected by the hurricanes. The list goes on and on. For more information and updates, go to <http://www.ala.org/ala/cro/katrina/katrina.htm#help>.

At this time, all we know is that there will be a 2006 Annual conference. ALA Executive Board and Conference Services want to hold it in New Orleans if at all possible, as a show of support and an influx of money to the city. However, as it may not be possible, Conference Services is contacting other cities for possible sites. A decision will be made by December 1st when early registration begins.

Once again, I would like to thank the Board and ArLA members for allowing me to serve as ALA Chapter Councilor for the past 5 years. It has been a rewarding and enlightening experience.

Art explained to everyone at the general business meeting who would be taking over Marilyn's duties to fill out the remainder of her term which goes through 2006.

**AASL Division--Jill Heard:** The AASL Summer Conference was held on July 31-August 1 at the Pendergraft Library and Technology Center on the Arkansas Tech. University campus in Russelville, AR. Chair-elect Connie Zimmer and her conference committee did a great job with all the arrangements.

The AASL Division held the annual business meeting on Monday, Oct.3rd. New officers for the next year were elected. Ramona Abernathy from Lake Hamilton Intermediate School was elected as Chair-elect.

Financial report for Jan. 1, 2005 - Oct. 2, 2005: Income--\$10,495.00; Expenses--\$7,763.00

We sponsored a total of 3 sessions at ArLA. All were well attended. We sponsored a

basket at the LEAF (Political Action) Auction.

**ALPS/Paraprofessionals Division--Kareen Turner:** Goals for 2006: 1. Increase membership--we were up to 105 conference attendees in 2003, why did they not come back for the past 2 conferences. 2. Increase grant advertising for both ALPS and ArLA conference attendees and encourage applications.

Accomplishments for 2005: We created new regions for better coverage of representation and acceptance of new by-laws.

On-going projects: INFO-BITS session in October or November 2005 at the Garland County Public Library.

Annual Spring Conference, May 17-19-2006 at the Holiday Inn Select in Little Rock.

Suggestions/Budget Request for 2006: Continue to meet at various locations so more members can see ALPS council at work. Please fund \$4,500 so we can go further to make conferences better for everyone. Budget proposal and justification submitted.

Officers for 2006: Chair--Brenda Van Dusen; Chair-elect--JoAn Ingersoll; Secretary/Treasurer--Lynaire Hartsell; and Past Chair--Kareen Turner.

**College & University Division--Donna Daniels:** The College and University Division elected the following officers for 2006. Linda Creibaum, Collection Development Librarian, Arkansas State University will be chair. Kathie Buckman, Technical Services Librarian, Henderson State University will be the vice chair / chair elect. Ann Dixon, Library Director, Harding University will be the Secretary. The Division sponsored two programs at the annual conference. "Database Accessibility: a look at Usability and ADA Compliance", presented by Mickey Kamer of Optdata, Inc. and "Chat: for Future Reference" presented by Necia Parker-Gibson and Donna Daniels, University of Arkansas.

**Public Libraries Division--Phyllis Burkett:** no report

**Reference Services Division--Laura Downing:** no report

**Resource & Technical Services--Mary Walker, given by Kaye Talley:** A program on serials holdings was sponsored at the fall conference. The presenter was Kay Vincent from AMIGOS. Officers for 2006 are: Chair--Deb Kulczak and Vice-Chair--Myron Flugstad.

**Special Libraries Division--Betsey Martin:** Shawn Pierce with the AR Supreme Court Library was elected as chair for 2006. We are working to draft another officer for chair-elect.

**Information Technology Roundtable--Lynn Calhoun:** no report.

**Children's Services Roundtable--Ruth Hyatt:** no report.

**Two-Year Colleges Roundtable--Jerrie Townsend:** Meeting called to order by Chair Jerrie Townsend, PCCUA. Officers elected for 2006 are Chair--Virginia Perschbacher, SEARK College; Vice-Chair/Chair-elect--Jim Robb, North Ark. College; and Secretary: Mary Ann Griggs, Ouachita Tech. College.

Attendees discussed ideas for programs and panel discussions for ArLA Conference and AATYC (Ark. Association for Two Year Colleges) Conference in 2006.

Meeting adjourned.

**Government Documents Roundtable:** no report.

**New Members Roundtable:** no report.

**Archives Committee--Bob Razer:** ALA materials housed at Coleman Management were picked up and transferred to the Butler Center for Arkansas Studies, Central Arkansas Library System where they joined other ALA archival materials. The materials transferred represented approximately 35 boxes of papers, journals, manuals, and Executive Board reports from the 1980s to the present. Material determined to be useful in current office management was

transferred to the new office operation.

**Awards Committee--Sandy Olson:** Goals for 2006: Making awards for various categories this year. Please start writing nominations and sending them in for 2006. Making perpetual plaques traveling plaques for those who win the award for that year. Perpetual plaques will stay in the current award winner's library on display. Continue handing out the individual plaques for the award winners.

Accomplishments for 2005: Awarded: Frances P. Neal Award to Larry Larson, the Lorrie Shuff Paraprofessional Award to Donette Smith, Arkansiana Award to Dr. Ken Barnes of UCA for adult non-fiction and Charlie Sandage for juvenile fiction.

Officers for 2006: Sandy Olson (continuing chair)

**Conference Committee--Renee LeBeau-Ford:**

1. A special thank you to Barbara Martin and Dwain Gordon for the help, expertise and support in putting this conference together. Thank you to Christine Pouncey for her technology assistance over the last three days. Thank you to Peggy Morrison for putting together all of these programs.
2. We have received great comments about our Tech Expo. It is recommended that we continue to hold this event without any program conflicts. We also sold 41 booths to vendors this year.
3. Our awards dinner went smoothly and the dessert bar at the Newcomer's Reception was enjoyed by all.
4. All programs on Monday and Tuesday had good attendance.
5. Monday's lunch speaker David Luneau was a big hit with over 140 at lunch. Door prizes were awarded and over \$600.00 was raised for the ALA Katrina Library Relief Fund.
6. The Clinton Reception was attended by over 150 individuals and well enjoyed.
7. Tuesday's sessions were also well attended.
8. Tuesday's lunch speaker was Warrick Sabin.
9. The one page evaluation form is attached to your program. Please send it to the Association's office at a later date.

**Constitution Committee--Barbie James:** Accomplishments for 2005: Revisions have been made to bring the constitution and bylaws up-to-date with changes that had been voted on at various times.

On-going projects: More revisions will need to be made since we have changed our management firm. We will work with Barbara to complete the updating process.

**Finance Committee--Jamie Melson/Barbara Martin:** Balance as of Oct. 1, 2005 is \$44,410.00 compared to this time last year which was \$22,030.00

**Intellectual Freedom Committee--Kevin Barron:** no report.

**Legislative Committee--Dave Burdick:** 2005 was a good year legislatively. One of our main goals for the 2005 legislative session was to restore State Funding for the Public Libraries. The committee worked closely with the Advocates for Arkansas Public Libraries group, who hired Martha Perry to monitor Library related issues, and to work closely with the legislature to support good issues, and oppose bad issues. The results show that Public Library funding, although not up to the \$4.9 million we had 5 years ago, rose to \$3 million for this year, and \$4 million for next year. Libraries also scored big with the acquiring general improvement funds, although much of this is currently held up in the courts. We also stopped a few issues, such as another attempt to abolish the MLS requirement for Public Library Directors. We also saw some positive changes which allow Public Libraries easier access to the dedicated funds held by the city or county governments.

The Legislative Committee recognized the needs of other Libraries, especially those in Higher Education, and K-12 Education. College and Universities were under the budget knife too, but came out of the legislative session fairly well. Public Schools wanted, and needed, more

money, but at least they did not see any cuts. For both of these organizations, it was more of a status quo situation by the end of the session.

On the national level, Libraries scored a big victory in knocking a large hole into the anti-privacy issues of the Patriot Act in the federal courts. The House and Senate have been working on the Patriot Act re-authorization, and Libraries have been working closely on this issue to make positive changes to secure the privacy of our users.

Libraries also saw another increase in national funding, which is against the trend of many organizations which have seen cuts in their funding.

If you would like to be a part of this, please contact the Legislative Chair, Dave Burdick at the Pine Bluff/Jefferson County Library System. 870-534-4802 or dburdick@pbjc-lib.state.ar.us

Art also pointed out that Dave's arm had to be twisted to take more money than what he'd requested for the trip to Washington, DC to visit the legislators. He also commended Dave for the efforts and hard work he's put into this position this year.

**Membership Committee--Karen Richardson:** Membership is up to 580.

**Nominating Committee--Diane Hughes:** The election for the 2006 ArLA President-Elect has been completed. Ashley Burris was elected by a majority vote. Ashley is the Director of the Lawrence County Library in Walnut Ridge.

**Scholarship Committee--Kaye Talley:** Goals for 2006: To award a scholarship; to revise the scholarship policy; and to raise money for the scholarship. Accomplishments for 2005 were: a scholarship was presented to Regina Cortez, Librarian/Director of the Malvern - Hot Spring County Library and also the Mid-Arkansas Regional Librarian (which covers Hot Spring, Dallas, Cleveland, and Grant counties); preliminary work on policy revisions was done. Suggestions for 2006--budget: \$1,500 for the sholarship itself.

**Arkansas Libraries/Managing Editor--Necia Parker-Gibson:** If anyone took notes at any of the sessions, please e-mail those reports to her for the fall edition of the journal. Oct. 15 is the deadline for all articles.

**Unfinished Business:** none.

**New Business:** Art extended his thanks to the entire membership for allowing him to serve as association president this year.

Motion to adjourn was made by Nancy Arn with a second by Kareen Turner. Meeting adjourned at 9:50.