

**Arkansas Library Association  
Annual Membership Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, October 7, 2008  
Embassy Suites, Rogers, AR**

President Debbie Hall opened the meeting at 8:10 a.m. A quorum was established.

The minutes were handed out as everyone entered and were given a few minutes to look over the document. President Hall called for a motion for approval or any corrections. Jim Robb moved with a second from Virginia Perschbacher to approve the minutes as presented from the annual business meeting held on Sept. 11, 2007. Motion passed.

**President's Report, Debbie Hall:**

This has been a very busy year for the Board and Executive Committee. As you have seen, there were several constitutional changes that you voted on to update. The Association now has liability insurance and is bonded as well since we handle money. The scholarship committee worked on getting the regulations reworked. And the rules to be a 501c3 have changed. The Secretary of State's office now requires us to register with them and report to them and for whatever reason the Association was never incorporated, or at least we couldn't find any records indicating where we had been. So after the conference is over, we will be following through with getting incorporated.

I have enjoyed this year and encourage anyone that wants to become involved with ArLA to join a committee or work with their division or round table and just become involved.

**ALA Councilor, Ellen Johnson:**

Goals for 2009:

1. Continue to provide news/information to the Arkansas Library Association and ALA
2. Encourage membership in ALA
3. Attend/participate in ALA's Midwinter Meeting and Annual Conference

Accomplishments for 2008:

1. Provided news of the American Library Association to the Arkansas Library Association's board, membership and journal
2. Represented the Arkansas Library Association on ALA Council during the Midwinter Meeting in Philadelphia, PA and the Annual Conference in Anaheim, CA

On-going projects and suggestions for 2009: (see "goals" listed above)

Budget: Travel to ALA's Midwinter Meeting and Annual Conference (see document with budget request)

**SELA Representative, Dwain Gordon:**

I represented Arkansas at the SELA Conference, which was October 1-4 in Louisville, KY. Before leaving for the conference, I prepared a flier with information

about the 2010 Joint ArLA and SELA Conference in Rogers and distributed it at this year's SELA Conference in Louisville.

**Executive Administrator, Barbara Martin:** Barbara handed out and presented the financial report. (Report will be included with the file.) Net income from Jan 1, 2008 up until Oct. 3, 2008 stands at \$51,321.38. The scholarship account has approx. \$30,000 in it. She also told everyone that the State Library will be helping with the cost of a/v and the speakers. We thank the Arkansas State Library for helping with the costs.

**AASL Division, Jeanna Cook:**

Goals for 2009:

1. Hold annual summer conference
2. Continue to support all school librarians in the state of Arkansas
3. Increase AASL membership
4. Keep watch on national and state activities that impact school library media specialists

Accomplishments for 2008:

1. Re-affiliation with American Association of School Librarians
2. Successful conference with approximately 136 in attendance and 16 presenters and 5 authors in Eureka Springs
3. Prepared basket for LEAF auction
4. Jeanna Cook represented AASL at the ALA conference in Anaheim, CA
5. AASL gave 1 registration for the 2008 summer conference at the AAIM conference
6. AASL gave 1 registration for the 2009 summer conference at the ArLA fall conference
7. 45 school library media specialists pre-registered for the ArLA conference

On-going projects:

1. 2009 summer conference, tentatively to be held on July 26 & 27

Suggestions for 2009:

Budget: \$1,200 for Jana Dixon to attend the ALA conference in Chicago

Officers for 2009:

Chair: Jana Dixon  
Vice-Chair: Devona Pendergrass

**ALPS Division, Lynaire Hartsell:**

Goals for 2009:

1. Increase membership
2. Develop a better relationship with the ArLA Executive Board
3. Increase networking opportunities with libraries around the state
4. Develop and hold regional training sessions (ALPS has 9 regions)
5. Complete our procedure manual

Accomplishments for 2008:

InfoBits was held November 6 at UA Monticello, with 25 in attendance and good participation in the sessions.

Officers for 2009:

Chair: Kim Hillison  
Vice-Chair: Kara Propes  
Secretary: Melanie Allen  
Treasurer: Elaine Contant

**College & Universities Division, Jim Robb:**

Goals for 2009:

1. To have a spring meeting, possibly in conjunction with the ARKLink spring meeting
2. To put together at least one session for the fall conference
3. To create at least one basket for the fall conference basket auction

Accomplishments for 2008:

1. A spring meeting was held in conjunction with ARKLink
2. Sessions were sponsored at fall conference
3. A basket was created for the fall conference basket auction and received a bid of \$76

Suggestions for 2009:

1. To have a spring meeting in conjunction with ARKLink
2. Discuss possibility of creating a blog for the division
3. To update the academic libraries survey

Officers for 2009:

Chair: Jim Robb  
Vice-Chair: Kaye Talley  
Secretary: Daniel Page

**Reference & Instruction Services Division, Ron Russ:**

Goals for 2009:

1. To improve communication, education and coordination of reference librarians statewide
2. To examine the evolving relationship that technology and reference has with one another
3. To improve the quality of customer service that reference librarians provide to the public

Suggestions for 2009:

1. Focusing on Retention in Freshman
2. Information Literacy
3. Providing excellent customer service at the reference desk
4. Helping non-traditional students at the reference desk (tailoring reference services to specific user groups: high school, non-traditional, faculty, staff, etc.)
5. Merging traditional reference services for distance learning students
6. Social Software in Libraries: Building Collaboration, Communication and Community Online

7. Information Tomorrow: Reflections on Technology and the Future of Public and Academic Libraries
8. The Accidental Technology Trainer
9. Budget Request for \$1,000 for an outside speaker

Officers for 2009:

Chair: Kathy Davis  
Vice-Chair: Michael Strickland  
Secretary: Amber Castor

**Special Libraries Division, Diane Hughes:**

Goals for 2009:

Increase visibility of the division by:

1. Posting information about the division on the ArLA Website
2. Contacting those librarians working in Arkansas special libraries that are not currently members of ArLA and our division
3. Sponsoring session(s) at the 2009 ArLA conference
4. Exploring having a division booth at the 2009 ArLA conference
5. Creating a brochure about Arkansas' special libraries for informational and promotional purposes
6. Having the Special Libraries Division more active by the 2011 ArLA Centennial.

Accomplishments for 2008:

1. We have identified at least 45 special libraries in the state and have compiled a list.
2. We regrouped as a division and worked very hard to increase networking among the special libraries.
3. We wrote a description of our special libraries and a mission statement, which will be placed on the Special Libraries Division page of the ArLA Website. See below.
4. We sponsored a basket for the LEAF auction

Suggestions for 2009:

Budgeting for producing a flier for our division and doing a mail out of the flier to recruit new members to ArLA and to the division.

Officers for 2009:

Chair: Jessie Burchfield  
Vice-Chair:  
Secretary:  
Treasurer:

**Special Libraries Description:**

In Arkansas, special libraries, sometimes referred to as information centers, are located in a multitude of settings, including government agencies, international organizations, advocacy organizations, large corporations, banks and other businesses, news organizations, medical and/or health institutions, museums, law firms, not-for-profit organizations, research centers and university/college campuses, among others.

Special libraries serve a variety of special populations including persons with special needs and whose access to library services and materials are limited because of confinement, sensory, mental and/or physical health or behavioral conditions.

**Special Libraries Mission Statement:**

The Arkansas Library Association Special Libraries Division promotes and strengthens its members through statewide education, collaboration, advocacy and networking initiatives.

**Children's Services Roundtable, Sarah McClure:**

Goals for 2009:

1. Increased membership
2. Seeking to become a more active group
3. Considering some kind of pre-conference program for the Ferndale conference

Accomplishments for 2008:

1. Had a display at the children's programmer conference in Ferndale
2. Sponsored a speaker for the 2008 ArLA conference (Children's book illustrator Ard Hoyt)

Officers for 2009:

Chair: (Karen Newbery?)  
Vice-Chair:  
Secretary:  
Treasurer:

**Government Documents Roundtable, Carol Hanan:**

Goals for 2009:

Possible programs –

1. Invite the Kansas City Office of the Census Bureau to talk about new plans for 2010 census and American Community Survey.
2. Invite Steve Beleu (Oklahoma Department of Libraries) to do his "E-Gov Services in Libraries" program as a 2 hour program (he needs 2 hours to do a decent job). This would have great appeal to non-docs people.

Possible pre-conference –

1. Ask Nan Myers to come and give a workshop on Documents Data Miner2, online collection development services for federal depositories.

Accomplishments for 2008:

1. Karen Russ (UALR) represented the group at the Arkansas Genealogical Society "Genealogy Roadshow" to promote the use of government publications in family history research.

On-going projects:

1. Sarah Ziegenbein (CALs) and Karen Russ (UALR) have been invited to give their "Ben's Guide – Government Documents for K-12" program at the Oklahoma Library Association conference in April 2009. (This is the same program they did for ArLA in 2007 and for various school media conferences and staff training sessions over the past 5 years).

Suggestions for 2009:

Budget request – In order to host one or more out of state speakers at the fall conference, the round table expects to need \$500.00 to help cover the individuals travel costs. We would hope to recover the preconference costs by charging for attendance to it.

We expect to be invited back to the Genealogy Roadshow if it is held in 2009. This would cost about \$10.00 a table.

Officers for 2009:

Chair: Frances Hager ?  
Vice-Chair:  
Secretary:  
Treasurer:

**Information Technology Roundtable, Elaine Contant:**

Accomplishments for 2008:

1. We met twice this year, once at the ALPS conference and here at the fall conference.
2. We also provided a basket for the auction.

Officers for 2009:

Chair: Dominique Hallett  
Vice-Chair:  
Secretary:  
Treasurer:

**New Members Roundtable, Ashley Burris:**

Goals for 2009:

1. Sponsored a basket for the LEAF Auction.
2. 15 new members and 5 board members attended the orientation meeting Sunday afternoon.
3. Broadening the initial year of membership was successful in acquiring additional new members – see how this carries over to continuing members. (For those that join at conference as a new member, the \$30 membership fee carries over into the next year.)

Officers for 2009:

Chair: Debbie Hall  
Vice-Chair:  
Secretary:  
Treasurer:

**Awards Committee, Kaye Talley:**

Goals for 2009:

1. To have nominations for all awards.
2. To find out if ProQuest is sponsoring the Intellectual Freedom Award.

### Accomplishments fro 2008:

1. Nominations were made for all awards except for the Intellectual Freedom Award. We will be handing out awards at the noon luncheon today. Those are going to:

Ann Lightsey Children's Award – Tiffany Hough  
Bessie L. Moore Trustee Award – Donna Parker  
LaNell Compton Award – Tracy Farmer  
Lorrie Shuff Paraprofessional Award – Trish Miller  
Rhetta Patrick Award – Ann Ayres  
Distinguished Service Award – Kim Patterson  
Suzanne Spurrier Award – Kathie Buckman  
Frances P. Neal Award – Susie Boyett

### **Centennial Planning Committee, Karen Russ:**

#### Goals for 2009:

1. Enlarge the committee
2. Continue planning events for the centennial year
3. Explore fund-raising opportunities for the committee
4. Promote the photographing of current libraries across the state and gathering of historic photos for use in multiple projects

#### Accomplishments for 2008:

1. Began planning a 2011 calendar to celebrate historic and current libraries around the state
2. Created a list of people (in some cases by title rather than an individual person's name) who need to be invited to the conference that year
3. Started a list of places to get the centennial recognized, like the State Legislature, Congress, ALA

#### On-going projects:

1. Creation of a centennial celebration calendar for 2011. Its sale will be part of the fund-raising for 2011 events.
2. Confirmation of speakers for 2011 conference.

#### Suggestions for 2009:

1. Begin contacting and interviewing former Association Presidents and key people in our history
2. Get our centennial and 2011 conference on the calendar in Chicago to be sure ALA recognizes the event

### **Conference Committee, Judy Casey:**

#### Accomplishments for 2008:

Had 266 attendees at conference this year. Was glad to get the trustees so involved this year. Have received lots of comments concerning the variety of programs that were offered at conference this year. Thanks so much to those that worked on the conference committee this year.

**Constitution Committee, Jim Robb:**

Ballot for Constitutional Amendments:

Article VI – Administration and Organization

Section 1, A. Administration

27 For

1 Against

Article VI – Administration and Organization

Section 3, A. Executive Board

26 For

2 Against

Article VI – Administration and Organization

Section 3, D. Executive Board

26 For

2 Against

Article VI – Administration and Organization

Section 3, E. Executive Board

26 For

2 Against

Article VI – Administration and Organization

Section 4, A, 3. Standing Committees

27 For

1 Against

Article VIII – Finance

Section 4, C. Audit

27 For

1 Against

Article VIII – Finance

Section 5, Bonding

27 For

1 Against

Article X – Round Tables

26 For

2 Against

**Legislative Committee, Donna McDonald:**

Carolyn Ashcraft gave a report for Donna. She led a delegation to DC for Legislative Day and was able to meet with all six of our elected officials there. They were and are always very receptive to the library community when they visit Washington, D.C. Legislative Day will be held the second week of May in 2009. After she returned home, all of the officials offices contacted her office and thanked her again for making them aware of the library issues back home in Arkansas.

State aid is feeling a little bit of an economic crunch. The sad part for public libraries for the second part of the biennium was not funded at \$5.7 million as recommended by Gov. Beebe but only \$4.9 million was allotted. The new biennium recommendation is \$5.7 million for the first year and \$6.5 million for the second year. \$6.5 million the second year. But we are making progress and that's an increase so



we're excited about that. My testimony before budget hearings is Nov. 18 so we'll learn more about the budget after that. I'm also talking to some members of the legislature about ways to increase funding for libraries. Everybody thinks about the general improvement fund and how those funds are earmarked. We're discussing a larger pool of money that we might be able to leverage some funding that we're getting again from Gates concerning broadband connectivity and also a new option we may have coming forward, hopefully we will know in a week or two, from the Kellogg Foundation for funding the public libraries in the Delta region.

**Membership Committee, Ashley Burris:**

Some long-standing members did not renew this year and it's my intention to follow up on that before the year is out. To possibly get some feedback from them to see what might have happened, if it's only the fact that they mislaid their membership form or if there was an issue with the Association and, if so, to see if that can be worked out.

**Nominating Committee, Jerrie Townsend:**

2008 Official Ballot:

Vice-President/President-Elect	Connie Zimmer – 45 AR Tech University
Write-in	Phyllis Burkett – 3

Secretary	Jamie Melson – 41 Central AR Library
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**Publications Committee, Kathie Buckman:**

We are going to extend the deadline for the license plate designs. So we are still taking design ideas and, perhaps for the 5 designs that are chosen, publish them in the summer edition of the journal next year.

**Scholarship Committee, Michael Strickland:**

Goals for 2009:

1. To create a second funded scholarship for school librarians and to maintain funding for ALA accredited school scholarship

Accomplishments for 2008:

1. Awarded a single scholarship, increased participation to include representatives of various types of libraries statewide
2. Conducted a very successful fundraiser at the ArLA annual conference ; our net profit on the items that we sold at the scholarship table was at least \$500.
3. Revised scholarship guidelines language
4. Established goal of establishing a scholarship for school librarians in conjunction
5. The 2008 scholarship recipient will be receiving her award at the luncheon today and she is Darby Wallace.

On-going projects:

Scholarship, establish school librarianship

Suggestions for 2009:

1. Host a reception/fundraiser honoring current and former ArLA scholarship winners.
2. Seek sponsorships and improve marketing of scholarship to association and the public.

**Arkansas Libraries, Managing Editor, Dominique Hallett:**

Goals for 2009:

1. Continue publishing the journal

Accomplishments for 2008:

1. Published the journal.

Suggestions for 2009:

1. Need articles to continue publishing the journal.

**Webmaster, Ron Russ:**

Goals for 2009:

1. Continue to provide quality information and service to those interested in the Arkansas Library Association.

Accomplishments for 2008:

1. In conjunction with David Hudson, fixed problems with ArLA online membership directory and online dues renewal.
2. April Sheppard created and maintained the conference website.

On-going projects:

1. Continue to update and maintain website.

Suggestions for 2009:

1. Budget for 2009: \$200 for renewal of three domains and shared hosting service.

**Archives, Bob Razer:**

The LEAF basket auction raised \$2,263.

Having no further business, Diane Hughes moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 a.m., Ashley Burriss made a second. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jamie Melson  
Secretary/Treasurer