

**Arkansas Library Association
Annual Business Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 27, 2009
Embassy Suites
Hot Springs, AR**

After establishing a quorum, President Jerrie Townsend called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

The minutes were handed out as everyone entered the room and were given a few minutes to review them. After President Townsend called for any corrections or additions, Jim Robb moved with a second from Kim Hillison to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed.

Reports:

ALA Councilor, Ellen Johnson:

Goals for 2010:

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 2009:

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 Denver and the Annual Conference in Chicago
3. At this conference: conducted a forum session on behalf of ALA, maintained and ALA table in the exhibits, provided baskets for the annual auction.

On-going projects and suggestions for 2010: See "goals" listed above

Budget: Travel for ArLA's newly elected ALA Councilor to ALA's Midwinter Meeting and Annual Conference 2010

2010 ALA Councilor: to be elected at the current conference

SELA Representative, Dwain Gordon:

Goals for 2010:

1. Conduct a joint conference with SELA

Accomplishments for 2009:

1. We now have 9 SELA members. That is an increase of 28%.
2. Recruiting of members of the Conference Committee has started.

On-going Projects:

1. Planning for the ArLA/SELA Conference

AASL Division, Jana Dixon:

Goals for 2010:

1. Planning for the AASL Conference Summer 2010
2. Continued support for school librarians in Arkansas

3. Watch for National/State activities that impact school library media specialists

Accomplishments for 2009:

1. The 2009 AASL Summer Conference was held July 26 and 27 at the Ozark Folk Center State Park in Mountain View, AR. We had approximately 170 registered for the conference. The theme was "Celebrate Arkansas in the Ozarks". The entire conference was centered around Arkansas History, in particular the history of the Ozarks. Attendees were able to attend sessions by Arkansas authors, Ozark Folk Center State Park interpreters, living histories and educators from across the state. While in Mountain View those in attendance got to enjoy traditional Ozark foods as well as the lifestyle of the Ozarks.
2. Two Hannah Montana baskets were provided for the LEAF auction.
3. Nominations were accepted and Cathy Toney was elected as incoming chair-elect at the business meeting on Monday, Oct. 25.
4. AASL also voted at the business meeting to endorse the recommendation of the Scholarship Committee to establish an AASL scholarship for School Library Media Specialists as a 2nd Scholarship of ArLA.
5. There are currently 154 school librarians as members of ArLA.
6. Jana Dixon represented AASL at the ALA Conference in Chicago, IL.

On-going Projects:

1. Continued representation of AASL on the Arkansas Teen Book Award Steering Committee by Rachel Shankles and Jana Dixon.

Suggestions for 2010:

1. Devona Pendergrass, incoming chair of AASL, will attend the Annual ALA Conference in Washington, D.C. The committee approved at the business meeting a budget of up to \$2,000.00 for Devona's expenses.

Officers for 2010:

Chair: Devona Pendergrass
Vice-Chair: Cathy Toney

College and University Division, Jim Robb:

Goals for 2010:

1. Joint Spring meeting with ArkLink; programs for 2010 Conference, refine survey.

Accomplishments for 2009:

1. Completed bi-annual survey; several programs at 2009 Conference, joint spring session with ArkLink.

Officers for 2010:

Chair: Kaye Talley
Vice-Chair: Daniel Page
Secretary: Carol Hanan

Children's Services Roundtable, Laura Speer:

Goals for 2010:

1. Plan and carry out an in-service program – either a pre-conference at the 2010 ArLA/SELA meeting or a Saturday program.

2. Encourage more children's services librarians and library staff to become involved in this round table.

Accomplishments for 2009:

1. Started a Facebook page for ArLA Children's Services in order to allow librarians and library staff to interact more easily.
2. Round Table meeting held at ArLA 2009 Conference – volunteers will be sought for other Round Table officers.

Suggestions for 2010:

1. Continue to grow the membership of Children's Services.
2. Plan and carry out an in-service program – planning to begin at the 2009 ArLA conference - \$1,000 (possible amount to be requested)

Officers for 2010:

Chair: Laura Speer
Vice-Chair: TBA
Secretary: TBA

Government Documents Roundtable, Frances Hager:

Goals for 2010:

1. Provide a program for the Fall Conference.
2. Invite Steve Beleu, from the Oklahoma Department of Libraries to do a pre-conference on E-Government Services for Libraries. We had a previous well attended pre-conference with Steve several years ago.
3. Continue the "Genealogy Road Show" at Stuttgart

Accomplishments for 2009:

1. We had a great program presented by Katrina from the Federal Reserve Bank in St. Louis. She showed us their information web page on the Financial Crisis and other statistical financial and demographic information.
2. We had two baskets for the auction, one with a space theme and one with an environmental (green) theme.
3. Karen Russ (UALR) and Frances Hager (ATU) represented the Association at the Arkansas Genealogical Society's Genealogy Road Show held in Paragould this spring. Government publications can be used in family history research.

On-going Projects:

1. Karen Russ (UALR) and Sarah Ziegenbein are working on an annotated bibliography of government publications on the crisis at Central High for the occasional papers series for the Government Documents Roundtable of ALA
2. Karen Russ has been appointed to serve on a committee by the Government Printing Office for the re-design of "Ben's Guide: the online government documents site for K-12.
3. The documents group continues the "What's Up Docs" column in *Arkansas Libraries*.

Officers for 2010:

Chair: Frances Hager

Budget request \$500 to help pay for expenses for a speaker at conference.

New Members Roundtable, Debbie Hall:

There are 78 new members for 2009.

A New Members orientation session was held Sunday afternoon at 1:00.

There were 8 new members present and 6 Board members.

Two-Year Colleges Roundtable, Eileen Burg:

Goals for 2010:

1. Continue with the Round Table

On-going projects:

Suggestions for virtual meeting software:

1. eBLLeBLVD looks interesting as well.

<https://www.eblvd.com/omoverview.aspx>

There seem to be several plans from \$15/month and up/ (Virginia Perschbacher)

2. GoToMeeting seemed to be mentioned as a good solution at a relatively reasonable price – with the caveat that there are no more than 15 attendees per meeting. Once you have more than 15, you have to get the corporate package which is almost twice the cost. Here's a link:

https://www2.gotomeeting.com/en_US/entry/entry.tmp! (Tina Bradley)

3. State Library is considering virtual meeting software in the future also. (Eileen Burg)

Suggestions for 2010:

1. Decide if Arkansas Library Association wants to test virtual meeting software and/or purchase software.

Officers for 2010:

Chair: Tina Bradley, ASU-MH

Vice-Chair:

Secretary: Michelle Palmer, North Arkansas CC

Awards Committee, Barbie James:

Goals for 2010:

1. To have nominations for all awards.

Accomplishments for 2009:

1. Nominations were made for all awards except the Intellectual Freedom Award. Awards will be presented at the noon luncheon today. Those include:

Arkansiana Awards:

Nonfiction	Elizabeth Jacoway – Turn Away Thy Son
Fiction	Phil McMath – Lost Kingdoms
Juvenile	Sharon Draper – Fire From the Rock
Ann Lightsey Childrens' Award	Kay Taylor
Bessie B. Moore Trustee Award	Donna McDonald
Distinguished Service Award	Kaye Talley
Lorrie Shuff Paraprofessional Award	Donna Rusher
Retta Patrick Award	Sue Ellen Bristow

Suzanne Spurrier Award
Frances P. Neal Award

Necia Parker-Gibson
Peggy Walters

Centennial Planning Committee, Karen Russ:

Goals for 2010:

1. Create 2011 wall calendar using various photos of current and historic libraries around the state for sale as a centennial fund raiser.
2. Update list of past officers to determine how to contact them and possibly interview them for the ArLA Archive.
3. Update contact information for list of previous scholarship winners.
4. Cooperative effort with Publications Committee to pull together a special issue of the earliest issues of *Arkansas Libraries* for publication in 2011.
5. Begin contacting vendors (library and Arkansas companies) for assistance in funding Centennial events.

Accomplishments for 2009:

1. Generated list of all past officers
2. Generated list of all past scholarship winners

On-going projects:

1. Generating list of possible donors

Suggestions for 2010:

1. \$50 for postage possibly needed to contact past officers and scholarship winners

Officers for 2010:

Chair: Karen Russ

Conference Committee, Dwain Gordon:

Goals for 2010:

1. Have successful joint conference with the Southeastern Library Association.

Accomplishments for 2009:

1. Had a successful conference in Hot Springs.

On-going projects:

1. ArLA/SELA Conference will take place September 26-28, 2010, at the Little Rock Peabody Hotel & Little Rock Statehouse Convention Center.
2. A reception is planned for Sunday evening September 26, at the Main Library of the Central Arkansas Library System.
3. A reception is planned for Monday evening, September 27, at the Clinton Presidential Library.

Intellectual Freedom Committee, Devona Pendergrass:

Goals for 2010:

1. Work with Michael Mounce, Chair of the SELA Intellectual Freedom Committee to bring a speaker to the joint conference in 2010. We would like to plan a freedom related event for this conference covering censorship, the First Amendment and libraries.

Accomplishments for 2009:

1. We have had no materials removed or reconsidered that I am aware of. I have advised several using ALA materials and other information I collected.

On-going projects:

1. Continue to work with SELA on an IFC project for the joint conference.

Suggestions for 2010:

1. We do not have a budget yet. We are still in the planning stage.

Membership Committee, Debbie Hall:

1. There are 537 members reported for 2009.
2. A letter was sent to members who had not yet renewed their membership encouraging them to do so.

Nominating Committee, Connie Zimmer:

The Teller's Committee consisted of: Connie Zimmer, Kim Hillison, and Jessie Burchfield.

The ballot held names for Vice-President/President-elect – Shawn Pierce of the Lonoke/Prairie Regional Public Library. Votes cast were 69 FOR and 1 AGAINST.

For ALA Councilor – Ron Russ of Abingdon Library, ASU Beebe. Votes cast were 70 FOR and 0 AGAINST.

Public Relations, Virginia Perschbacher:

Goals for 2010:

1. Have an Arkansas Libraries license plate for sale.

Accomplishments for 2009:

1. Chose a design for the Arkansas Libraries license plate.

On-going projects:

See goals for 2010

Suggestions for 2010:

1. Submit license plate design to Arkansas license plate agency.
2. Promote and market design when license plate becomes available.

Website, Ron Russ:

Goals for 2010:

1. Continue to update and maintain ArLA Website. Add new services or pages as requested by the ArLA membership.

Accomplishments for 2009:

1. April Sheppard created the 2009 ArLA Conference Website. Ronald Russ updated job listings, forms, and links as needed. Looked into the possibility of adding back issues of *Arkansas Libraries* to the Website.

On-going projects:

1. The ArLA Website is a year-round project.

Suggestions for 2010:

1. Add back issues of *Arkansas Libraries* to the Website in PDF format.
2. Proposed Website budget is \$250 for renewal of three domains and any computer programming that needs to be done for upkeep purposes.

Unfinished Business:

Bob Razer turned in a report for the basket auction. A total of \$2,274 was made this year. That was an \$11 increase over 2008.

Having no further business, President Townsend adjourned the meeting at 9:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jamie Melson, Secretary