

**Arkansas Library Association
Annual General Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 27, 2011
The Peabody Hotel, Little Rock, AR**

Call to Order: President Shawn Pierce opened the meeting at 8:03 a.m.

Roll Call and Minutes:

A quorum was present. The minutes were distributed to the general membership by Secretary/Treasurer Michael Strickland. President Pierce asked for corrections to the 2010 General Meeting Minutes. Ron Russ made a motion that the minutes with corrections be approved. The motion was seconded and passed.

President's Report/Executive Committee, Shawn Pierce:

President Pierce reported that the 2011 Annual Conference had been a good one. She had good visits with some of the vendors and some of the conference attendees who all agreed they had enjoyed being at this year's conference. She thanked everyone who had helped put on this year's conference.

ALA Councilor Report, Ron Russ:

Russ mentioned it had been a busy year. He had authored the resolution that ALA adopted congratulating ArLA on its Centennial Celebration. He had represented ArLA at both the ALA Mid-Winter and Annual Meetings. He had provided live feeds from the ALA floor. He had contributed articles regarding ALA in both in print and online to keep his constituents informed.

SELA Representative Report, Kevin Barron:

Barron reported that he has served as the Arkansas representative to SELA – the Southeastern Library Association – for the past year. SELA began with a meeting in 1920 and was incorporated in 1950. Eight states are currently represented in SELA. Barron serves on the Online Searching Round Table and on the Public Relations and Marketing Committee.

Interim Executive Administrator Report, Lynda Hampel:

Hampel distributed financial report and stated that the Association continued to be in good shape financially. The interest on the CD accounts since February 2011 was \$614.36.

Division Reports:

AASL, Cathy Toney:

In January Toney became chairman of the Arkansas Association of School Librarians. A quarterly report was sent to the Affiliate Region 6 to be reported about the Arkansas association.

Toney represented the AASL at the affiliate meeting at the American Library Association held in New Orleans on June 23-27, 2011. She reported many policies were voted on.

The AASL summer conference on July 25-26 in Eureka Springs, Arkansas was attended by 132 attendees, 15 vendors and 10 authors. Tracy McAllister was conference chair and attendees enjoyed the conference. There was a pre-conference on Saturday night to discuss issues with school librarians. Sunday evening they had a guest speaker from the Eureka Springs Carnegie Public Library followed by a tour of the library.

Tracy McAllister will be the chairman of the AASL division and will be attending the board meetings beginning in January. The chairman of the 2012 conference has not yet been voted upon.

ALPS, Melanie Allen:

Allen reported that ALPS Annual Conference was held at the Holiday Inn at Fort Smith. ALPS Business Meeting will be November 4, 2011 at CALS. InfoBits will be November 17, 2011 at the Faulkner County Public Library.

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College & Universities, Daniel Page:

Page reported that the goals for 2012 include creating a nominating committee to expedite finding new officers annually and finalizing approval of the division's mission statement.

Accomplishments in 2011 include the joint CULD and ARKLINK meeting held in April 2011 at Arkansas State University in Jonesboro. Michael Abbiatti from ARE-ON was the guest speaker.

The 2012 Chair will be Carol Hanan.

Public Libraries & Trustees, Ashley Parker:

Parker reported that the Public Libraries & Trustees Division would like to focus more on what makes public libraries different from other libraries. The group would like develop a listserv or blog through the ArLA webpage in 2012 so that division members can stay in better contact with each other. The division would also like to develop a mini-conference to learn more about state library districts and how they function as well as a means to reach out to more libraries and librarians. The group would also like to develop a skills database. Parker sent out an electronic questionnaire to all of the division's members to get their feedback and hopefully get them more involved with the ArLA.

The 2012 Officers will be:

Chair: Ashley Parker

Chair Elect: Anne Gresham

Secretary: David Eckert

Reference & Instruction Services, Amber Wilson:

No Report

Resource & Technical Services, Jennie Ballinger:

No Report.

Special Libraries, Loretta Edwards:

Edwards said the goals of the Special Libraries Division are to promote collaboration between Special Libraries, increase participation in the Special Libraries Division for archivist and Government Documents members and to present a session at the 2012 ArLA Conference.

Some accomplishments from 2011 include providing a basket for the silent auction and hosting a session at this year's ArLA Conference.

Some suggestions for 2012 include allowing ArLA members who are also archivist and government documents members to be involved in the Special Libraries Division.

The Officers for 2012 will be:

Chair: Debbie Hall, Arkansas State Library

Vice-Chair, Rod Miller, Arkansas Supreme Court Library

Roundtable Reports:

Children's Services Roundtable, Randi Eskridge:

No Report.

Government Documents Roundtable, Frances Hager:

Hager reported that the 2012 goals for the Government Documents Roundtable include providing a program and preparing a basket for the basket auction at 2012 Annual Conference along with representing the association at genealogy conferences and workshops.

There were several accomplishments of 2011. The roundtable hosted a program this year's annual conference on the Cybercemetery led by Starr Hoffman from the University of North Texas. The Cybercemetery includes now defunct government websites that have been preserved such as the 9-11 Commission website. The roundtable also had a basket in the basket auction. They also coordinated with the Arkansas Documents Consortium.

Current on-going projects of the group include continuing to be represented at genealogy conferences and workshops and communicating through ARKDOC-L.

Hager requested that the roundtable be given \$500 to cover expenses for supplies for the genealogy conference work and for expenses for a speaker at conference.

Kathy Seymour from the Arkansas State Library will be the 2012 Government Roundtable Chair.

Information Technology Roundtable, Jon Goodell:

Goodell reported the group has several goals for 2012. First, they would like to hold the fourth annual Collaboration UnConference at CALS Main Library on Friday, June 29, 2012 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Second, they would like to provide technology equipment and support for the 2012 ArLA Annual Conference including projectors and laptops. And third, they would like to identify 20 new IT Round Table members by January 31, 2012 that will plan and implement the above goals. The group will meet by email.

There were many accomplishments by the group in 2011 The IT Roundtable organized the third annual Collaboration UnConference on Friday, July 29, 2011 at UAMS. There were 52 attendees. The group helped save ArLA money by providing projectors, laptops, and support for the 2011 Annual Conference. The equipment was loaned from area libraries and support was provided by ArLA members. The group also sponsored a basket at this year's conference.

On-going projects include group members presenting a three hour pre-conference session on mobile websites at the Missouri Library Association Annual Conference on October 5, 2011 and hosting the fourth annual UnConference at CALS. The group is growing and currently has nine members.

The Officers for the IT Roundtable in 2012 will be:

Chair: Jon Goodell, UAMS Library

Vice-Chair: Carol Coffey, CALS Main Library

Secretary: Anne Gresham, Springdale Public Library

New Members Roundtable, Connie Zimmer:

Zimmer reported there were 94 new members which is an increase over last year when there were 57 new members.

Two-Year Colleges, Tina Bradley:

Bradley reported that the goal for her group was to increase participation in the Roundtable. Some suggestions for 2012 for the group include looking into electronic communication as a way to encourage more participation and looking into the possibility of having TYCRT meet more than once a year.

The 2012 Officers will be:

Chair: Sara Seaman

Vice-Chair: Michelle Palmer

Committees:

Awards, Jamie Melson:

Melson said the Awards Committee plans in 2012 to continue handing out peer awards in the Arkansas Library arena. Hopefully in 2012 they will get a chance to hand out awards in each category. Unfortunately, the Suzanne Spurrier Academic Award was not handed out for the second straight year. The nominee was not a current member of the Association.

Some of the accomplishments from 2011 include handing out several awards on Monday, September 26, 2011. These included:

Lorrie Shuff Paraprofessional Award – Kim Hillison, Garland County Library
Ann Lightsey Children’s Librarian Award – Catherine Howser, Arkansas State Library
Frances P. Neal Award – Burdette Henry Terrill, Brackett Library, Harding University
Distinguished Service Award – John Wells, Garland County Library Director
Bessie B. Moore Trustee Award – Crawford County Library Board
Retta Patrick Award – Jana Dixon
President’s Awards – Bill & Elizabeth Sanders, longtime vendors and ArLA financial supporters; Barbara Martin

The Awards Committee would like to request money for the cost of plaques, \$300 for the LaNell Compton Award, and \$250 for incidentals.

The Awards Committee in 2012 will consist of:

Chair: Jamie Melson, Central Arkansas Library System
Melanie Allen, Crawford County Public Library
Kara Propes, Faulkner County Public Library
Daniel Fitzroy, Henderson State University
Cathy Toney, Sallie Cone Elementary School, Conway

(At this time, Melson is looking for one more person for the committee.)

Centennial Planning, Karen Russ:

There are no future plans for this committee. Its goals have been accomplished. The committee was able to accomplish many things in 2011.

1. The committee presented a 2011 wall calendar to every member of the Arkansas Legislature.
2. It hosted a celebratory dinner the Saturday night before the conference (9/24/11) to recognize past presidents. The dinner was held at Cajuns Wharf. There were 105 attendees, including Molly Raphael, ALA President and Barbara Stripling, Director of Library Services, New York City School Library System. The event was funded entirely through money brought in from calendar sales and donations from sponsors.
3. It worked with the Conference Committee to bring Unshelved creators, Gene Ambaum and Bill Barnes to present at the 2011 conference.
4. It contributed a basket with a 1911 theme for the LEAF auction.

The committee plans to archive the Centennial Celebration website in December 2011.

Conference, Holly Mercer:

No Report

Constitution, Bill Parton:

Parton suggested that the Constitution Committee in 2012 review the Bylaws of the various divisions and roundtables. Parton noted that the committee had reorganized and re-wrote the Membership section of the Bylaws (Article 1); and is submitting two proposed Bylaws amendments to the general membership for approval. These proposals separate changing in the dues structure from the other editorial and organizational changes.

Parton moved that the general membership approve Recommendation Number 1 to Make Changes to Article 1 which would simply the dues structure in the Bylaws and make them more equitable (See attached proposal). The motion was seconded and approved by the general membership.

Parton moved that the general membership approve Recommendation Number 2 To Make Changes to Article 1 which officially revised the current dues and adopted the dues as recommended by the Constitution Committee in concert with the Executive Board. The motion was seconded. A voice vote was taken.

When a voice vote was contested, a show of hands was requested. The show of hands vote was 44 for Recommendation Number 2 and 15 against. The motion was passed by the general membership.

Intellectual Freedom, Devona Pendergrass:

No Report

Legislative, Donna McDonald:

McDonald reported that as part of National Legislative Day she and Carolyn Ashcraft went to Washington D.C. to visit the state's congressional representatives and lobby in support of the state's libraries. They were unable to visit with three of the state's representatives there. However, they visit each congressional office.

McDonald sadly noted that none of the state's congressional delegation attended the Centennial Dinner.

Membership, Connie Zimmer:

Zimmer reported that there were 546 members last year and 574 members this year.

Nominating, Jim Robb:

Robb said he would defer his report to New Business.

Public Relations, Virginia Perschbacher:

Perschbacher asked that librarians send her articles relating to the ArLA's Centennial as quickly as possible.

Perschbacher reported that accomplishments for 2011 included an Excel spreadsheet listing all state print media with email addresses and a news release "ArLA Celebrates 100 Years" was prepared by Karen Russ, Chair of the Centennial Planning Committee. The news release was sent to a majority of newspapers in the state on September 21, 2011.

She also announced that this would be her last year as PR Chair since she was retiring. No new chair has been named at this time.

Publications Committee, Kathy Davis:

Davis stated her committee's goal for 2012 was to continue with plans to put Arkansas Libraries online. One big accomplishment of the group was adding Ethan Nobles as the new Design Editor of Arkansas Libraries.

Davis will continue as Chair of the Publications Committee in 2012.

Scholarship Committee, Diane Hughes:

Hughes reported that the goals for the Scholarship Committee in 2012 include reviewing and possibly updating current scholarship policies and criteria.

Some of the committee's accomplishments for 2011 include reviewing all applications for the two scholarships and selecting this year's recipients. They each received a \$1,500 check to further their educations.

Marlena Crenshaw, who is pursuing her MLIS degree at the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee is this year's ArLA Annual Scholarship winner.

Dustin Lee, who is pursuing his Library Media degree from Arkansas Tech University, is the recipient of the ArLA School Library Media Specialist Scholarship.

The committee sold license plates and accepted donations in the scholarship booth during the conference. Each donor received a sticker that says "I Support ArLA Scholarships."

The committee also had a basket for the basket auction.

Some suggestions for 2012 include asking the board for a total of \$3,500 in expenses for the 2012 year. This request includes \$1,500 for each of the two scholarships and \$500 for general committee expenses.

Arkansas Libraries, Managing Editor, Laura Speer:

No Report

Associate Editor, Britt Anne Murphy:

No Report.

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Webmaster, Ron Russ:

Russ reported that some of accomplishments of the past year have been maintaining and updating the ArLA website. He thanked Heidi Vix for her help with the Centennial Website. Lisa Li helped design and create the Centennial website and Jon Goodell has helped maintain it.

Some upcoming goals include reviewing the ArLA website and possibly design a new one. Russ believed a re-design could be done for less than \$3000. Russ also suggested planning ahead for the next 5 years.

Russ noted that this would be his last year as webmaster, a position he has held for the past 14 years.

Jon Goodell will be taking over in 2012 and will serve as chair of a web committee.

Archives, Bob Razer:

No Report

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

Zimmer announced that Trish Miller of Remington College was unanimously elected 2013 ArLA President. Robb moved that Trish Miller be 2013 ArLA President, the motion was seconded and passed.

Adjournment

Melson moved adjournment, seconded and meeting adjourned at 9:08 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Strickland,
2011 Secretary/Treasurer