

**Arkansas Library Association
Annual General Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 16, 2012
Northwest Arkansas Holiday Inn and Convention Center, Springdale, AR**

(The following minutes were approved as corrected at the Oct. 8, 2013 general business meeting. Corrections are in italics.)

Call to Order: President Jim Robb opened the meeting at 8:03 a.m.

President's Report/Executive Committee, Jim Robb:

President Robb formally welcomed participants to the 2012 Annual Conference. Robb encouraged people to get involved. Robb pointed out that the California Library Association had around 300 attendees. The ArLA Conference has 250 attendees. He called that a strong showing by Arkansas and said that says a lot about the strength and dedication of Arkansas library staff. He thanked all those who were attending the morning Business Meeting. He wanted to thank all those who gave and helped raise money for library issues. The conference had raised \$1875 for relief which is \$200 more than 2011. There were also 61 baskets which was well above the norm as well. He thanked conference committee and asked they be given a round of applause. He praised the Conference Awards Dinner and the **Booktations** singing group. Robb also thanked the sponsors, the host library – the Springdale Public Library, and the hotel staff. Special thanks were given to Linda Hampel, Executive Administrator, Holly Mercer, Conference Chair, and Trish Miller, Vice-President/President elect. Robb pointed out this year was the first in many years when there were multiple candidates for every elected position.

Election results:

Robb apologized to anyone whose vote got left out. He stated there were not enough problems to change the vote or cause a re-vote but the elections committee would be refining the process to make it as effective, workable and possible.

Positions and Candidates:

ALA Councillor:

Hadi Dudley -Elected

Ron Russ

Connie Zimmer

Secretary/Treasurer

Jamie Melson – Elected

Lynaire Hartsell

Vice President/President Elect

Holly Mercer – Elected

Devona Pendergrass

Robb stated all the races were close and testified to the strength of the candidates.

There were three resolutions that were voted upon by the general membership.

Resolution One: To dissolve ArLA's relationship with the Southeastern Library Association (SELA). Resolution passed, 75-14.

Resolution Two: To create a website committee as a standing committee. Resolution passed, 93-3.

Resolution Three: The Arkansas Libraries editorial staff (Editor and Assistant Editor) becomes full voting members of the Executive Board. Resolution passed, 76-14.

2011 Minutes:

The minutes were distributed to the general membership by Secretary/Treasurer Michael Strickland. President Robb asked for corrections to the 2011 General Meeting Minutes. Robb asked that the minutes with corrections be approved. The motion was made, seconded and passed.

ALA Councilor Report, Ron Russ:

Russ thanked the membership for the opportunity to serve as Councilor for the past three years. He was proud to represent and serve the Arkansas Library Association on ALA Council. Russ said some of his accomplishments of the past year included organizing a dinner for 10 ALA attendees from Arkansas at the Anaheim Conference. He also provided live Twitter feeds from the Council floor. The goal was to provide real time updates to those who could not attend. Russ also advocated for ArLA during Virtual National Library Legislation Day.

Russ said Hadi Dudley will begin her new position immediately and wished her the best of luck.

SELA Representative Report, Kevin Barron:

Barron thanked the membership for the privilege of serving as SELA representative for the past two years. The membership has voted on whether or not to continue membership in SELA. Barron said as he has gotten involved in the organization he has concluded that ArLA being a part of SELA no longer serves a purpose. He believed SELA most useful years had passed and it no longer spoke with a unified voice. He also did not believe it made good financial sense to be part of the organization.

Executive Administrator Report, Lynda Hampel:

Hampel reported that ArLA as a whole is doing very well. The past two years conferences had broken even. Hampel expected this conference to break even or possibly have a slight profit. She wanted to return all profits to the membership.

Hampel said there had been changes in how she was reporting the budget to the membership. Her goal was to simplify and make the categories, expenditures and monies received easier to understand by the membership. Hampel pointed out that she and the Executive Committee had decided to fine-tune the budget.

There was discussion about conference expenses, income and priorities. Hampel reported that she was unable to provide all the figures for the current conference just yet.

Phyllis Burkett made a motion that ArLA annually budget \$12,000 to Conference expenses for purpose of securing conference speakers. Motion was seconded and passed by the general membership.

Division Reports:

AASL, Tracy McAllister:

Beth Stone, upcoming secretary, spoke on behalf of Tracy McAllister who was unable to attend. Stone reported that a discussion was underway to strengthen the relationship between the Arkansas Library Association and school librarians. She stated that the 2012 AASL Conference, chaired by Erin Shaw, had been held in Eureka Springs on July 29 and 30. 125 school librarians attended. The speakers included Carl Harvey, president of the American Association of School Librarians, Susan Goufieir, a school library media specialist from Baton Rouge, LA and award winning author, Willis Kimberly-Holt.

Planning is underway for the 2013 conference.

ALPS, LaTonya Jones:

InfoBits is November 16 at Craighead County Jonesboro Public Library, 10:00. Their topic was "Library Tapestries: Woven into the Fabric of Our Communities." This year ALPS will use technology to bring library staff our keynote speaker through Adobe Connect.

Chair-Elect: Erin Barbar was elected 2013 Chair-Elect. Shya N. Washington will move to Chair in January at our meeting at UCA Torreyson Library on January 4th, and LaTonya Jones, will move to past chair. Kim Hillison will still be treasurer, Beth Lincoln will still be secretary and Melanie Allen will move on to other activities or positions.

Jones enjoyed serving as ALPS chair. She said ALPS had a very successful year and celebrated its 20th birthday. There were 125 participants to the May Conference which was held at the Holiday Inn Presidential in Little Rock.

College & Universities, Carol Hanan:

Hanan reported that the division held an informal dinner on Sunday night. In the business meeting the group discussed an upcoming academic survey they will be doing in 2013. Linda Evans of Henderson State University was elected chair for 2013. Sherry Tenorella from Arkansas Tech as Vice Chair and Christy DeThompson from Hendrix College will serve as secretary.

The division also sponsored speaker, Steven Belkam, president of ACRL. The division will continue to work with CULD and ARKLINK.

Public Libraries & Trustees, Ashley Parker:

Anne Gresham spoke on behalf of Ashley Parker. Gresham state the division had held a pre-conference "Genealogy for the non-genealogist" with Susan Young, outreach coordinator, at the Shiloh Museum of Ozark History along with a tour. There were 15 registered but only 5 attendees on Saturday.

On Monday, the division held its business meeting and elected Ann Grisham, chair and Tara McCloud, vice chair. The secretary position is TBA.

The division's goals include encouraging participation in the division by involving division members in the committee work and facilitating on-going and consistent communications between individuals and officers. They also hope to encourage more involvement between public library leadership and front-line staff. The organization also hopes to offer alternative programs to persons who cannot attend PLA through ArLA Conference programming and pre-conference events along with events outside of the annual ArLA Conference.

To accomplish this, the division will assemble a conference committee to examine conference events and make recommendations. Currently Grisham said she had two volunteers willing to serve.

Reference & Instruction Services, Amber Wilson:

No Report

Resource & Technical Services, Linda Evans:

Linda Evans reported that the division met on Monday and had a lively discussion on the implementation of RDA. Carolyn Baker led the discussion. As a result, the group decided to get together with the Arkansas State Library and seek more training especially on how RDA is going to affect library patrons.

The group also was working with Electronic Resource Management (ERM) and decided they might have a panel discussion on the subject in 2013.

The group provided a basket to LEAF at this year's conference.

Daniel Fitzroy of Henderson State was elected chair.

Carolyn Baker of the University of Central Arkansas was elected vice chair
David Sessor of Henderson State was elected secretary

Special Libraries, Debbie Hall:

Debbie Hall was re-elected as chair. Hall said the group would be examining if the Special Libraries Division was still viable or if it needed to be folded into another committee.

Roundtable Reports:

Children's Services Roundtable, Kara Propes:

Propes stated she had been re-elected for another term. She reported the Youth Services Roundtable met Monday and only had 5 participants. She said she had noticed the group had not been very active regarding Library Media Specialists. She said the group had focused more on the public library side of things. Her goal is to help bridge the gap in 2013 by creating a listserv and website. Propes also said another goal will be for the group to be more active.

Government Documents Roundtable, Kathy Seymour:

Seymour reported the ArLA List-serv for Government Documents people is being helpful in sharing information including the various lists of documents they need to share with others around the state.

The group had a basket for the Silent Auction related to rocks, caves and other things.

The Government Documents Roundtable met at 4:30pm Sunday, Oct. 14th. Seymour was the only one in attendance and will serve another year as the Chair. The group has 42 members.

In the last weekend of Oct., the group will have 2 members setting up a booth of government information for the 50th Anniversary of the Arkansas Genealogical Society Conference. Seymour also looked forward to working with the school librarians at their conference in presenting new information about Ben's Guide.

Accomplishments of 2012 are

- Presentations given to groups by Karen Russ and Frances Hager. They have assisted hundreds of people through the year. We've purchased table covers and display holders for their tables.
- Creation of a mission statement for our GODORT web page
- Karen's articles for What's Up Docs? Column
- Silent auction basket
- Speaker for the conference

Information Technology Roundtable, Carol Coffey:

Coffey reported that the unConference took place on Friday, June 29, 2012, in the Darragh Center at CALS. There were about 47 in attendance. Several attendees expressed interest in the unConference continuing to be held in Little Rock as it is a central location for all. CALS Main Library will most likely be unavailable to host in 2013 as they will be in the middle of parking deck construction. The Round Table will investigate other locations.

Coffey suggested if you have any interest in the technology they use to help patrons or in digital content, please consider joining the IT Round Table.

New Members Roundtable and Membership, Shawn Pierce:

Robb reported for Pierce who was unable to attend. Robb stated there were 83 new members and 549 total members.

Two-Year Colleges, Sara Seaman:

Seaman reported the roundtable had met at CULD because the membership overlapped. She said CULD was planning to update a benchmark survey originally conducted in 2009. The Two-Year Colleges Roundtable was interested in that data and decided to combine their efforts with CULD.

The group discussed whether or not to elect a new chair or become inactive for a while. A good discussion ensued on why the group was established and its history. The consensus of the group was the the climate had changed and there was no longer a distinction the scope of Two-Year Colleges from the Four-Year Colleges. So the group decided to combine forces with CULD. Seaman stated the group will be inactive until further notice.

Committees:

Awards, Jamie Melson:

Melson thanked everyone who helped with the Awards Dinner on Monday night and called it a big success. There was a slight snag when it was discovered that one of the award nominees was not an ArLA member. Melson reminded the general membership that award nominees had to be ArLA members.

Melson said the the 2012 Award Winners have now been posted to the ArLA website thanks to Jon Goodell. That direct link is: <http://arlib.org/organization/awards.php>

Conference, Holly Mercer:

Mercer thanked everyone for participating in the conference. She said the conference had been a huge success. She also asked that participants share pictures of the conference with ArLA either via email or posting them on the ArLA Conference Facebook page.

Mercer announced Nicole Stroud would be the 2013 Conference Chair.

Constitution, Bill Parton:

There are three kinds of people in the world. Those who can count, and those who can't. I would like to direct my remarks to this third group.

I am Bill Parton, Chair of the Constitution Committee. This year the Committee responded to several Board-recognized needs for change by recommending the following amendments to the Constitution and other documents:

- 1. To reflect the dissolution of the Association's relationship with the Southeast Library Association;*
- 2. To create the Website Committee as a standing committee with the chair replacing the webmaster as a voting member on the Executive Board;*
- 3. To make the **Arkansas Libraries'** managing and associate editors voting members of the Executive Board.*

Each of these amendments was pragmatic in character, with the last two formalizing ad hoc Board and organizational practices of the last several years.

I have now served three terms as chair of this committee, the maximum allowed by the Constitution. I am not proposing a constitutional amendment to increase this number, even though they have been terms of endearment. To my knowledge I have not yet been replaced, so if you have a parliamentary streak in your genes – I recommend Shout! If that doesn't get it out, I would suggest that you volunteer to Trish Miller for service on the Constitution Committee.

Intellectual Freedom, Devona Pendergrass:

The IFC committee members include: Anna Bates, Anna Edwards, Christina George, Connie Zimmer, Daniel Page, Jon Goodell, Jud Copeland, Kathy Davis, Stephanie Huffman and Vanessa Adams, Most of our communications were online. We discussed the possibility of updating or completely revamping our old IFC manual. It has not been updated in many years. The committee decided to update our section of the ArLA web site and to instruct membership to the ALA manual on the ALA web site and the right to read web site.

The committee received no complaints or no calls concerning any banned or challenged materials.

Legislative, Hadi Dudley:

Dudley reported that she had attended National Legislative Day on April 23-24, 2012 in Washington, D.C. There were seven people in the Arkansas delegation and they had good meetings with key staff and legislators about key library issues. They discussed LSTA funding, the need for school librarians in the schools, workforce development and other key issues. Dudley said Arkansas' Senator Pryor was big supporter of libraries. She said a full report of the trip could be found in Arkansas Libraries.

She stated in Arkansas there are plans being made to have an Arkansas Libraries Advocacy Event with state legislators.

Nominating, Trish Miller:

Miller thanked everyone who nominated someone or offered to help by serving. She also thanked the committee. The committee verified membership status of the candidates, created and sent out job descriptions for each position, created a ballot (with the help of Lynda Hampel), posted ballots on the ArLA website, asked for candidate bios to be submitted to Arkansas Libraries, had Jon Goodell create a candidates web page, put ballots in packets, collected and counted ballots, and gave the results to the ArLA president.

Ad Hoc Planning Committee, Jim Robb:

Robb stated this committee did not work as well as he had hoped. He took responsibility for that due to several unexpected events.

Public Relations, Ashley Parker:

No Report

Publications Committee, Kathy Davis:

No Report

Scholarship Committee, Daniel Page:

No Report

Arkansas Libraries, Associate Editor, Britt Anne Murphy:

No Report

Webmaster, Jon Goodell:

Goals for 2013:

- 1. ArLib.org website redesign*
- 2. Get more ArLA members involved in the maintenance of the association website.*
- 3. Update and maintain ArLib.org as needed.*

Accomplishments for 2012:

- 1. Renewed our domain names (arlib.org, arlib.com, arlib.net) through July 3, 2013. Gandi.net is our domain registrar. It was \$46 for all three for 12 months. There was not a discount for paying for multiple years.*
- 2. Renewed our webhost (JaguarPC.com) through February 28, 2015. It was \$178.20 for 36 months.*

On-going projects (include any dates already set):

- 1. We made a ArLA Conference website located at <http://arlib.org/conference/>*
- 2. We have been brainstorming website redesign ideas via email and a Google Drive document located at: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/19-mqXRyRzzso8po56DCDbuSPUt2jynTXWscuvoDXfEw/edit>*

Suggestions for 2013 (goals, activities, and budget):

- 1. Would like to request that we renew domain names in July 2013 for \$46.*
- 2. Would like to request a content management system theme and module budget of \$300*
- 3. Total budget requested \$346*

Archives, Bob Razer:

Robb stated that Bob Razer as ArLA archivist should not be required to serve on the Executive Board. Razer asked the general membership to approve letting the archivist position step off the board. Robb made a motion the archivist position be removed from the ArLA Executive Board, motion was seconded and passed by the general membership

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

None

Adjournment

Miller moved adjournment, seconded, and passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Strickland,
2012 Secretary/Treasurer