

**Arkansas Library Association**  
**Board Meeting, Friday, April 13, 2007**  
**Laman Library, North Little Rock, AR**

The scheduled board meeting of the Arkansas Library Association Board was held on April 13, 2007 in the conference room of the Laman Library in North Little Rock, AR.

President Ashley Burris was in the Chair and Barbara Martin, Executive Administrator recorded the minutes in the absence of Secretary Treasurer, Jamie Melson.

The meeting was called to order by President Ashley Burris at 10:15 and a quorum was present.

Members present for the meeting were:

Ashley Burris	Lynaire Hartsell	Kaye Talley
Dwain Gordon	Betty Kerns	Barbie James
Leroy Gattin	Dave Burdick	Kaye Bland
Regina Cortez	Debbie Hall	

Minutes were e-mailed to the board approved by the board prior to the meeting.

Ashley noted that the executive committee met previous to the board meeting and discussed the retreat goals and financials. The two goals that came from the retreat are “increasing & servicing the membership” and “training and mentoring new leaders”.

Debbie Hall will do a session this year at the fall conference on mentoring new leaders and will work toward getting a grant for a pre-conference session at the 2008 conference on leadership.

Barbie and Diane will work on the membership goal and the possibility of a reduced rate for first time members and for changing the dues structure from a calendar year to joining month membership year. (I.e. June 1, 2007 to May 31, 2008) They will bring any proposed bylaws/constitution changes back to the board for consideration at the June meeting.

Dwain Gordon gave the SELA Councilor report. He recently attended the SELA Board Meeting and Leadership conference in Atlanta with 30 people in attendance. SELA is struggling financially. There have been some years where they have lost money on the conference. They made a \$10,000 profit at the Memphis conference last year. Dwain suggested to them that they might want to do an annual conference but because the conference is at the time the states normally have their conference, it would not work. Mississippi and Louisiana are considering doing a joint conference at some time.

Ellen Johnson ALA Councilor did not have a report. Ashley reported that Ellen had asked her to announce that they was an opening to have someone from AR attend a Media & Advocacy workshop at the ALA conference this year.

Barbie gave the AASL report for Ramona. The annual meeting for school librarians will be held at Mt. Magazine on July 29 and 30<sup>th</sup>.

Kathie Buckman, CULD, did not attend the meeting but submitted a written report to Ashley. She reported that the CULD division is meeting today and will be discussing the academic survey that was recently administered. They have submitted two program proposals for the fall conference. Linda Creibaum is presenting one entitled: Plagiarism: Definitions, Safeguards and Tools for the Academic World. The second one is: The Academic Library Survey: The Rest of the Story presented by Britt Murphy and Committee.

Lynaire Hartsell gave the ALPS report; At the March 2 meeting, they discussed information from the Retreat and decided that Regional representatives should play a large role by getting in touch with the Para-professionals in their regions. They will write letters explaining what ALPS is and how we can help them. They have finished cleaning up their bylaws. Info-Bits has been changed to November 16<sup>th</sup> at the Ouachita Tech in Malvern.

They are busy preparing the Spring Conference in May. The theme is “The Many Faces of the Library” and they are having a Masquerade Ball.

Jennifer Davis submitted a written report for Reference Services. They have submitted a program for the fall conference. They will share the results of a study on science students’ preferences for information sources and discuss the implications for information literacy and library services of the future. The program will include Google Search strategies compared to subscribed databases. The discussion will focus on the pros and cons of using Google/Google Scholar as an information source.

Regina Cortez, Trustees, reported that there is a Directors Retreat at Mt. Harbor on May 14 & 15<sup>th</sup>.

Loretta Edwards, Information Technology was not able to attend the meeting but reported that she has only had two responses for the Tech Team. She is working on getting more.

Kaye Talley, Awards, ask about if anyone has information on SIRS. In the past they have given the Intellectual Freedom Award. ProQuest bought SIRS. She is going to contact ProQuest to see if they will give the money.

Kay Bland, Conference Chair reported on the plans for the conference. The conference planning committee met in March and developed plans for the conference. Committee members are: Regina Cortez, Donna Daniels, Debbie Hall, Diane Hughes, Mary Ann Griggs, Mary Farris White, Kristie Boucher, Loretta Edwards, Stephanie Huffman, Kathy Stafford and Sandra Elliott. There will be pre-conference activities on Sunday and the conference will begin with a general session hosted by our State Librarian, Carolyn Ashcraft who has agreed to make a “state of the state library” report. Grand opening of exhibits along with basket review and poster sessions will take place on Sunday.

Monday, we will have concurrent sessions and will lead off with Betsy Jacoway who will discuss her book on the crisis at Central High followed by Grif Stockley who will discuss his new book on race relations. The noon feature will be a screening of the The Lost Year. The afternoon sessions will be on

oral history and genealogy research methods. There will be a mid afternoon reception in the exhibit hall.

Tuesday, ArLA business meeting will be followed by more concurrent sessions and the conference will end with the awards luncheon which hopefully will feature Alexander LeFaye, author of Worth. The committee will meet again at the association office on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

Barbie James, Constitution, reported that there have been questions about what is a quorum. It is 5 people voting members. We are legal today. The SELA bylaws cover 4 years for the SELA representative and ArLA bylaws say 3 year. We will abide by the SELA bylaws. Barbie and Diane will address the membership renewal period and bring back a report at the next meeting.

Regina Cortez discussed merging trustees and Public Libraries. She will bring to Barbie and the board a proposal for consideration. This must be done at the June meeting so that if decided we can get a notice out to the membership.

Diane Hughes submitted a Membership report that we have 459 members as of this date.

Betty Kerns, Intellectual Freedom, reported that there have been no challenges that have been reported since our last meeting.

Amanda Moore, Public Relations needs workers for the Literary Festival. She is working on an article for Library Week.

Leroy Gattin, Scholarship, is just getting organized.

Ron Russ, Website, reported that he has been adding new material to the website including information about AASL meeting. We now have a feature where members can add their own job postings to the job line or add events to the calendar. We are celebrating the ArLA website's 10 year anniversary this year.

Regina Cortez spoke on the emerging leader conference that she attended. They are working on a project together that will be presented at a later date. They meet together weekly for one year via web conferencing. They are required to serve on a committee after the leadership training.

Under new business, a motion was made by Regina to pay the cost of \$45 for Debbie to attend a chapter relations meeting at the ALA conference. Motion was seconded by Dwain. Motion passed. With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Respectively Submitted  
Barbara Martin, Executive Administrator