

Minutes: ***Arkansas Library Association Executive Board Meeting***

4/6/01 10AM, Laman Library, North Little Rock, Arkansas.

(Minutes taken by Vice-President/President Elect, Barbie James. Edited and submitted by Secretary-Treasurer, Art Lichtenstein)

- ✓ Kaye Talley, President 2001, called the meeting to order.
- ✓ Board Members Present:
 - ✓ President, Kaye Talley
 - ✓ Vice-President/President Elect, Barbie James
 - ✓ Past President, Carolyn Ashcraft
 - ✓ AmLA Councilor, Marilyn Schulte
 - ✓ AASLME Division Chair, Carol Ann Hart
 - ✓ CULD Division Chair, Kathie George
 - ✓ Paraprofessionals Division Chair, Sandy Olson
 - ✓ Public Libraries Division Chair, Donna McDonald
 - ✓ Reference Services Division Chair, Necia Parker-Gibson
 - ✓ Resources and Technical Services Division Chair, Peggy Morrison
 - ✓ Children's Services Roundtable Chair, Dwain Gordon

Others Present: Kevin Barron, Amanda Moore, Hal Hubener, Janet Berry, Jennifer Coleman, Rick Fought, Mary Furlough, Kathy Sanders, Bettye Kerns, Sarah Ziegenbein.

- ✓ President's Report by Kaye Talley.

Executive Committee met on 2\28. Paperwork for public relations grant has been completed. Talley and Lichtenstein were authorized to work on a resolution supporting AmLA's litigation against CIPA (Children's Internet Protection Act.) Letter has been sent to Representative Milligan regarding HB1107 (public librarians would not need an ALA accredited degree) with copy to Senate David Malone. No responses received. The Executive Committee discussed the public relations campaign, future conference site, and the Trustee's Division. Talley received a message from NASA regarding a website called "Space Place."
- ✓ SELA Councilor: no report
- ✓ AmLa Councilor: no report
- ✓ Division Reports
 - ✓ AASLME, Carol Ann Hart.

Rachel Shankles, AASLME Vice-Chair is working on the AASLME Conference. It will be held on Saturday 9\22, at Lakeside H.S., Hot Springs.

- ✓ Treasurer's Report distributed by Jennifer Coleman, ArLA Executive Director. Checking total shows \$21,109.27. This compares to April 2000 checking total of \$10,230.51. Total assets are \$83,086.52. This compares to April 2000 total assets of \$80,404.24. Deposits are already coming in for the convention. We have not added any more money to our investment accounts and probably should not make any changes until the stock market settles. Discussion ensued.
- ✓ Minutes from 2\2 Board Meeting distributed by Kaye Talley.
Motion by Kathie George with 2nd by Peggy Morrison to accept with corrections.
Passed.
- ✓ Division Reports (continued)
 - ✓ College and Universities: Kathie George.
Motion by Kathie George, with 2nd by Peggy Morrison, to approve "Susanne Spurrier Academic Librarian Award." **Passed.**
 - a. Purpose: first awarded in 2001 and named in honor of Suzanne Spurrier, (1947-1998), Director of the Brackett Library at Harding University from 1990-1998, the award recognizes an outstanding academic librarian within the state of Arkansas. The award is presented annually to a currently employed academic librarian who exemplifies Suzanne Spurrier's attributes of: a spirit of outstanding service and dedicated professionalism to all library patrons; an attitude of devotion to the library profession and fellow colleagues; and consistent activity in state, regional, or national library organizations.
 - b. Eligibility:
 1. Must be a member of the Arkansas Library Association.
 2. Must be employed in an academic library in Arkansas at the time of nomination.
 3. Must have worked in an academic library in Arkansas for at least three years.
 4. Is ineligible for this award for the following five years.
 - ✓ Paraprofessionals: Sandy Olson.
InfoBits sessions were held on 3\9 at CALS. Topics were "Health and the Internet" and "Diversity and Multicultural Issues." Seventeen people participated of whom six were ArLA members. Bylaws have been re-written, and membership will vote on them at spring conference. Spring conference will be held 5\16-18, Lake Hamilton Resort, Hot Springs. Conference details may be found at the ArLA homepage. Mt. Sequoia in Fayetteville is under consideration as 2002 conference site.

- ✓ Reference Services: Necia Parker-Gibson.
- ✓ Resources and Technical Services: Peggy Morrison.
- ✓ Public Libraries: Donna McDonald. no report.
- ✓ Special Libraries: Melissa Serfass. no report.
- ✓ Trustees:
 - Motion** by Necia Parker-Gibson with 2nd by Dwain Gordon, that Hal Hubener serve as Trustees Division chair. **Passed.**
- ✓ Roundtable Reports:
 - ✓ Children's Services: Dwain Gordon. ArLA Conference preparations are underway.
 - ✓ Government Documents: Sarah Ziegenbein. ArLA Conference preparations are underway.
- ✓ Committees Reports
 - ✓ Awards: Bob Yehl. no report.
 - ✓ Conference: Mary Furlough.
 - Motion** by Barbie James with 2nd by Peggy Morrison. ArLA will use UCA's Art Department for conference art work each year and give at least \$100 to the winning artist. **Passed.**
 - ✓ Legislative: Bettye Kerns and Kathy Sanders.
 - ArLA Legislative Day was held on 2\28 with approximately 75 legislators and legislative staff; and 75 librarians in attendance. A legislative update was provided by Jack Mulkey, State Librarian; Bobby Roberts, CALS Director; and Bettye Kerns, Legislative Committee co-chair. Details given regarding ArLA's position on HB1003 and HB1107. Bills being monitored are HB1225 and SB354.
 - ✓ Public Relations: Kevin Barron.
 - The committee has been involved in National Library Week and the ongoing @your library campaign. NLW promotion has included print ads, radio spots, editorials, interviews, and a web based library game. Danny Koonce of the State Library recently joined the committee.
 - ✓ Publications: Amanda Moore.
 - Website redesign is in progress. Things are running smoothly for *Arkansas Libraries*.

- ✓ Scholarship: Jamie Melson.
The committee is working on getting Grif Stockley to do a book signing at the fall conference. A letter has been sent to Fairfield Communities, Inc. asking for the same donation as last year.

- ✓ Unfinished business: none.

- ✓ New Business:
 - ✓ Resolution supporting ALA challenge to CIPA read by Kaye Talley (attached)
 - ✓ **Motion** by Marilyn Schulte with 2nd by Necia Parker-Gibson. **Passed.**

- ✓ Jennifer Coleman, 2003 conference site.

Adjournment

**A Resolution Supporting
*ALA Legal Challenge of CIPA***

Adopted by the
Arkansas Library Association Executive
Board

Friday, April 6, 2001

WHEREAS the recently enacted Child Internet Protection Act (CIPA) mandates that libraries and schools install and use filtering software on public Internet computers as a prerequisite for receiving federal funds, including LSTA and E-rate; and

WHEREAS no filtering software successfully differentiates constitutionally protected speech from illegal speech on the Internet; and

WHEREAS the federal commission appointed to study child safety on the Internet concluded filters are not effective in

blocking all content that some may find objectionable, but do block much useful and constitutionally protected information; and

WHEREAS the Arkansas Library Association strongly opposes attempts by federal and state governments to set local policy; and

WHEREAS the American Library Association has resolved to challenge CIPA in court;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Arkansas Library Association endorses and supports this legal action by the American Library Association.