

Minutes: **Arkansas Library Association Executive Board Meeting**
Friday 6/7/02 10:00 AM, Central Arkansas Library System, Main Library, Little Rock, Arkansas. (Submitted by Secretary-Treasurer, Art Lichtenstein)

Board Members Present

President, Barbie James
Vice-President/President Elect, Dwain Gordon
Secretary\Treasurer, Art Lichtenstein
AASLME Division Chair, Rachel Shankles
Reference Services Division Chair, Don Batson
Special Libraries Division Chair, Ava Hicks.
Trustees Division Chair, P.J. Williams
Public Libraries Division Chair, Eva White
AmLA Councilor, Marilyn Schulte
SELA Representative, Jack Mulkey
Executive Director, Jennifer Coleman

Others Present

Danny Koonce, Amanda Moore, Rick Fought, Kathy Sanders, Kristi Pontius, Carolyn Ashcraft, Sandy Olson, Karen Russ, Jamie Melson, Sandra Hooper.

President James called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the 4/5/02 Board meeting were distributed.

Motion to approve by Jack Mulkey, 2nd by P.J. Williams. **Motion Passed.**

Financial Report by Jennifer Coleman.

As of 5/30/02, ArLA total liabilities and equities equal \$68004.94. Coleman also shared a memo from ArLA accountants regarding ArLA's investment accounts. Coleman recommends that ArLA activate a working finance committee, chaired by the Secretary/Treasurer, for the purpose of working on generating non-dues revenue for the association. The Executive Committee will set up this committee at their July meeting on 7/12.

Motion to approve the creation of this committee by Karen Russ, 2nd by Marilyn Schulte. **Motion Passed.**

President's report by President James.

Shared a letter from Carol Macheak, CULD vice-chair, thanking Coleman and Kristi Pontius for helping to plan the CULD spring meeting.

Attended the ALPS conference. Noted White House conference on school libraries. Regarding the ArLA PAC, James appointed a committee to be chaired by Bob Razer, to review/update the PAC organization, replace outgoing members, and to establish a working committee by the beginning of 2003.

Question raised as to the relationship between the Arkansas Association of Public Libraries and the ArLA PAC. Dwain Gordon explained that AAPL was created years ago to advocate for Arkansas's public libraries and, in an attempt not to detract from the ArLA PAC, membership was limited to employees of public libraries and to public library trustees. Should AAPL membership be opened up to everyone? General discussion ensued with comments by Carolyn Ashcraft, P.J. Williams, Eva White, Danny Koonce and others.

Motion by Gordon, 2nd by P.J. Williams that ArLA support the efforts of AAPL as it reorganizes and focuses its work as a PAC with membership opened to everyone. **Motion Passed.**

SELA report by Jack Mulkey.

A joint SELA and South Carolina Library Association conference is scheduled for 10/24 through 10/27 in Charleston, SC.

AmLA Councilor, Marilyn Schulte, noted that CIPA legislation has been overturned. General discussion ensued.

Division Reports

AASLME, Rachel Shankles: AASLME Conference will be held at DeGray State Park August 5th 2002. Conference theme is "What works @ your library." \$25 registration fee.

CULD, submitted by Mark Shores.

Topic for the CULD Spring meeting was Information Literacy. Approximately 45 people attended. The meeting was well received. Carol Macheak is to be commended for putting together a great conference. The 2002 CULD meeting, to be held at the ArLA conference in October, will be electronic serials access vendors.

Paraprofessionals, submitted by Trish Miller.

Two regional meetings were held in April, one in Conway and one in Harrison. The Spring Conference was held May 13 -15 in Bull Shoals with 80 attendees. The Paraprofessional of the Year Award was renamed as the "Lorrie Shuff Paraprofessional of the Year Award." ALPS has submitted updated information for the publication, "National Directory of Paraprofessional Associations."

The Lorrie Shuff Paraprofessional of the Year Award

Lorrie Shuff 1943-2001

Lorrie was born Lorraine Ladwig on February 10, 1943 in Minneapolis, MN. Her family consists of her husband, Jim Shuff, three children, three grandchildren, two brothers and four sisters, and her husband's family with whom she was very close. Lorrie was an active member of St. Mary's Catholic Church. For many years she was a member and a leader in the Girl Scouts. Knitting, cross-stitching, and square dancing were her hobbies. Each niece and nephew of her family received a knitted blanket with his or her school colors as a gift at graduation.

Lorrie was an integral part of the serials staff at the Huie Library on the campus of Henderson State University. She was a founding member of the Arkansas Library Paraprofessionals (ALPS) when it first became a Roundtable of the Arkansas Library Association, serving on the first steering committee. Lorrie was dedicated to the Roundtable and served as the regional representative in the organization for the Southwest part of the state. In 1999 she received the Arkansas Library Paraprofessional of the Year award in recognition of the many hours of service and hard work that she had contributed to the success of the organization. Lorrie was an integral part of the site selection committee and responsible for negotiating food and fees for the ALPS conference, and had been busy working on the 2001/2002 conference at the time of her death. Above all of this, she was a friend to us all, and we miss her.

Public Libraries, Eva White.

Customer service workshops were held in May. Attendance was strong and evaluations were positive. Additional workshops will be offered in September. Discussion of ongoing funding problems for Arkansas public libraries.

Motion by White to provide a \$100 honorarium to Frances Morgan for her work as a workshop presenter, 2nd by Mulkey. **Motion Passed.**

Reference Services, Don Batson.

Attended the Depository Library Council in Mobile, AL. The GPO information restricted after September 11th will now be available by password.

Trustees, P.J. Williams.

Williams has compiled a statewide list of 545 library trustees and will be contacting them to encourage them to contact their legislators and to be active trustees.

Roundtable Reports

Government Documents, submitted by Rod Miller.

Conference program for the fall is in place. Working with Arkansas Documents Consortium to improve access to state and local government information.

Two Year Colleges, submitted by Ron Russ.

Spring meeting was held in April with CULD. This joint meeting was well received. Two programs are planned for the ArLA conference in October, one on first year experience programs and one on assessment.

Committees

Awards, submitted by Bob Yell.

The Board was asked to formally approve changing the name of the Paraprofessional of the Year award to the "Lorrie Shuff Paraprofessional of the Year Award."

Motion to approve by Jack Mulkey , 2nd by Eva White **Motion passed.**

Conference, submitted by Karen Russ.

All rooms are filled, and program planning is in good shape. "Teaser" postcards will go out the first week in July. This year, as a trial, we will not mail out preliminary programs. Rather, complete information will be provided on the ArLA website, and a program will be handed out with registration at the conference. This will save the Association both effort and money.

Intellectual Freedom.

Jennifer Coleman noted that the Committee will be working on new intellectual freedom manual.

Legislative, submitted by Kathy Sanders.

Noted developments relating to CIPA legislation. CIPA has been judged to be in violation of the Constitution. Courts ruled that there are less restrictive options that may be used to protect children from pornography.

Nominating.

Dwain Gordon noted that the committee is seeking candidates.

Publications, submitted by Amanda Moore.

Our associate editor, Susan Burks will be stepping down from her position as of December 2002. This is the same time at which our editor, Rick Fought, will finish his term. This means that we will have both a new managing and associate editor for 2003. Rick Fought noted that we need more submissions and more advertising.

Public Relations, submitted by Danny Koonce.

News releases and psa 's went out for National Library Week. Work is continuing on conference program and magnet project. ArLA exhibited at the AAIM conference, the Rural Development conference, and will exhibit at AASLME conference and at the Little Rock Business and Technology Expo.

Scholarship, submitted by Jamie Melson.

The deadline for scholarship applications is June 5th. Seeking ideas for a short term fundraiser. Suggested that the ArLA scholarship application be published in Arkansas Libraries journal year round.

Meeting is adjourned by President James.