

**Arkansas Library Association
Executive Board Meeting
December 2, 2005**

President Art Lichtenstein opened the meeting at 10:10 a.m. Those present were: Britt Ann Murphy, Associate Editor; Mary Walker, Resources & Tech. Services Div. Chair; Deb Kulczak, Necia Parker Gibson, Managing Editor; Karen Russ, Karen Richardson, Membership Comm. Chair; Barbie James, Constitution Chair; Jill Heard, AASL Chair; Dwain Gordon; Dominique Hallett; Ron Russ, Webmaster; Jerrie Townsend, Two Year College Roundtable Chair; Lynn Calhoun, Information Technology Roundtable Chair; Kareen Turner, ALPS Chair; Brenda Van Dusen; Regina Cortez; Kaye Talley, Scholarship Comm. Chair; Ellen Johnson, SELA Rep. & ALA Councilor; Linda Creibaum; Donna Daniels, College & University Div. Chair; Diane Hughes, President-Elect; Barbara Martin, Exec. Administrator; Art Lichtenstein, President; Loretta Edwards, Past President; and Jamie Melson, Sec./Treasurer.

Jerrie Townsend moved, Loretta Edwards seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed.

President Art gave his President's Report as well as the executive committee report. We have received a letter from the IRS letting us off the hook for the 2003 penalties. We are still waiting to hear about the 2004 penalties but feel certain that, too, will be dropped. He reported a 14.6% profit in the Association budget over 2004. With certain cost cutting measures, namely cutting the journal back to 4 issues per year, not printing the membership directory, and cutting postage costs. He talked about the Access Grid that was used in August and the success of it. He also told the board that the Executive Comm. Had approved a 10% increase for Barbara Martin until May 31, 2006 when her contract then comes due. Dwain Gordon brought up the point that 2007 will be a legislative year and that with Barbara's legislative lobbying experience that we might want to draw on her as a lobbyist and give her a one year bonus to reflect that added duty. Art also told everyone that we have a "thinking of you" card for Nancy Arn whose library partially burned over Thanksgiving.

Reports:

SELA Rep.—Ellen Johnson: Nothing new to report, but have the informational flyers on Joint Conference with Tennessee Library Association, April 6-7, 2006, in Memphis.

SELA membership is based on the calendar year and will have membership forms at the February meeting.

AASL Div.—Jill Heard: The planning for the 2006 Summer Conference has begun. Ramona Abernathy, President-elect, has secured DeGray Lodge and Conference Center in Arkadelphia, Arkansas for Monday, July 31st for our summer conference. Kelly Gallagher, author of Reading Reasons, has been secured as the keynote speaker. She is anticipating 9 concurrent sessions along with the keynote luncheon. AASL will also be hosting a booth at the 2006 AAIM Conference being held in April at the Austin Hotel in

Hot Springs, Arkansas. We will be promoting membership and the summer conference. One of our goals for this year is to finalize affiliation with the American Association of School Librarians.

College & University Div.---Donna Daniels: Introduced Linda Creibaum as the new chairperson.

Paraprofessionals (ALPS)---Karen Turner: We have 5 Book Lovers Page-A-Day Calendars left for \$5 each. Info-Bits was held at the Garland Co. Public Library on Nov. 9, 2005 and had 12 attendees for the Crisis Management in the Workplace workshop.

The ALPS Spring Conference will be held in Little Rock on May 17-19, 2006 at the Holiday Inn-Select on I-430.

Public Library Div.---Phyllis Burkett: The Public Library Division wants to do a customer service workshop. Bettye Kerns offered CALS in-house trainer.

Reference Services Div.---Laura Downing: The Ref. Services Division sponsored two programs at the annual conference, which were both well received and the presenters have had a number of requests for their source materials. The basket, which was filled with foods and other assorted items from Minnesota (gathered by the chair while she was visiting home during the summer), went to Oliver Kelzenberg from ProQuest for \$75.00. Being a fellow relocated Minnesotan he could appreciate the value of the 2 pounds of wild rice, as well as a lumberjack scarf. Vice Chair Dominique Hallett was elected to serve as Chair for 2006. Dominique is a Reference Librarian at ASU Jonesboro and a very creative, energetic person. I'm hopeful that she will be able to spark more interest in this Division in the coming year.

Resources & Technical Services Div.---Mary Walker: Reported that Deb Kulczak had volunteered to take over as chairperson for 2006.

Special Libraries Div.---Betsey Martin: no report.

Trustees Div.---Donna McDonald: no report.

Information Technology Roundtable---Lynn Calhoun: Reported that Loretta Edwards had volunteered to take over as chairperson for 2006.

Children's Services RT---Ruth Hyatt: no report.

Two-Year Colleges RT---Jerrie Townsend: This division met during the annual conference. We are still a viable component. There is continued interest in partnering with College and University Division to sponsor a program. There is also interest in topical forums regarding staffing and training for library employees. The new chairperson for this roundtable is Virginia Perschbacher from SEARK.

Government Documents RT: no report.

New Members: no report.

Archives Comm.---Bob Razer: No official report but reminded everyone that if they have any records from 2005 to please turn them in to Diane Hughes, Dwain Gordon, or Jamie Melson.

Awards Comm.---Sandy Olson: no report

Conference Comm.—Renee LeBeau-Ford/Dwain Gordon: no report

Constitution Comm.---Barbie James: Barbie and Barbara will be going over and making the necessary corrections that had been voted on in the past but had not been changed on paper as yet.

Executive Comm.---Art Lichtenstein: already reported

Finance Comm.---Jamie Melson: deferred to Barbara Martin. Barbara handed out the financial statement and went over it. There was a 7.7% increase in dues over 2004 and a 19.6% increase in conference profits over 2004. There was a 26% increase in conference revenue and the conference only cost us 1% more than 2004. We currently have \$25,559.68 in the bank right now.

Intellectual Freedom Comm.---Kevin Barron: no report.

Legislative Comm.---Dave Burdick: Dave reiterated what Dwain said about employing Barbara as a lobbyist in 2007 because that makes all the difference due to the fact that AAPL was able to restore \$2,000,000 to public libraries across the state.

Membership Comm.---Karen Richardson: Goals for 2006 includes increasing membership among all divisions. Accomplishments for 2005 was the fact that membership was raised to 580. They are requesting \$350 in 2006 for mail outs.

Nominating Comm.---Diane Hughes: Nominations were taken and a 2006 President-elect was elected and that was Ashley Burris.

Publications Comm.: no report

Public Relations Comm.---Amanda Moore: We have a subcommittee meeting regularly to make plans for the ArLA booth at the Arkansas Literary Festival. We will be asking for assistance from various ArLA members over the next few months. You have been forewarned!

Scholarship Comm.---Kaye Talley: Introduced Regina Cortez, the 2005 scholarship recipient.

Arkansas Libraries Managing Editor---Necia Parker-Gibson: Enjoyed working on the journal, reminded everyone of the next deadline which is January 15, 2006.

Webmaster---Ron Russ: Added handouts from the conference to the 2005 Annual Conference page. Created a backup CD in preparation for Hurricane Rita. Made modifications to ArLA Jobline as needed. Modified calendar entries to reflect the new location for Dec. 2 Executive Board Meeting and the 2006 Annual Conference.

As the new year is approaching information for 2006 will need to be updated. If unit heads could fill out the ArLA Unit Template Information Form, it will help in getting our website updated in a timely manner.

Diane Hughes presented President Art Lichtenstein with a plaque and a poem.

Kareen Turner moved and Jill Heard seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 a.m. Motion passed.

After a short break, President Diane Hughes called the meeting to order at 11:35.

Those present were: Britt Ann Murphy, Mary Walker, Deb Kulczak, Necia Parker-Gibson, Karen Russ, Karen Richardson, Barbie James, Jill Heard, Dominique Hallett, Ron Russ, Virginia Perschbacher, Kareen Turner, Brenda Van Dusen, Regina Cortez, Kaye Talley, Ellen Johnson, Laura Downing, Linda Creibaum, Donna Daniels, President Diane Hughes, Barbara Martin, Art Lichtenstein, Loretta Edwards, and Jamie Melson.

President Diane read through her list of officers and introduced all the new people and asked them to look through their contact information. She then read through a list of reminders that she handed out.

President Diane read through the Leadership Calendar and announced that there was already a change in the meeting place for the board meetings. Rather than meeting at the Thompson Library Branch of CALS, the Exec. Comm. decided to use the Laman Library for easy access for everyone involved. She then went over her dreams and goals for 2006. Her goals include education and training as Phyllis and Dwain have already addressed, improving our communications, getting the ArLA name out there to increase our visibility, library advocacy, and increase opportunities for people to join ArLA. President Diane then turned the meeting over to Barbara Martin.

Barbara encouraged everyone to get involved with the elections and legislators. Get to know your candidates now! Bettye Kerns and Phyllis Burkett added to Barbara's comments about the politicians!

After President Diane's introductory remarks, the meeting broke for a working lunch and information exchange between the outgoing and incoming chairpersons.