

**Arkansas Library Association Board Meeting  
Aug. 5, 2005**

Those present were: Art Lichtenstein, President; Loretta Edwards, Past President; Jamie Melson, Secretary/Treasurer; Brenda Van Dusen, ALPS Vice-Chair; Karen Richardson, Membership Comm. Chair; Barbie James, Constitution Comm. Chair; Barbara Martin, Exec. Administrator; Dave Burdick, Legislative Comm. Chair; Diana Lott; Donna Daniels, College & Univ. Div. Chair; Ellen Johnson, SELA Councilor; Necia Parker-Gibson, Ark. Libraries Managing Ed.; and Mary Walker, Resource & Tech. Serv. Div. Chair.

President Art Lichtenstein opened the meeting at 10:03 in the UAMS Access Grid room with UA Fayetteville joining us "online" for this historic meeting. Once a quorum was met, motion was made by Donna Daniels, seconded by Mary Walker to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

Reports:

**President's Report:** Art presented a book that was sent to him from a foundation group offering the book to high school and public libraries on Winston Churchill. Barbara Martin will have the contact info. if anyone wants a copy.

Art read Marilyn Schulte's resignation as ALA Councilor effective Dec. 31, 2005. The Executive Comm. is recommending that we solicit possible candidates. ALA governs the terms of ALA Councilor and we need to contact them as to what they want us to do. We may be able to appoint someone to fill out the rest of Marilyn's term which goes through 2006 but the Council will have to vote on it and approve it. Art will follow through with a phone call to ALA. Art officially thanked Marilyn on her dedication and loyalty to the Arkansas Library Association. **ADDENDUM:** After contacting ALA, Art has appointed Ellen Johnson to fill the rest of Marilyn's term.

Art commended Barbara Martin on her work in setting up a new bank account for the association and getting all the computer records converted over from MAC to PC. In the future, for any check written for over \$5,000, it will require 2 signatures, Barbara's and one of the Executive Comm. officers.

Art brought up the budget requests. The Executive Comm. proposes that the board announce that a budget request be turned in by a deadline. Requests need to be turned in to Jamie Melson by Dec. 2 from any of the divisions, roundtables, and committees along with justification. A finance committee meeting will then be held to go over the requests at the Leadership Exchange Meeting. Decisions will be handed back to each entity making a request at the February board meeting. It was also mentioned how vitally important the Annual Reports are that are turned in at the fall conference each year. These forms can be found in your ArLA binder along with your monthly report forms. Budget requests are listed on the Annual Report forms under Suggestions for 2005/6 (goals, activities, budget).

**SELA Councilor--Ellen Johnson:** Ellen brought copies of the 2 most recent issues of The Southeastern Librarian (Spring & Summer) to pass around. The Southeastern Librarian is the official publication of SELA (the Southeastern Library Association). It is published quarterly with two newsletter-style issues that serve as a vehicle for conducting Association business, and two issues that include juried articles.

**AASL Division--Jill Heard:** Karen Richardson read the report turned in by Jill Heard. AASL held its summer conference July 31-Aug. 1 on the Arkansas Tech. Univ. Campus in Russellville, AR. We had approx. 140 registered for the conference. We had dinner on Sunday night with Dr. Robert Brown, president of ATU welcoming us to their campus. Ken Stamatis, professor at Harding University, spoke about Literacy Labs and the Library Media Specialist. His keynote ended with a time for questions and answers. The conference consisted of three break-out sessions on Monday that took place on the third floor of the Pendergraft Library and Technology Center. The conference concluded with a luncheon. Margaret Crank-Amps from the Dept. of Education spoke about legislation affecting librarians. Barbara Martin, ArLA Executive

Administrator, was a special guest at the luncheon on Monday.

**College & Universities Division--Donna Daniels:** They are working on programs for the fall conference.

**Paraprofessionals (ALPS) Division--Kareen Turner:** Brenda Van Dusen, Vice Chair, read the report sent by Kareen Turner. The Executive Board of ALPS met at 10:30 AM, on July 8, 2005, in Room 486, Mullins Library, University Libraries, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville. The Director for Public Services, Alberta Bailey, welcomed our group to Fayetteville. We have submitted an additional order of 21 shirts from conference because of an error in registration and by popular demand. We discussed our Info-bits session, to be finalized at our September meeting. Our proposed by-laws are now on our website, thanks to Loretta Edwards. The enlarged regional map will also be online 30 days prior to our business meeting at ArLA's Fall conference, and both will be voted upon at that time. We adjourned and started our conference committee meeting for the Spring 2006 Conference to be held at the Holiday Inn Select, Little Rock, May 17-19, 2006 (Wed.-Fri.). Our theme will be "Cruisin' with ALPS: Don't Miss the Boat!" for the ALPS 2006 Spring Conference. Food and speaker suggestions were also discussed. Our next meeting will be held at the Saline County Library, at 10:30 AM in Benton.

**Public Libraries Division--Phyllis Burkett:** no report.

**Reference Services Division--Laura Downing:** no report.

**Resource & Technical Services Division--Mary Walker:** The R&T Services Division has asked Amigos to present a program at the fall conference about Marc holdings and Kay Vincent has agreed to do so.

**Special Libraries Division--Betsey Martin:** no report.

**Trustees Division--Donna McDonald:** no report.

**Information Technology Roundtable--Lynn Calhoun:** no report.

**Children's Services Roundtable--Ruth Hyatt:** no report.

**Two-Year Colleges Roundtable--Jerrie Townsend:** no report.

**Government Documents Roundtable--** : no report.

**New Members Roundtable--** : no report.

**Archives Committee--Bob Razer:** ArLA materials were picked up from the former ArLA office of Jennifer Coleman and transferred to the Butler Center, CALS. Materials filling 36 archival quality record storage boxes were collected from two filing cabinets and assorted bookshelves at the former office. Material dates from the mid-1980s through 2004. These materials will join the existing collection of ArLA records already housed with the Butler Center. The Butler Center's previous ArLA collection represented approx. 12 storage boxes in quantity and includes the oldest existing records dating back to ArLA's earliest years.

Some materials collected from the former association office were determined to be needed by the new ArLA office operation and will be transferred to that office rather than being placed with the Butler Center.

**Awards Committee--Sandy Olson:** no report.

**Conference Committee--Renee LeBeau-Ford:**

- Plans for the conference are going along smoothly.
- The Conference Registration Form was finalized and is now available on ArLA's web site. We will be sending the membership a postcard alerting them to the conference and the information that is on the web page.
- Barbara and Renee have met with the Clinton Foundation and finalized plans, menus and costs. Ebsco is sponsoring the rental of the event at \$2,550.00. The Bill Clinton State Project of CALS is sponsoring the touring fees of \$900.00, and Baker and Tayler is

sponsoring "one free drink" from our cash bar. The reception is Monday evening from 6-10pm. Anyone touring the library will need to do so between 6 and 8pm. The details of a possible tour of the closed archives is still being worked on. Shuttle service will be provided from the DoubleTree to the Clinton Library.

- Our two lunch speakers our Warrick Sabin of the Arkansas Times and David and Terry Luneau of Ivory-Billed Woodpecker fame.
- We are still looking for more sessions and more exhibitors.
- Amigos and CSA have agreed to sponsor the Monday and Tuesday breakfasts.
- Sunday afternoon we will host a Technology Exp allowing vendors to demonstrate and discuss their various online products. So far the following vendors have confirmed— Scholastic, CSA, Gale, Book Systems, RefWorks, FirstSearch/Amigo, and Bowker. We anticipate several more.
- The New Members Reception (honoring/announcing new members) we immediate follow the Awards Banquet on Sunday evening. Everyone will be invited for delicious desserts.
- Please check the web page of new and updated information about the conference.

**Constitution Committee--Barbie James:** no report.

**Executive Committee--Art Lichtenstein:** already given.

**Finance Committee--Jamie Melson:** deferred to Barbara Martin. Barbara reported that she has received \$26,131 in membership dues. This is \$3,000 more compared to this time last year.

**Intellectual Freedom Committee--Kevin Barron:** no report.

**Legislative Committee--Dave Burdick:** There has been no word on any special session which would affect Libraries, and we will continue to monitor this. The good news is that revenue continues to come into the State coffer at a record setting pace.

On the national level, ALA has been working very hard to get acceptable language in the reauthorization of the USA PATRIOT and Terrorism Prevention Reauthorization Act of 2005. Illinois Senator Richard Durbin said the following about ALA's activity:

"One of the most unlikely groups became so important in this debate--the American Library Association. I cannot recall a time in recent memory when this organization showed such leadership. Time and again, they came forward to tell us that they wanted to protect the privacy of their patrons at libraries across America who might come in and take out a magazine or book, and they certainly didn't want to do that with the knowledge that the Government could sweep up all of the library records and sift through them to see if anybody had checked out a suspicious book. They sent us petitions gathered from libraries across the Nation, and I think they really did good work on behalf of our Constitution and our rights and liberties guaranteed under the Bill of Rights. "I wish to dedicate any success we have with this revision of the PATRIOT Act to the American Library Association and all those who stood with them in asking that we make meaningful changes to the act without eliminating the important provisions that continue to make America safe." (Congressional Record, July 29, 2005, S 9561)

Despite a very tight budget environment, LSTA funding will probably be up nearly \$6 million in the new budget. The full Appropriations Committee approved an overall funding level of \$290,129,000 for the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). Within this total, the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) would receive \$211,825,000, an increase of \$5,874,000 over last year, but \$9,500,000 below President Bush's budget request.

Members are encouraged to visit the ALA website, and click on Issues and Advocacy to learn more about the issues facing Libraries on the national level.

**Membership Committee--Karen Richardson:** We currently have 446 members (124 additions since April); 56 new members (not members in 2004); and there are 2,220 names in the database that need to be weeded through. The committee recommends sending a bright-colored postcard as a reminder to renew before conference. She brought an example of what should be printed on the postcard.

**Nominating Committee--Diane Hughes:** We have a nominee for the 2006 President-Elect position. Ashley Burris, Director of the Lawrence County Library in Walnut Ridge, has agreed to have her name placed on the ballot at our annual meeting. If anyone else from the Public Library Division is interested in running for this office, please let me know as soon as possible. Three other committee chair positions to be filled are Managing Editor of the Arkansas Libraries publication; Publications Chair; and 2006 Conference Chair. Again, anyone interested in filling these positions, please contact me as soon as possible.

**Publications Committee--** : no report.

**Public Relations Committee--Amanda Moore:** The committee is in the process of updating the PR Committee web page, and they have ArLA t-shirts left over from the Arkansas Literary Festival. They plan to give those out at conference. Amanda will check with the Conference Committee and see if they can hand out what remains at the registration table or at some other strategically placed table.

**Scholarship Committee--Kaye Talley:** There have been two inquiries about the scholarship and one application has been received. We are expecting another application any day.

**Arkansas Libraries, Managing Editor--Necia Parker-Gibson:** Next issue is at the printer. Necia has submitted 2 previous issues to Ebsco for online. The question was asked of Necia about the cost of printing each issue of the journal. Necia said that Barbara would be the one to figure out the per issue cost.

**Web-Site--Ron Russ:** We just completed the website redesign. You will notice a common theme that runs within the site. Navigation buttons have replaced traditional hyperlinks for main sections of the site. You may want to look around the site and change your bookmarks accordingly since some of the filenames might have changed. We condensed a lot of the links on the main page into sections. For instance, we put all of the leadership information and governance documents under governance. We put all of the division, roundtable, and committees under organization. Arkansas Libraries was moved up to the main page since it is our main publication. If you have any questions or have trouble finding things please let me know and I'll try to help as best as I can. They can e-mail me at [webmaster@arlib.org](mailto:webmaster@arlib.org).

We also upgraded our web-hosted account since it actually meant a reduction in cost. It was originally \$119.40/year, now it will be \$95.40/year. Basically we'll be saving \$24.00 a year. Some of the changes include an increase in space from 250MB to 5000MB. The amounts of data transfer increase from 8GB to 75GB. We now also have an unlimited amount of FTP and e-mail accounts. Hopefully, we won't run out of room anytime soon.

Karen Richardson commented on the new look of the webpage and that it was user friendly and very nice looking.

**Unfinished Business:** Art brought up the concern that Phylliss Burkett brought up at the last meeting about budgets & leftover monies. Chapt. 4 #5 of the ArLA by-laws states the funding issue. The Treasurer's report used to show how funding is implemented. It has been realized, too, that the funds that divisions, roundtables, and/or committees raise each year have been placed in the general account each year instead of carrying over in each entity's account. Art commended Phyllis for bringing this concern to the board's attention and measures will be taken to correct the situation.

**New Business:**

none

Motion to adjourn was made by Loretta Edwards, seconded by Donna Daniels. Meeting was adjourned at 12:00.