

Arkansas Library Association Executive Board Meeting of Friday, April 2, 2004

Minutes: Arkansas Library Association Executive Board Meeting
(Submitted by Secretary-Treasurer, Sandy Olson)

Board Members Present

President, Loretta Edwards
Vice President, Art Lichtenstein
Secretary/Treasurer, Sandy Olson
Past President, Dwain Gordon
ALA Councilor, Marilyn Schulte
SELA Representative, Ellen Johnson
Paraprofessional Division, Donette Smith
Public Libraries Division, Tracy Cline
Reference Services Division, Jan Dixon
Special Libraries Division, Betsy Martin
Trustees Division, P.J. Williams

Others Present

Jennifer Coleman, Sandra Hooper, Jamie Melson, Britt Anne Murphy, Barbie James, Dave Burdick, Ron Russ, Tracy Farmer, Necia Parker-Gibson, and Karen Richardson.

President Loretta Edwards called the meeting to order at 10:05 am. Minutes from the February 6, 2004 meeting were distributed. The SELA Representative, Ellen Johnson, made a clarification. In place of "The meeting of SELA at ALA will be cancelled" should read "SELA will not have a Leadership Conference this spring (2004) in Atlanta, because of the joint conference with the North Carolina Library Association in the fall. The next leadership conference will take place during the spring of 2005 in Atlanta." Marilyn Schulte moved that the minutes be accepted as corrected, Ellen Johnson seconded. MOTION PASSED.

SELA Representative, Ellen Johnson: The next biennial conference of the Southeastern Library Association (SELA) will be November 9-13, 2004, in Charlotte, North Carolina. Meetings and programs will be held at the Charlotte Convention Center. The Westin Charlotte Hotel, located directly across the street from the convention center, will provide housing. The theme for the conference is "A Splendid Combination!!!: North Carolina Library Association Centennial Conference and Southeastern Library Association Biennial Conference".

ALA Councilor, Marilyn Schulte: No report, other than to remind everyone to vote in the ALA elections currently taking place.

AASL Division, Peggy Walters: Barbie James reported that the conference is planned on August 8th & 9th at the Hot Springs, Clarion Hotel.

College & University Division, Renee Le Beau-Ford: We have broken tradition (our Spring Meeting) and have decided to have a summer meeting. We are hoping that

summer attendance might actually be higher. Dates and topics will be announced soon. College & Universities will be putting on a session on TILT at the Fall Conference. TILT is a canned information literacy tutorial that anyone can use, or customize and use for their library.

Paraprofessional Division, Donette Smith: The ALPS council met on March 5, 2004. We have received a grant from the State Library to help defray the cost of the speakers for our Spring Conference. The council is concerned that we have received only one response to the ALPS Scholarship's that were sent out. ALPS makes available two scholarships. One ALPS Scholarship provides the needy candidate the opportunity to go to the ARLA conference. The other scholarship provides the needy candidate with the funds to attend the ALPS Spring Conference. The council feels that we possibly may need to change the word scholarship in order to clear up the confusion between our two scholarships and the ARLA library school scholarship. It was decided to wait until the next meeting to give everyone time to think of a new name for the ALPS scholarships. There was also only one response to the ALPS officer nominations for next year so it was decided to take nominations from the floor at conference. Our next fundraiser is a cookbook. We decided on the name to be "In the Kitchen with ALPS". Recipes are being collected from paraprofessionals statewide.

Public Libraries Division, Tracy Cline: The Public Libraries Division plans to conduct training seminars in Arkansas every year. To make planning for this training easier for public library directors and staff, the Division is developing a Three-Year Training Cycle. The Division plans to hold 3 seminar sessions a year, spread throughout the state as geographically as possible. This year's seminars will be in May, September, and November. In 2005, we will hold the seminars in April, September, and November. The Division plans to charge \$20 per person for the seminars, with seminar fees paid directly to ARLA. Any seminar costs (such as food, honorarium, mileage, future postage, etc.) will come out of these seminar revenues. We believe that we can pay these costs and possibly even have some money left to leave in the account. We would like to request a way to keep track of the seminar costs and revenue in the budget. This would allow us to accumulate any revenue and possibly use it toward the costs of a "bigger, i.e. more expensive" presenter in the future. The Public Libraries Division would like to request the following budget amount: Postage for April mailing of flyers: \$25.00 (mailing to directors of all Arkansas public libraries). NO ACTION WAS TAKEN, AS POSTAGE IS A NORMAL EXPENSE OF ARLA BUSINESS.

Reference Services Division, Jan Dixon: The Reference Services Division suggested two program requests to the Conference Committee that will present specialized reference resources useful for all types of libraries across the state with internet access: "Award-winning Arkansas: GeoStor-Online Geographic Data by Shelby Johnson, State Geographic Information Coordinator" and "Government Information for Free by Sarah Santos, Head of Government Documents of UA Libraries." We provided information for the creation of a web page for the division, by ArLA's Webmaster. Over the last several months, contacted various academic, public, and government libraries around the state for their participation in a survey to update the *Guide to U.S. Map Resources*. As a project of

the ALA Map and Geography Round Table, the guide will be useful for reference services to identify these specialized resources of libraries in Arkansas among others throughout the country. Also, presently writing an article for *Arkansas Libraries* about Arkansas map and GIS resources, to help with map-related inquiries about our state.

Resources & Technical Services Division, Mary Walker: No report.

Special Libraries Division, Betsy Martin: No report.

Trustees Division, P.J. Williams: Working on having a Trustee Training session along with the Public Library Division training seminars. Working on an updated Trustee list and an ARLA Conference program.

Information Technology Roundtable, Tracy Farmer: No report.

Children's Services Roundtable, Randi Eskridge: No report.

Two Year Colleges Roundtable, Deborah Bailey: No report.

Government Documents Roundtable, Mary Brewer: No report.

New Members Roundtable, Diana Lott: We have added 14 new members since the February meeting.

Awards Committee, Jamie Melson: The committee contacted Necia Parker-Gibson to get the nominations article in the journal. Ron Russ has it on the ArLA website also, as well as past award winners. Have received one nomination already, the deadline for nominations is August 15th.

Conference Committee, Frances Morgan: The conference committee is ahead and will be on track. We have a theme, logo, and received speaker forms. The next meeting is April 22nd. The theme is "Building Libraries, Building Communities".

Constitution Committee, Barbie James: No report.

Intellectual Freedom Committee, Kevin Barron: No report.

Legislative Committee, Dave Burdick: H.R.107 Digital Consumers' Rights Act of 2003, S. 1621 The Consumers, Schools and Libraries Digital Rights Management Awareness Act of 2003 introduced Sept 17, 2003 by Sen. Brownback (R-KS)

About this legislation: S. 1621 proposes rules for governing the use of access and redistribution control technologies in digital products like DVDs and CDs. S. 1621 prohibits Congress from mandating manufacturers to incorporate digital management technologies into their digital media products. S. 1621 establishes an advisory panel that would include a wide representation of interested parties to assess the impact of these technologies on libraries, consumers and educational institutions.

On March 4, 2004, in a 5-1 vote, the Federal Election Commission (FEC) proposed new rules on the definition of “political committees” and “expenditures” that are regulated by the Commission. This is no ordinary rulemaking. If adopted as proposed, the proposed rules would transform overnight many nonprofit groups (including charities, civic organizations, religious groups, labor unions, and fraternal organizations) into federally regulated political committees. The potential chilling effect on free speech cannot be overstated: the proposed rules would have a devastating impact on the issue advocacy activities of nonprofit organizations. The current, tightly drawn FEC definition of regulated and restricted “political speech” would suddenly be expanded to include all speech about anyone who is a candidate for federal office at the relevant moment. Nonprofits who engage in issue advocacy could be faced with draconian restrictions on how they raise and spend money – for merely expressing an opinion about a federal officeholder’s policies or views. Many nonprofits would be forced to choose between either ceasing normal operations or facing crippling restrictions on fund raising. The proposed rules would convert many nonprofit groups into federally regulated political committees.

Membership Committee, Karen Richardson: As of April 12, 2004 220 members have not paid that paid in 2003. 368 members have paid. 37 new members have joined. 25 Institutions have paid. I will get an updated list of non-renewals from Coleman Management. I will contact committee members and ask them to write letters to their respective divisions reminding non-renewals to send in their renewals. Letters will be sent to Coleman Management for mailing.

Nominating Committee, Art Lichtenstein: I have a nominee for Secretary/Treasurer and one for President elect.

Publications Committee, Ron Russ: I have been investigating archive options for ArLA documents and publications. So far it seems like we have no official archive. We’re looking into what other similar organizations are doing on this topic. Compiled a list of possible advertisers for Arkansas Libraries (with Amanda Moore of the PR Committee) and am planning to send letters shortly. Joni Stine has created the website for the 2004 Annual Conference. All web related conference information should go to her. We are continuing to add unit pages to the ArLA website. New unit pages are as follows: Legislative Committee, Conference Committee, New Members Roundtable, and Information Technology Roundtable. Keep those forms coming! President Edwards asked if we should appoint an ad-hoc committee to investigate archives. Ron agreed that should be done with recommendations being presented to the board in June.

PR Committee, Amanda Moore: Will distribute membership brochures at the Literacy Festival.

Scholarship Committee, Carolyn Ashcraft: The committee is scheduled to meet on Wednesday April 7th at 10am at Laman Library in North Little Rock. We will review the guidelines and work on a project to raise additional funds. A report will be given at the

June meeting. Information on the scholarship needs to be included in the next issue of the journal. Carolyn will contact the editor about this.

Arkansas Libraries, Necia Parker-Gibson: The next issue is in progress. I am currently soliciting manuscripts.

New Business: Corrections to the manual were passed to all board members present. Dwain Gordon asked that if we are considering having SELA come for a joint conference there are financial ramifications to be aware of. Discussion of the pros and cons ensued.

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 am.

The next meeting will be held April 2nd at CALS in the East Room.