

Arkansas Library Association Executive Board Meeting of Friday, December 10, 2004.

Minutes: Arkansas Library Association Executive Board Meeting/Leadership Exchange

(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
College & University Division, Renee LeBeau-Ford
Paraprofessional Division, Donette Smith
Public Libraries Division, Tracy Cline
Reference Services Division, Jan Dixon
Roundtable Representative, Deborah Bailey

Others Present

Phyllis Burkett, Karen Richardson, Connie Zimmer, Ron Russ, Tracy Farmer, Deborah Bailey, Jerrie Townsend, Laura Downing, Dominique Mallett, Polly Orr, Diane Hughes, Barbie James, Lynn Calhoun, Jamie Melson, Kareen Turner, Kaye Talley, Donna Daniels, Bob Razer, Jana Dixon, Frances Morgan, Britt Anne Murphy, Ted Campbell, and Maggie Milligan.

President Loretta Edwards called the meeting to order at 10:06 am. Loretta thanked everyone who sent cards and emails during the recent loss of her sister.

The financial report was presented. Maggie Milligan of Coleman Management reported that this was not a final year end report.

Corrections were made to the October 17th Board meeting minutes. The day of the meeting was Sunday instead of Saturday as stated on the minutes. Under the Legislative Committee: “many small Public Libraries have reduced hours, and a few have *shot* their doors” was changed to “many small Public Libraries have reduced hours, and a few have *shut* their doors”. Under Awards Committee: “come *November’s* meeting” was changed to “come *December’s* meeting”.

Art Lichtenstein moved that the minutes be accepted as corrected. Renee LeBeau-Ford seconded. MOTION PASSED

President Edwards introduced Diane Hughes as the incoming Vice President/President Elect. She gave a new gavel to Art Lichtenstein as incoming President.

SELA Representative, Ellen Johnson: In November I represented our association at a joint conference of the North Carolina Library Association and the Southeastern Library Association (SELA). As most of you know, the Southeastern Library Association is our

regional library association, and we meet every other year with one of the twelve member states. This conference had a particular air of celebration because, in addition to being a joint conference, the conference celebrated the 100th anniversary of the North Carolina Library Association. There were numerous good sessions, speakers, activities, as well as the exhibits. We met in the Charlotte, NC Convention Center and the Westin Charlotte Hotel. [Among the speakers was Carol Brey-Casiano, president of the American Library Association (who also spoke at the recent ArLA state conference held in Ft. Smith). The president of the Canadian Library Association was another speaker, as was the director of the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services.] For those of you who remember Charles Beard, there was a get-together one night to honor Charles's legacy and to share stories and memories of him. The next biennial conference will be held with the Tennessee Library Association on April 5-7, 2006 in Memphis. Hopefully that will be a good opportunity for members of our association to attend. On alternate years, when there is no biennial conference, SELA has a Leadership Conference. The conference for 2005 will be May 12-13, 2005, in Decatur, Georgia. Dwain Gordon gave information about membership in SELA and has membership forms available.

ALA Councilor, Marilyn Schulte: No report.

AASL Division, Jana Dixon: At the AASL meeting during the ArLA conference, Connie Zimmer from Arkansas Tech University was voted in as President Elect and will serve as conference chair for the 2005 Summer Conference. The tentative dates of this conference have been set for July 31-August 1, 2005 at Arkansas Tech University in Russellville. Further information will be provided as it becomes available. Records of the 2004 conference were forwarded to Connie Zimmer by Jil' Lana Heard and Jana Dixon. The ArLA Divisions Expense Report shows no record of the hotel expenses of the 2004 conference. This should be investigated. Any remaining balance in the AASL Division funds needs to be made available for Connie Zimmer to use during the planning process of the 2005 conference. The process of affiliation with the national AASL organization is being pursued with Diane Hughes helping with the paperwork. A booth will be provided at the AAIM Spring Conference in Little Rock to promote membership and the AASL Summer Conference.

College and University Division, Renee LeBeau-Ford: Donna Daniels of the University of Arkansas Fayetteville will be the incoming chair. Ron Russ is secretary. Topics for the next conference were discussed at the business meeting.

ALPS Division, Donette Smith: At the ALPS Council Meeting of November 5th, 2004, we took a look at committees. In addition to the Nominating, Benevolence and Conference committees, it was proposed and adopted that we add a Membership committee. The responsibility of this committee would be to contact newly hired paraprofessionals in Arkansas libraries and let them know about ALPS. It was also decided that the past-chair would be the chair of this committee as well as the nominating, benevolence and conference committees. The floor was again opened for the continued discussion of the requirements for the position of Historian. It was decided that this person be an appointment and not a voting member of the council. This position

would be responsible primarily for taking pictures at special events such as leadership exchange (January), ALPS Conference (May), ArLA Conference (fall), and at Info-Bits. I then appointed Donna Addison-Rusher as Historian. We had a very successful Info-Bits session November 12th on Disaster Preparedness and we will continue to discuss the duties of the members-at-large and the adoption of a new area map in the future.

Public Libraries Division, Tracy Cline: Our goals for 2005 are to further training schedule; to get a three year training cycle. We accomplished reinstating training seminars. New officers are Phyllis Burkett for Chair, Lisa Johnson for Vice Chair and Kathy Buchanan as Secretary.

Reference Services Division, Jan Dixon: The four conference programs sponsored by the Reference Services Division at the 2004 annual conference were all very well received – excellent attendance and great discussions. Shelby Johnson, State Geographic Information Coordinator from the Arkansas Geographic Information Office who presented Award-Winning Arkansas: GeoStor – Online Geographic Data, was a big hit and was quick to volunteer to come again for next year's conference. At our Division's business meeting including Laura Downing the incoming chair, we discussed various reference-related topics for next year's conference that would once again appeal to librarians across the types of libraries. Next year we need to make sure that our programs which are scheduled sequentially, be held in the same room. I extend my gratitude to my colleagues from the University of Arkansas Libraries for their assistance in the quick location changes of the computer, projector and other equipment from one room to another. We now welcome Laura Downing, Reference Librarian and Coordinator of Reference Services at Dean B. Ellis Library at Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, as our 2005 Chair of the Reference Services Division.

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

Special Libraries Division, Betsy Martin: No report.

Trustees Division, P.J. Williams: No report.

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: No report.

Awards Committee, Jamie Melson: The awards banquet was held on Sunday night, October 17th, 2004. Only four awards were handed out this year due to a lack of participation. I highly encourage everyone to look around your library next year for a

deserving award nominee. Corrections to the past award winners list were made on the website and published in the journal.

Conference Committee, Frances Morgan: Frances thanked Peggy Morrison for her fantastic handling of the Technology for the conference. A few problems were experienced with the Double Tree Hotel and I would like the association office to negotiate with them.

Discussion ensued about problems and corrections that need to be made.

We would like to get Library Directors to realize that great training takes place at the conference and that they should send more people.

Loretta thanked Frances and the conference committee for all their hard work.

Constitution Committee, Barbie James: No report.

Intellectual Freedom Committee, Kevin Barron: No report.

Legislative Committee, Dave Burdick: No report.

Membership Committee, Karen Richardson: Increased membership, especially among school librarians. Membership as of October 2004 is 541. I continued to increase organizations membership, sent letter during summer reminding members who had not paid their dues.

Nominating Committee, Art Lichtenstein: No report.

Publications Committee, Ron Russ: The Winter edition of Arkansas Libraries has been mailed out. It should be in the members' hands by the time of our meeting. The deadline for manuscripts and columns for the Spring issue is January 15, 2005. A number of pages on the ArLA Website have been updated. They include the Calendar of Events page, 2004 Awards page (current and past award winners have been combined on one page), ArLA Jobline, Arkansas Libraries, and photos from the conference are now on the 2004 Conference page.

PR Committee, Amanda Moore: No report.

Scholarship Committee, Carolyn Ashcraft: No report.

Arkansas Libraries, Necia Parker-Gibson: No report.

President Edwards thanked Necia for all her hard work and complimented her on how nice the journal looked. She encouraged all the incoming chairs to get updated information to Ron Russ for the website, noting that it makes it better for all our members when up to date information is available.

Dwain Gordon announced that parking may not be free in the future and suggested that Art Lichtenstein try to make arrangements.

Art Lichtenstein presented a plaque to Loretta Edwards for outstanding service.

Loretta thanked the board and the meeting adjourned at 11:15 am.

The next meeting will be held at the conclusion of this meeting.