

Arkansas Library Association Executive Board Meeting of Sunday, 9-28-03.

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

Board Members Present

President, Dwain Gordon
Vice President, Loretta Edwards
Secretary/Treasurer, Sandy Olson
Past President, Barbie James
SELA Representative, Ellen Johnson
Paraprofessional Division, Sandra Hooper
Public Libraries Division, Phyllis Burkett
Reference Services Division, Don Batson
Special Libraries Division, Betsey Martin

Others Present

Jennifer Coleman, Ron Russ, Bettye Kerns, P.J. Williams, Kevin Barron, Frances Hager, Karen Richardson, Carolyn Ashcraft, Sylvia Chudy, Quanta Wyatt, Ann Ayers, Sarah Santos, Diane Hughes, Karen Russ, and Art Lichtenstein.

President Dwain Gordon called the meeting to order at 10:15 am.
Minutes of the August 1st Board Meeting were presented. Barbie James moved that the minutes be accepted, Diane Hughes seconded.

MOTION PASSED

Program changes for conference were announced.
Dwain announced that Frances Morgan had an accident and her program would be taken over by Bob Razer.

Ellen Johnson, SELA Report: Work on the next issue of *The Southeastern Librarian* is in progress according to the editor, Frank Allen. Although this will be a journal issue (thus mainly devoted to refereed articles), there will also be some space reserved for news from the states. As requested, news from Arkansas has been submitted.

ALA Councilor, Marilyn Schulte (absent but sent report): The council Listserv has been extremely active this past summer. Since the overturn of CIPA in June, there has been a great deal of discussion on the Council Listserv on several aspects: primarily, how ALA will handle filtering – should they be monitoring filtering products; and secondly, is there a conflict of interest in the case. What was learned after the decision is that Jenner and Block (ALA's attorneys), also has a client who owns a software filtering company. Keith Michael Fiels, Executive Director of ALA, is looking into this.

On September 25, President Bush signed H.R. 13, the Museum and Library Services Act of 2003 into law. The legislation sets the authorization level for library programs at \$232 million. If funding is achieved at that level, the new

formula distribution would take place and the base amount given to each state would double. Since the formula was first set in 1971, this change would help small states, while holding harmless to large states. The legislation reauthorizes the Museum and Library Services Act until 2009.

Appropriators from House and Senate to be working on the remaining appropriations bills during the month of October. The appropriations bills for FY2004 for Labor, Health and Human Services and Education contain the funding for library programs under the Institute for Museum and Library Services. The bill numbers are H.R. 2660 for the House bill and S. 1356 for the Senate. APA is moving forward – a selection committee chaired by Past President Mitch Freedman will review applications for the position of first Director of the ALA Allied Professional Association.

The report of the ALA Survey of Librarian Salaries 2003 was released in early September and is available for purchase from ALA Order Fulfillment. Published first in 1982 and annually since 1988 the report summarizes data on salaries paid to librarians in a sample of academic and public libraries that have at least two MLS professionals. An article giving more details appears in the September issue of *American Libraries*.

Finance Report, Jennifer Coleman: Discussion on scholarship funds and our investment that may need to be reassessed. Dwain stated as an association we have tried to be benevolent with scholarship funds. The last couple of years the scholarships were paid by regular association funds. The income from the scholarship funds has not been enough to carry the scholarships. There may need to be further fundraisers to build up the funds. Jennifer reported that \$10,000 has been moved to operating funds from the regular money market (\$1,322 + \$6,436) and scholarship (\$2,242). An error of \$870 in income was earlier reported as ALPS income and should have gone to AASL as income. The earlier report of AASL income was \$4,255 and should have been \$5,125. This has been corrected.

AASL Division, Diane Hughes: The AASL Summer Conference was held on August 3rd and 4th at the Velda Rose Hotel & Spa in Hot Springs. Chair-elect Peggy Walters and her conference committee did a great job with all the arrangements.

77 people attended Sunday night, where Nancy Polette was the featured speaker. There was also a showing of the Reel Librarian held Sunday night, which was enjoyed. On Monday we had 88 in attendance plus 17 vendors. There were 11 sessions presented by 15 people. Senator Shane Broadway was the featured luncheon speaker. Special guests included ArLA President, Dwain Gordon, Sally Hawkes from the Arkansas State Library and Margaret Amps from the Arkansas Department of Education.

New officers for the next year were nominated and will be voted on at the Monday afternoon annual business meeting. Jil'Lana Heard, from Lake Hamilton Middle School, has been nominated as Chair-elect and Jana Dixon, from Cutter Morning Star High School, has been nominated as Secretary-Treasurer.

We are anticipating good sessions and good attendance at this years' ArLA Conference.

College and University Division, Carol Macheak: No report.

ALPS Division, Sandra Hooper: The Paraprofessional Division met Friday, September 5, 2003 at Torreyson Library at UCA. We did not have a quorum present so we could not have an official meeting. We did use this time to discuss plans for this conference and for our Paraprofessional Conference to be held May 17th – 19th at the Best Western Inn of the Ozarks in Eureka Springs.

Public Libraries Division, Phyllis Burkett: We established dates for workshops in the future. Still need to determine locations for workshops. Workshops are needed on Customer Service & Reference. Also marked Trustee Education as important. Would like to work with ALPS on programming.

Reference Services Division, Don Batson: No formal report but brought up concerns on tenure process for academic librarians. It was suggested that a committee be formed by the College and University Division to study the tenure trend and make recommendations.

Resources & Technical Services Division: Lynnette Jack: No report.

Special Libraries Division, Betsey Martin: No report.

Trustees Division, no representative: No report.

Information & Technology Roundtable, Tracy Farmer: No report.

Children's Services Roundtable, Ann Ayres: Karen Wanamaker will present two sessions at the annual conference. New officers will be elected this afternoon. We appreciate Diane Hughes for presenting information when needed to the Executive Board. Also, Children's Services Roundtable appreciates the Conference Committee's supporting our speaker for the conference.

Two Year College Roundtable, Joni Stine: The TYCRT is presenting a basket – "The Gourmet Librarian" for the silent auction to be held in Fort Smith. Officers for the TYCRT for 2004 will be as follows: Deborah Bailey, ASUMH, Chair; Rebecca McClain, UACCH, Vice-Chair; Allison Malone, SAU-TECH, Secretary. Joni Stine has taken over the maintenance of the TYCRT portion of the web site. Four TYCRT members – Marilyn Archer, Virginia Perschbacher, Jerrie Townsend, and Debbie Bailey, will be presenting at the ArLA annual conference in Fort Smith.

Government Documents, Sarah Santos: No report.

New members, Barbie James: I have written letters of welcome to 58 new members this year. I will be writing more after conference. I will host a session at conference for new members.

Awards Committee, Frances Hager: The award winners have been chosen and will be announced at the banquet. The Suzanne Spurrier award needs to be added to the manual.

Conference Committee, P.J. Williams and Quanta Wyatt: Current numbers for the 2003 Arkansas Library Association Conference: 237 registered; 41 vendors (44 booths); 5 sponsors whom we wish to thank: Amigos Library Services; Davidson Titles, Inc.; Fort Smith Public Library; S & W Distributors, Inc.; and World Book School/Library Divisions. The Conference Committee hopes that all attendees enjoy the conference.

The Committee chairs wish to thank the members of the committee for all of their hard work and efforts above and beyond the call: Dave Burdick, Martha Coleman, Dwain Gordon, Troy Helm, Diane Hughes, Donna McDonald, Karen Richardson, Sandra Hooper, Ron Russ, Kristine Shrauger, Dennis Van Arsdale, Eva White, and Patty Zabel. Thanks are not enough for the Arkansas Library Association staff. Jennifer Coleman, Kristi Pontius, and Maggie Milligan. Many thanks to Karen Russ, previous Conference Chair, for her guidance.

Constitution Committee, Carolyn Ashcraft: Reminds everyone to vote.

Education Committee, Kay Bland: No report.

Executive Committee, Dwain Gordon: The new publicity campaign from ALA is Skate into your library.

Intellectual Freedom Committee, Kevin Barron: Looking forward to the conference sessions.

Legislative Committee, Bettye Kerns: We are working with School Library Media Specialists to address the State Department adequacy study, which does not mandate Library Media Specialists in elementary schools. We will be sending letters to the co-chairs of the Legislative Joint Committee on Educational Adequacy and the Board of the Arkansas State Department of Education. Asked permission to draft the letter to the Dept of Education and would like ArLA to support the letter. Barbie James moved to approve drafting the letter, Ellen Johnson seconded. MOTION PASSED.

The letter will be sent to the Executive Committee for final approval.

Membership Committee, Sylvia Chudy: Currently regular memberships are 522 and Institutional memberships are at 29. Last years numbers at this time were regular memberships 473 and Institutional memberships 27.

Nominations Committee, Loretta Edwards: Committee chairs for 2004 have been selected: Awards, Jamie Melson; Conference, Frances Morgan; Constitution, Barbie James; Intellectual Freedom, Kevin Barron; Legislative, Dave Burdick; Membership, Karen Richardson; Publications, Ron Russ; Public Relations, Amanda Moore; Scholarship, Carolyn Ashcraft.

Balloting for 2004 President elect and ALA Councilor is being conducted 10:00 to 5:00 on Sept. 28th and Sept. 29th. Results will be announced at the business meeting on Sept. 29th.

Publications committee, Ron Russ: The committee would like to recommend Necia Parker-Gibson for Managing Editor of *Arkansas Libraries* for 2004. Diane Hughes moved that the board accept the committees recommendation, Barbie James seconded. MOTION PASSED.

The committee would like to recommend a reduction in prepaid (4 issue) rates for the 2004 calendar year. The proposed rates would be: full page ad - \$400; half page ad - \$236; quarter page ad - \$175; front inside cover - \$446. Rates were reduced by a third since we are dropping two issues next year.

Barbie James moved to accept the committees recommendation, Don Batson seconded. MOTION PASSED.

A template has been added for units to add content to the ArLA website. We also added a form if people want their information added by the Webmaster (without having to assemble the Webpage themselves). We will be supplying a photographer to take pictures at the Fall Conference. Revised the Publications section of the membership brochure. Added a few items to the editorial guidelines for *Arkansas Libraries* (mainly about images).

Public Relations, Karen Richardson: I sent changes in brochure to the Association office. Ron Russ sent changes and additions regarding publications and web information. We have a booth at conference with calendars, magnets, post-its, and pins for sale with give away items also. We have two baskets to give away at the silent auction and will also have a drawing for items at the PR booth. I recommend that we consider purchasing (replenishing) some give away items – pens, pencils before next year. I will check prices and have a recommendation at the next board meeting.

Scholarship committee, Jamie Melson (presented by Sandra Hooper): Our scholarship winner is Christine Renee Mahon from Fayetteville. As fund raisers at the conference, the committee will be selling the 2004 Book Lovers Page-A-Day calendars for \$5 each as well as pre-selling books for the authors that will be speaking, Douglas Kelley and Mara Leveritt. We will also be selling tickets (\$5 each) on the Eureka Springs Weekend Getaway as well as a weekend at the West Washington Guest House Bed & Breakfast in Jonesboro along with a couple more baskets that Phyllis Burkett was kind enough to gather for us.

No unfinished or new business.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.

The next meeting will be on Friday, December 5th at 10:00 am in the CALS Youth Services Department. The Leadership Exchange will follow this meeting.