



Arkansas Library Association

**Arkansas Library Association
Board Meeting
Friday, August 17, 2018, 1:00PM
Laman Library, North Little Rock, AR**

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order-** President Covington called the meeting to order at 1:03pm.
- II. Roll Call & Minutes-** The attendance sign in sheet was circulated for this meeting. Judy Calhoun made the motion to accept the minutes as amended from the April 20, 2018 meeting and Philip Shackelford seconded it.
- III. Budget and Account Update –** Lynn Valetutti did not disclose the current balance in the checking account since she did not receive a current bank statement from Prime Management. The P& L statement was reviewed and it indicated that we are behind in comparison to last year’s numbers. Jessica Riedmueller made a motion to accept the financial records and Amy McGohan seconded them.
- IV. ALA Councilor’s Report –**Lacy highlighted the recent ALA topic; the interpretation of the Library’s Bill of Rights. It includes elements of hate speech and providing space for political meetings. It was voted to rescind the interpretation that was passed at the Annual Conference in New Orleans and will be reworked at mid-winter. Lacy coordinated a session for the ArLA Conference “The Future of the American Library Association”. The intent is to gather feedback from the chapter’s members and non-members.
- V. Committee Reports**
 - a. Awards- Judy Calhoun requested the discontinuation of the perpetual awards signs. The signs are currently stored at the Arkansas State Library and are not viewable.
 - b. Conference Committee – Daniel Fouts was asked to post the ArASL schedule to encourage the school librarians to register. There has minimal school librarian registration. Judy Calhoun voiced her concern over the conference addendum. Lynn Valetutti disclosed the bed count and current registration numbers. There are only 21 ALPS members registered for Saturday. The pasta bar event will be canceled if their numbers do not reach 50. Marketing through social media will be increased by Susie Kirk. Karen Pruneda will be asked to take pictures at the conference. There was discussion regarding the problems associated with this year’s conference.
 - c. Conference Program- Amy McGohan presented the program and discussed potential printing companies.
 - d. Tech Expo Preconference- Phillip Shackelford reviewed the cost for vendor participation and companies that they were targeting for participation. We will evaluate at end of the month to see if the event is feasible.
- VI. Old Business**
 - a. 2019 conference – It was determined that no decisions will be made on the potential Hot Springs location until after the current conference. Judy Calhoun suggested that we investigate Fort Smith as a potential site.

- b. Electronic voting- David Eckert will distribute the voting platform through Survey Monkey in two weeks. Combining divisions and committees to be in align with ALA's structure requires changing the bylaws. This task will be assigned to the Strategic Planning Committee.
- c. Strategic plan – Dean Covington made a motion to approve the Strategic Plan draft that was circulated. Judy Calhoun made a motion to approve it and Susie Kirk seconded it.

VII. New Business

- a. Logistics Task Force- Judy Calhoun was asked by Dean Covington to spearhead a task force to identify potential new management companies or self-management opportunities for the organization.

Other new business

The SELA President, Melissa Dennis from Mississippi will be attending our conference in preparation for next year's joint conference with them. She will speak for a few minutes at the conference.

- VIII. Correspondence/Announcements** – Britt Murphy needs the awards winners plus photographs and session write ups for the next journal. In conjunction with Kat Robinson's closing the conference, there will be a silent pie auction. Britt is seeking donations from local pie companies.

- IX. Public Comment**-none

- X. Adjournment** – Phillip Shackelford made a motion to end the meeting and David Eckert seconded it.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Valetutti