

**Arkansas Library Association  
Executive Board Meeting  
Laman Public Library  
June 1, 2007**

Those present were: Ashley Burris, President; Debbie Hall, Vice-President/President-Elect; Jamie Melson, Secretary/Treasurer; Diane Hughes, Past President; Barbara Martin, Executive Administrator; Regina Cortez, Trustee Div. Chair; JoAn Ingersoll, ALPS Div. Chair; Kaye Talley, Awards Comm. Chair; Kathie Buckman, College & Univ. Div. Chair; Myron Flugstad, Resource & Tech. Services Div. Chair; Sarah Ziegenbein, Gov. Documents Roundtable Chair; Barbie James, Constitution Comm. Chair; Dwain Gordon, SELA Representative; Kay Bland, Conference Comm. Chair; Ron Russ, Webmaster; Kristie Boucher, Public Libraries Div. Chair; Jim Robb, Two-Year Colleges Roundtable Chair; Leroy Gattin, Scholarship Comm. Chair; Ramona Abernathy, AASL Div. Chair; Ellen Johnson, ALA Councilor; and Erin Waller, guest.

The meeting was opened by President Ashley Burris.

A roll call sheet was passed around by the secretary/treasurer and the minutes from the previous board meeting were approved by email with a motion for amendment made by Kathie Buckman and a second by Ellen Johnson. Motion passed.

President Ashley Burris then gave her President's report. She reported that she spoke at the Paraprofessionals Conference back in May and had a great time while there. Dwain Gordon moved and Diane Hughes seconded to approve 2 free ArLA memberships to the previous ALPS Spring Conference. Motion passed.

**SELA Representative:** Dwain had no report but did introduce a guest he brought with him to the meeting, Erin Waller. She is a new state library employee as well as a new library association member. Everyone welcomed her.

**ALA Councilor:** There is a lot of activity leading up to the ALA Annual Conference to be held June 21 - 27 in Washington, D.C. I will pass around the preview issue of "Cognotes", the daily newspaper of the conference.

I know that more people than usual are going from my library, and Barbara Martin made a good suggestion about our touching base about who is going, where we'll be staying, and perhaps getting together for dinner one night. I'll post something soon on our listserv and will see what kind of response we get. I remember that Karen Russ got a group together in Philadelphia one year. We met for dinner at a restaurant with a fairly central location and had a lot of fun.

**Executive Administrator:** The financial report was handed out. Our balance is \$79,100.53 but the ALPS conference bills have not been received and paid yet. The certificates expired in May and were renewed. Two that are not scholarship money, one is at \$23,184 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> one is at \$8,625. We had 2 scholarship certificates and combined those. Interest was \$1,532 and was put into the scholarship account. It now has approx. \$1,800 in the scholarship account. A membership question was asked of Barbara and she reported that we are almost \$5,000 down in revenue from this time last year and is puzzled over those results.

**AASL Division:** no report

**ALPS Division:** We held our regularly scheduled Executive/ Conference Meeting on May 4, 2007 at the Holiday Inn where we held our ALPS Conference this year. The Conference turned out to be an even greater success than we had hoped for with a turnout of about 125 attendees. We have had wonderful feedback from attendees regarding our speakers and sessions.

The Ad Hoc Committee finished revising the By-Laws and the changes have been approved and we will vote on it at the Fall ArLa Conference in September. In addition, Kareen Turner and myself are putting together a speaker for the Fall ArLa Conference.

We held our Town Hall Meeting at the Conference on May 18, 2007. we announced our ALPS Spring Conference will be held at Mount Magazine May 12-14, 2008. It will have more of a retreat atmosphere than any we've done previously, with more roundtables.

The Nomination Committee is requesting nominations from the members of ALPS for officers for 2008. We have also changed the by-laws so that Treasurer and Secretary are 2 year positions, must have the OK of their Supervisor/Director, and must be members of ArLA.

The State Library has approved \$500.00 for ALPS toward the Spring Conference fees and \$500.00 toward the InfoBits costs in the fall, for which we are very grateful.

**College & University Division:** Kristie is working on a master list of Public Library staff whether they are ArLA members or not.

**Reference Services Division:** Ron Russ face a report as vice chair. They are sponsoring 2 sessions at the fall conference. Also considering changing the name of the division but that's a future decision by the division members.

**Resource & Technical Services Division:** Tracy Farmer has agreed to be the Division Vice-Chair. Tracy has submitted a proposal for a session at the fall conference.

**Special Libraries Division:** no report

**Trustees Division:** Regina Cortez submitted a report from the AAPL conference.

**Children's Services Roundtable:** no report

**Government Documents Roundtable:** no report

**Information Technology Roundtable:** I have completed the ArLA Technical Support Call List, which is attached. After sending surveys to 54 members, 12 messages were undeliverable and only 3 responses were sent in. If any other members would want to be included in the call list, please email or call Loretta Edwards. (see call list attached)

**New Members Roundtable:** Diane Hughes will hold a new members session at the fall conference.

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

**Archives Committee:** no report

**Awards Committee:** I sent out emails to three listservs yesterday: arklbib, arculti, and the board. Please ask everyone to spread the word about nominating people for awards.

**Conference Committee:** Diane Hughes moved to approve the proposed 2007 conference registration fees, Dwain Gordon seconded. Motion passed.

Pre-conference is limited to 25 people and the fee will be \$40 which includes lunch. Debbie Hall moved and Kristie Boucher seconded to approve the pre-conference fee at \$40 which will include lunch and software. Motion passed.

It was recommended to add another fee category for a one day rate for any possible historical association member. Discussion ensued on this topic.

A conference committee is needed to negotiate a contract with SELA for the 2010 joint conference. Dwain Gordon, Ellen Johnson, and Bettye Kerns have been appointed by Ashley to work with Barbara on this project.

**Constitution Committee:** Constitutional changes:

- 1) Initial dues for 1<sup>st</sup> time members will be \$30 for the first year.
- 2) First time members who pay \$30 dues and ArLA conference fees at the same time will have membership for the rest of the current year and the next calendar year.
- 3) Requests for changes to the names of Divisions or Roundtables submitted to the Board for approval by the affected Division or Roundtable shall not require a constitutional amendment.
- 4) Merge ArLA's Trustee Division with the Public Libraries Division, upon approval by the Public Libraries Division.

Diane Hughes moved and Kathie Buckman seconded a motion to approve the new first time member fee. Motion passed.

Barbie James read off Kay Bland's proposal for merging the Public Library Division and the Trustees Division. Diane Hughes moved and Jim Robb seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Motion passed with the contingent of approval upon the Public Libraries Division members approving it. Kristie Boucher was charged with conducting an online vote of the Public Libraries Division members.

Jim Robb moved that requests for changes to the names of Divisions or Roundtables submitted to the Board for approval by the affected Division or Roundtable shall not require a constitutional amendment. Regina Cortez seconded the motion. Motion passed.

These proposals along with the previously approved Government Document Roundtable name change will be posted on the website at least 30 days prior to the fall conference in order to notify the entire ArLA membership. Naming of the newly merged Divisions will be left up to the new Division members.

**Executive Committee:** report already given

**Finance Committee:** report already given  
**Intellectual Freedom Committee:** no report

**Legislative Committee:** In early May, a delegation headed by State Librarian Carolyn Ashcraft, along with State Library Board members Sherman Banks of Little Rock, and Donna McDonald of Charleston (who is also a Public Library Director), Sarah Ernst of Charleston, a Public Library Trustee, along with myself, visited with Senators and Representatives in Washington DC during ALA's National Legislative Day activities. We were able to visit with both Senator Pryor and Lincoln, along with Representatives Snyder and Boozman. (We missed Representative Ross by just a few minutes, and Representative Berry was in a committee meeting.)

During our visit with our political leaders and their staff, we thanked them for their continued support with higher LSTA funds, urged them to support Net Neutrality, strongly urged them to seek reforms in the e-rate filing process, and asked them for stronger support in the "Improving Literacy Through School Libraries" program. This latter program is authorized to receive \$250 million in federal funding. When the funding levels are less than \$100 million in a fiscal year, the Secretary awards competitive grants to eligible school districts. When funds are equal to or more than \$100 million, the program will be distributed as formula grants to state departments of education. The program is currently funded at a mere \$20 million, and in FY 2006, out of approximately 520 applicants only 78 grants were funded. We urged them to get the funding up to \$100 million so that Arkansas can always have a share of the money to fight the high illiteracy found throughout the state.

One special treat that we enjoyed was lunch in the Senate Dining Room with Betty Bumpers, who knows Donna McDonald and Sarah Ernst since they all are from Charleston. While awaiting our table, Senator Clinton walked in and saw all of these friendly Arkansas faces. We were delighted that she took the time to allow for a photo opportunity, and she wanted us to tell everyone back in Arkansas hello for her.

**Membership Committee:** As of June 1, 2007, we have **513** members. The newest registered user is Erin Waller.

**Nominating Committee:** Jerrie Townsend of PCCUA in Stuttgart has accepted the nomination of Vice President/President-Elect. She is from PCCUA - Phillips Community College of the University of Arkansas in Stuttgart. Jerrie readily accepted the nomination and is looking forward to increasing the involvement of two-year academic librarians in ArLA.

**Publications Committee:** no report  
**Public Relations Committee:** no report

**Scholarship Committee:** The committee is beginning to prepare for the receipt of scholarship applications. The scholarship will be promoted on the ArLA website and we plan to send out emails to libraries throughout the state.

At present we are anticipating one scholarship at \$1000 to be funded from proceeds from the designated Scholarship Fund. We will be working with the President to see if it would be possible to give another scholarship from additional funds. Debbie Hall moved

and Diane Hughes seconded to amend the scholarship statement of policy to read \$1,500 from the currently stated \$1,000.

**Arkansas Libraries:** The spring and summer issue have been combined but there is not a date on it as yet.

**Website:** Changed the tab for Arkansas Library Journal to Arkansas Libraries. Added an additional page of guidelines for the scholarship committee. Made changes to the ArLA Manual, Constitution, and Bylaws so it was in line with the print copies. Updated the Jobline as well as the Two Year Colleges Directory. Updated the AASL page to reflect new conference information. April Sheppard will be taking any updates to the webpage while Ron is on vacation. Her email address is on the ArLA home page. This is also the 10 year anniversary of the ArLA website.

Diane Hughes moved to adjourn, Jim Robb seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:40.

**Addendum:** Kristie Boucher conducted an online vote of the Public Library members concerning the merging of the Public Libraries Division and the Trustees Division. Results are that I sent out the vote request by email to 59 people within the Public Library Division. And the results are that 20 yes replies were received and 0 no's. Yes was (YES, merge the Trustees Division into the Public Library Division, with no name change).