

## Arkansas Library Association Board Meeting Minutes

August 18, 2017

Laman Library, Little Rock, AR

- I. **Call to Order** – President David Eckert called meeting to order at 1:05 pm. Due to low attendance, David conducted a head count to insure that there was a quorum of membership present.
- II. **Roll Call & Minutes** – Lynn Valetutti called roll call and asked for review of the last meeting's minutes. Judy Calhoun motioned to accept the minutes in the present format and Rebecka Virden seconded it.
- III. **Budget** – Lynn Valetutti distributed copies of the current P&L statement from July 31, 2017, which reflected \$77,047.49 cash in Regions Bank. The July 2017 Regions bank statement circulated for review during the meeting. Judy Calhoun and Lynn closed out the Scholarship CD at Bank of the Ozarks this am and deposited the \$25,812.35 into the Regions' checking account. Prime Management will open a new CD with the scholarship monies at Region's Bank. The Arkansas School Librarian Conference lost a significant amount of money due to expenses and hiring an interpreter for a hearing impaired attendee. The attendee had not pre-registered so there was no accommodations prearranged. Ron approved the budget and Carol Coffey seconded it.
- IV. **ALA Councilor Report** – Lacy Wolfe reported on attending the ALA Conference in Chicago on June 23-27, 2017 representing ArLA and organized an ArLA membership dinner at a local restaurant. ALA will be sponsoring a table at the ArLA conference. Lacy encouraged everyone to complete a conference evaluation on the conference. The ALA mid-winter meeting is February 9-13, 2018, in Denver, Colorado.
- V. **Committee Reports** – Reports were deposited Dropbox for review.
- VI. **Items of Business**
  - a. **Items of Business- VP/President elect and Past President duties** – David announced the nomination of Jil'Lana Heard as the new VP/President elect. Ms. Heard is a school librarian and a past president of AAIM. In addition, he recommended switching the responsibilities of the VP/President and Past President duties. It makes it easier on the selection process since the Past President would be more familiar with candidates within their own discipline. Ashley Burris motioned to accept the proposal and Rebecka Virden seconded it. The ARLA manual will be updated to reflect the change.
  - b. **Voting Procedures for 2017** – Dean proposed utilizing survey monkey to vote on the new the new VP/President. It would allow all members to vote not just the ArLA conference attendee members. The topic was discussed and the ArLA Bylaws referenced for current policy. Judy Calhoun motioned to accept using SurveyMonkey and Lynn

Valetutti seconded it.

- c. Electronic Voting for Division Chairs – Judy Calhoun presented the idea of utilizing electronic voting across the board for all divisions and committees. Historically, annual elections occurred at the ArLA Conference; this would allow members to vote that did not attend the conference. According to Article IX, section 5: Each Division or Round Table shall elect officers in accordance with their specific rules, subject to review by the Executive Board of the Association. All candidates and elected Division or Round Table officers and committee members must be Association members. The discussion was tabled. Kim Hillison representing ALPS announced that they are not voting for new chairs since ALPS is on a “hiatus” from ArLA. They are waiting to see if there will be money for an ALPS Conference next year. They are considering dissolving their division if there is no ALPS Conference in 2018.
- d. Committee member recruitment – Carol Coffey wanted to promote new membership activity within ARLA committees. There was discussion on forming a committee to reach out to new members and to identify ways to make it easier for people to express interest in committee involvement. It was determined that committee chairs could reach out to new members once they received copies of new registrations. Carol to contact Maureen from Prime Management to discuss implementation.
- e. SELA Report & Discussion – Crystal Gates gave an extensive report on SELA’s activities and potential joint conference in 2019. She advocated for a discussion outlining the duties of the SELA representative and having them incorporated into the Arkansas Association Bylaws. It was determined that Crystal would create an ADHOC Committee to outline duties and explore the possibility of having a conference with SELA.
- f. Conference – Rebecka Virden gave a conference update. The program were distributed and previewed. The current number for registrations is 102. We have five paid ads and \$750 from ad revenue from vendors at this time. Prime management is producing name badges from a surplus of supplies. We needed to order ribbons for the badges. Lacy Wolfe will be assisting with conference evaluations. The goal is to have \$10,000 in sponsorships. The Arkansas State Library gave \$5,000 and the UA Fayetteville \$1,000. Currently, we have 28 exhibitors registered; 42 participated last year. Wi-Fi is costing participants’ \$14.00/day. The final AV equipment list date is September 5, 2017. Rebecka needs for volunteers to help man the registration desk and monitor rooms. Lynn will be emailing ARlib to request borrowing projectors for the conference.
- g. Legislative update –Hadi Dudley had attended the meeting through telephone but due to poor reception could not give her report. Lynn Valetutti gave report that stated “The Appropriations Committee in the U.S. House Of Representatives recently passed an FY 2018 spending bill without making any cuts in federal funding for libraries. The bill includes \$231 million to fund the LMIS, including LSTA; \$27 million to fund the Department of Education’s Innovative Approaches to Literacy program. The next step in the process is for the full house to consider the bill when Congress returns to Washington after Labor Day. The Senate has not yet acted, but its committees will begin

consideration of federal library funding then as well.

h. Other business

**VII. Announcements-** Suzie Kirk from Henderson State University replaced Rebecca Harrison's for ARLA's social media.

**VIII. Adjournment** The meeting concluded at 2:50pm. Lauren Robertson made a motion to adjourn and Ron Russ seconded it.