



Arkansas Library Association

**Arkansas Library Association
Board Meeting
Friday, December 7, 2018, 1:30PM
Laman Library, North Little Rock, AR**

MINUTES

- I. **Call to Order-** Jill Lana Heard called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.
- II. **Roll Call & Minutes-** The attendance sign in sheet was circulated for this meeting. Jessica Riedmueller made the motion to accept the minutes as amended from the September 23, 2018 meeting and Philip Shackelford seconded it. In addition, a motion was made to approve the minutes as amended from the September 24, 2018 Special meeting at Embassy Suites. Philip Shackelford made the motion and Jessica Riedmueller seconded it
- III. **Budget and Account Update** – Lynn Valetutti disclosed that there was \$14,520.11 in the checking account, \$32,687.17 in the PayPal's, and \$25,000.00 in Edward Jones. The P& L statement revealed that for 2018 year ArLA lost -\$17,732.50. Part of the loss can be attributed to the Annual Conference only generating \$2,672.61 and the Hot Springs Convention Center requiring a deposit of \$3,610.00 for the 2019 Annual Conference. ArLA is in a financial crisis. The motion to approve the financial report was made by Ron Russ and seconded by Dalene Schrier.
- IV. **ALA Councilor's Report** –Lacy Wolfe was absent so Jill shared her report. Lacy reported that she notified ALA Chapter Relations office that she would be serving another three years as the Arkansas Chapter Councilor. She registered for the ALA Midwinter Conference in Seattle, WA on January 25-29, 2018. She will be coordinating an Arkansas Libraries dinner so watch for an email. She has prepared her budget and included ALA Midwinter and ALA Annual in Washington, D.C. June 20-25, 2018. Anyone attending Midwinter and would like to attend the membership meeting or a Council Session with her, please contact her.
- V. **Committee Reports**
 - School Librarians- Rachel Shankles new chair-elect. Daniel discussed proposed conference with UCA on July 9-10, 2019 and requested funding for this event. Additionally, he would like to attend HSTI to recruit new school librarians.
 - ALPS-Dalene Schrier announced that their next meeting will be on January 4, 2019 at 11:30 am at UCA. Infobits to be in May.
 - CULD- Autumn Mortenson relayed the possibility of ARKLink and CULD having a joint meeting.
 - Public Libraries& Trustees- John indicated in his report that the group met at conference and discussed organizing consortiums to foster cooperation among libraries.
 - RISD-Jessica announced that they were looking hosting a half day genealogy workshop.
 - Youth- Marilyn was just selected to the position and did not have a report.
 - Resources and Technology- Brian George did not have anything to report.
 - Digital- no report
 - Two Year Colleges- Ron shared that a mailing list was being developed to recruit new members along with a website for the group. They will have a zoom meeting in January/February.

Awards- Philip announced the new members on the committee.

Bylaws- Becky did not have anything to report.

Conference Committee- Crystal announced that the committee members were selected. In addition, she has been speaking with the SELA President. Attendance numbers were discussed.

Emerging Leaders- Rebecka announced that Philip Shackelford was selected as the Emerging Leader. The ALA Metrix was used in the selection process.

Intellectual Freedom- Shenise had an email to distribute regarding contributing feedback on pending legislature. Deadline for submission is 12/14/18.

Marketing – Philip reported that Susie recruited additional members to assist her: Philip Shackelford, Richard Theilig, and Karen Pruneda.

Membership Nominating- no report.

Scholarship- Carol is working on revising Scholarship policy for inconsistencies and clarification.

Web Services- Ron shared that the Wild Apricot renewal is forthcoming and will cost approximately \$144.00/month.

ArLA Task Force-Judy Calhoun submitted a report from the committee. It reviewed the current management company, the AMIGOS proposal, and effectiveness of an Executive Administrator over a management company. It concluded that the timeframe to identify a resolution was too short and they recommended remaining with our current management company for another year. There was discussion of this committee's charge being incorporated into the Strategic Planning Committee.

VI. Items of Business

- a. Budget for 2019 –The preliminary budget was distributed and reviewed. The following adjustments were made to the budget: the Emerging leader was increased to \$1,000 to \$2,000, Conference Awards increased from \$500.00 to \$3500.00, and Conference Expenses increased from \$500.00 to \$2,500.00 to cover any accessibility requests. The motion to approve the modified budget was made by Philip Shackelford and seconded by Jessica Riedmueller.
- b. Taxation of Libraries databases- Jessica Riedmueller shared that Gwen Dobbs requested that ArLA contact the Attorney General's Office for a ruling on the Digital Rules Code and the GR48 exception pertaining to libraries and their taxation liability. It was determined that this issue would be deferred to APPL for investigation since it is the lobbying group for libraries.
- c. Dissolution of Government Documents Roundtable – This topic (c.) along with item (d.) was tabled until the next meeting until Becky Fisher (Bylaws) could determine the proper process for making changes in accordance with ArLA's Bylaws.
- d. Special Libraries Division merging with College and University Libraries Division
- e. Planning Committee-Dean Covington recommended a Strategic Planning ADHOC Committee consisting of seven members. Their charge would be to define a mission statement, membership guidelines, and duties. It would proceed as an ADHOC and not a standing committee to constantly evolve and make the organization viable. The motion was made to authorize the Executive Committee to appoint members. Ron Russ made the first approval and Brian George seconded it.
- f. Need for Future Site Planning- Crystal Gates addressed the need for a future conference planning committee. MO Library Association contacted us on the possibility of having a joint conference in 2021. There was discussion on the possibility of inviting OK to participate in this combined conference. The group was contemplating the possibility of having the 2020 conference in Fort. Smith. Crystal will appoint a chair for the committee.

VII. Announcements –

ArLA Executive Board Meeting Dates for 2019 which are held at William F. Laman Public Library.
February 1, 2019 10:00am retreat

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| April 5, 2019 | 1:00pm |
| June 7, 2019 | 1:00pm |
| August 2, 2019 | 1:00pm |

VIII. Public Comment-

UA Fort Smith requested that their logo and name be removed from a drag queen story time event in response to public criticism. The committee decided to send a letter of support for the drag queen's right to participate. Shenise McGhee was going to craft the letter on behalf of the Executive Board. Rebecka Virden made the motion to approve the draft and Carol Coffey seconded it.

IX. Adjournment – Rebecka Virden made a motion to end the meeting at 4:00pm and Philip Shackelford seconded it.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Valetutti