



Arkansas Library Association  
Executive Board Meeting  
Friday, February 11, 2022, 9:00 AM  
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

**Executive Board in attendance (voting members denoted by \*):** \*Kathleen Ashmore, \*Carol Coffey, \*Crystal Gates, \*John McGraw, \*Janine Miller, \*Emily Rozario, \*Ron Russ, \*Philip Shackelford, President \*Rachel Shankles, \*Jennifer Wann, Secretary \*Janice Weddle

- I. **Call to Order** – President Rachel Shankles called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.
- II. **Roll Call & Minutes** – Attendance was recorded via presence on Zoom. Minutes of the 12/10/2021 Executive Board meeting were accepted as distributed.
- III. **Consent Agenda** – Consent agenda of information-only reports was distributed prior to the meeting. Crystal Gates made a motion to receive the reports on the consent agenda; seconded by Jennifer Wann. Motion carried.
- IV. **President’s Report** – President Rachel Shankles reported meeting with committees and working with the Webmaster to update contact information on the website for CI contacts and committee chairs. President Shankles led two separate orientations for the Board and CI/Committee leaders. President Shankles was approached by the Associate Press to comment on an incident in Marion County, and she put the representative from AP in touch with Shenise McGhee, John McGraw, and Adam Webb.
- V. **Financial Report** – Kathleen Ashmore delivered the financial report. ArLA has \$74,010.79 in Edward Jones and \$84,301.69 in the checking account, \$10,000 of which is scholarship money and \$13,762 of which is LEAF funding. The operating cash balance is \$60,539.69.
- VI. **ALA Councilor Report** – Crystal Gates delivered the ALA Councilor’s report. LibLearnX took place in January. ALA Annual will take place in Washington, D.C. June 23-28, 2022. Crystal will be organizing an Arkansas dinner for attendees from the state during the conference. PLA will take place in March, and Crystal would be happy to organize an Arkansas dinner during that conference if there is interest from the state’s attendees.

The Transforming ALA Governance Taskforce (TAG) is the next step from the work that began with SCOE and the Moving Forward Together groups. TAG brought three proposals to Council in January and were able to present two of the proposals during Council sessions. Council approved those two proposals in concept, namely the proposals for handling governance-related functions and the culture of ALA governance. The third proposal regarding the actual governing body for ALA, i.e., either the Executive Board or Council, was not presented or addressed during Council’s sessions. A special session has been scheduled to discuss the third proposal on March 10.

Though no formal vote took place regarding the third proposal about the future governing body of ALA, a majority opinion did emerge from conversations and polls. Crystal reported that most Council members agree that Council should remain the policy-making body of the association, that it should be smaller than it currently is, and that Council should meet more frequently, e.g., 4-6 times per year instead of the current two meetings per year.

- VII. Mail** – Janice Weddle reported correspondence from Star Chapter Association Management Software and asked if the Board was interested in exploring their services. Crystal Gates reported that they were a Wild Apricot competitor. During discussion, it was determined that they do not provide additional services that the Board is interested in at this time.
- VIII. Committee/CI Reports**
- a. Conference Committee** – Carol Coffey stated that the committee is working on the conference schedule. They will have a site visit to Fort Smith in March. They anticipate presenting the conference budget at the April meeting.
  - b. LACI** – Tammie Evans reported that the CI is interested in creating resources for Arkansas libraries based on the Libraries Transform campaign from Texas. They would like the campaign to start in September to coincide with Library Card Sign-up Month. They hope to place the resources and graphics created for the campaign on the ArLA website to be available to Arkansas libraries. President Shankles shared several of the graphics that have been created so far. Tammie stated that the CI intends to work with the State Library to ensure that statistics presented in the graphics are accurate. Allie Stevens addressed questions placed in chat that the CI had not yet worked with the Marketing Committee, that they have worked with the AAAL group, and that they were concerned about the possibility of website storage and hosting of the materials. Ron Russ stated that it would be possible to store and host the materials on the ArLA website, pending Board approval.
  - c. CULAR** – Taylor Vanlandingham reported that CULAR has experienced a change in leadership. Sonya Lockett has stepped down as Chair. Taylor is now the Chair, Jessica Riedmueller is Vice Chair, and Britt Anne Murphy is acting Secretary for the CI. Earlier in February, the CI hosted their first program of the year entitled “Can I Post This on my LMS?” about talking to faculty about copyright. They will be making a LibGuide available with resources from the program. The CI’s next meeting will be held in March.
- IX. Business Items**
- a. WMS Users’ Group CI** – A new application came before the Board to create the new WMS Users’ Group CI. Janice Weddle made a motion to approve the CI application; Philip Shackelford seconded. Motion carried.
  - b. Membership Committee Chair** – President Rachel Shankles appointed Janine Miller to replace Tonya Ryals as chair for the Membership Committee, as Tonya has moved out of state. Ron Russ made a motion to approve the appointment of Janine Miller as Membership Committee Chair; seconded by Carol Coffey. Motion carried.
  - c. Libraries Transform Campaign** – LACI’s plans for a Libraries Transform campaign in Arkansas during September 2022 were presented during the committee and CI reports. Philip Shackelford made a motion to approve the campaign plans and materials submitted by LACI; Crystal Gates seconded. Motion carried.

- X. Calendar** – President Rachel Shankles announced the following calendar items:
- a. February 16** – Lunch, Learning & Libraries: Be Mighty Little Rock
  - b. February 17** – AQuALib CI Meeting
  - c. February 25** – RISci Lunch & Learn: UX @ Your Library

The next Executive Board meeting will be April 8, 2022 via Zoom at 9:00 AM.

- XI. Announcements** –President Shankles announced that the Web Services Committee will be investigating a Zoom account for ArLA to be used by multiple users. Ron Russ announced that more information should be available at the next Board meeting.

Intellectual Freedom statement(s) are being drafted by Shenise McGhee, John McGraw, and Adam Webb at President Shankles invitation. They anticipate presenting something to the Board at their next meeting.

President Shankles announced an intention to dissolve the ad hoc committee to investigate storage options for committees and CIs, as the Records Management Committee is doing that work. Janice Weddle observed that this needed to be voted on by the Board, as the Board had previously voted to create the ad hoc committee. Ron Russ made a motion to dissolve the ad hoc committee on storage options; seconded by Philip Shackelford. Motion carried.

Philip Shackelford announced the OE-Arkansas Conference will take place March 11. This event, co-hosted by UA and SouthArk, is intended for anyone interested in the use of Open Educational Resources.

Kathleen Ashmore announced that she is still seeking members for the Budget & Finance Committee. Anyone interested in serving on the committee or recommending members is encouraged to contact Kathleen.

- XII. Public Comments** – No public comments were made.

- XIII. Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 9:35 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Weddle