



**Arkansas Library Association
Executive Board Meeting
Friday, May 14, 2021, 9:00 AM
Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

Executive Board in attendance: Kathleen Ashmore (non-voting), Carol Coffey, Crystal Gates, Nithin Lakshmana, Ron Russ, President Philip Shackelford, Rachel Shankles, Lynn Valetutti, Jennifer Wann, Secretary Janice Weddle

- I. **Call to Order** – President Philip Shackelford called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM.
- II. **Roll Call & Minutes** – Attendance was recorded via presence on Zoom. Minutes of the 04/09/2021 meeting were distributed prior to the meeting. Minutes approved as corrected.
- III. **Consent Agenda** – Consent agenda of information-only reports distributed prior to the meeting. Jennifer Wann made a motion to receive the reports on the consent agenda; seconded by Rachel Shankles. Motion carried.
- IV. **Financial Report** – Lynn Valetutti delivered the financial report. ArLA has \$40,682.40 in Edward Jones and \$98,185.57 in the checking account, \$39,651 of which is scholarship money and \$12,165 of which is LEAF funding. The operating cash balance is \$46,369.57.
- V. **Committee Reports**

Conference – Rachel Shankles reported that the committee has met twice since the last Board meeting. The committee has received 30 excellent proposals for conference sessions. The committee is seeking additional sessions for public libraries and from CIs. The committee is also seeking additional sponsors and a potential session about smart devices and surveillance technology, similar to a session held at ALA Midwinter this year. Registration information for the conference has been sent out.
- VI. **Business Items**
 - a. **Awards Trophies** – The Awards Committee submitted a request for Board approval of a budget for trophies to be presented to award recipients during the 2021 ArLA Annual Conference. It was noted that the total amount requested was less than the amount already approved for that purpose within the Conference budget. No vote required.
 - b. **Scholarship Funds Transfer** – Lynn Valetutti made a motion that \$19,651 of the designated scholarship money be transferred from the checking account to the Edward Jones account, leaving \$20,000 of funds designated as scholarship money within the checking account. Rachel Shankles seconded. It was observed that ArLA’s financial stability and overall balance has improved and now allows for separation of a portion of the scholarship funds from the operating funds. Motion carried.

- c. **In Memoriam** – Lynn Valetutti made a motion for the Board to sign the online guestbook provided by Roller Funeral Homes in memory of Devona Pendergrass, Past President of ArLA; Rachel Shankles seconded. Motion carried. President Shackelford signed the guestbook on behalf of the Board.
- d. **ArLA Plaques** – President Shackelford notified the Board that Carolyn Ashcraft offered to update the engravings on ArLA’s permanent Awards plaques at her own cost to benefit the Association. It was noted that the Board will need to discuss the storage of those plaques in the future. Carol Coffey made a motion to accept Carolyn Ashcraft’s gift; seconded by Lynn Valetutti. Motion carried.

VII. Announcements – Jennifer Wann announced that the next ALL-In cohort has been scheduled to meet April 6-8, 2022 at DeGray Lake Resort State Park. The call for applications will go out soon.

President Shackelford announced that Zach McCannon will present the next Lunch & Learn webinar about “Growing a Garden Program for Your Library” on May 19.

President Shackelford announced that the RIsCi Exchange Day will be held on May 21.

The next meeting will be held June 11, 2021 via Zoom at 9:00 AM.

VIII. Public Comments – Britt Anne Murphy announced that French Hill sent a thank-you note for the Pets of ArLA calendar sent to elected representatives.

IX. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 9:26 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Weddle