



Arkansas Library Association
Executive Board Meeting
Friday, June 9, 2023, 1:00 PM
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Executive Board in attendance (voting members denoted by *): *Kathleen Ashmore, President *Carol Coffey, *Crystal Gates, *Jessica Kirk, *Simone Kirk, *JP Myrick, Ron Russ, *Jennifer Wann, Secretary *Jessica Riedmueller, *Taylor Vanlandingham, Amber Wilson

With regrets: Rachel Shankles

- I. **Call to Order** – President Carol Coffey called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM.
- II. **Roll Call & Minutes** – Attendance was recorded via presence in-person and on Zoom. Minutes of the 4/7/2023 Executive Board meeting 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 Kathleen Ashmore. Motion carried.
- IV. **President’s Report** – President Carol Coffey reported that most of her activity has been focused on the lawsuit filed on June 2, 2023, in Fayetteville challenging the constitutionality of Act 372. President Coffey has worked with Intellectual Freedom Committee chair Adam Webb, ALA Councilor Crystal Gates, and the organization Democracy Forward, speaking with several media outlets including KUAF, *Library Journal*, and local news stations.

President Coffey has also been working with the conference committee and reports that they received over seventy proposals for breakout sessions. She has also been working to fill two committee vacancies: Awards and the Social Media and Marketing CI.
- V. **Financial Report** – Kathleen Ashmore delivered the financial report. ArLA has \$102,979.39 in Edward Jones—\$86,092.39 of which is scholarship money and \$16,887 of which is LEAF funding—and \$103,157.07 in the checking account. Treasurer-Elect Ron Russ has been added to the Edward Jones account and will soon be added to the Arvest account. The Budget and Finance committee met and completed their Bylaws updates, and they continue to work on the Handbook.
- VI. **ALA Councilor Report** – Crystal Gates has been a part of phone calls and activities related to ArLA’s response to Act 372. ALA’s Freedom to Read Foundation will be named as a plaintiff in the suit, and additional plaintiffs may include national organizations for media and bookstores. She has compiled the conference preview article for the upcoming edition of the journal. She is also hosting an ArLA member dinner in Chicago on June 24, 2023.
- VII. **Committee Reports**
 - a. **Conference Committee** – EveryLibrary will offer the pre-conference session, and breakout sessions will begin on Friday afternoon.

- b. **Membership Committee** – The committee recommends adding a benefit to institutions at the 6 and 7 level to receive two copies of *Arkansas Libraries*. The committee has been working to plan conference activities to connect new members with ArLA and SELA leadership.
- c. **Bylaws and Handbook Committee** – The committee has continued to work on Bylaws and Handbooks edits and has incorporated financial edits to the current Bylaws. Jessica Riedmueller presented an overview of Bylaws changes to be put forward for the membership to vote on.

VIII. Business Items

- a. **Committee Vacancy** – President Coffey moved that Judy Calhoun fill the vacant chair position on the Awards Committee. Motion carried.
- b. **Additional *Arkansas Libraries* copies** – The Membership Committee moved that Institutions at levels 6 and 7 can receive two print copies of *Arkansas Libraries* as part of their institutional benefit. Motion carried.
- c. **Bylaws Changes** – The Bylaws & Handbook Committee moved that the Executive Board accept the Bylaws changes and forward them to the membership for approval. Motion carried.

IX. Calendar – The next Executive Board meeting will be August 11, 2023 at 9:00 AM via Zoom.

X. Announcements – No announcements.

XI. Public Comments – A question arose regarding CI meetings at the annual conference. There will be a CI Meet and Greet event on the Sunday morning of conference.

XII. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 9:42 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Riedmueller