



Arkansas Library Association
Executive Board Meeting
Friday, July 26, 2019, 1:00 PM
Laman Library, North Little Rock, AR

- I. **Call to Order** – Jil’Lana Heard called the meeting to order at 1:08pm.
- II. **Roll Call & Minutes** – The attendance sheet was circulated and copies of the minutes for the June 7, 2019 meeting were distributed. A draft of the minutes was made available in Dropbox prior to the meeting. Lynn Valetutti made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Susie Kirk and unanimously approved.
- III. **Budget** – Lynn Valetutti distributed the most recent profit/loss statement. No renewals were processed (common for this time of year). Minimal expenses were noted. John McGraw made a motion to approve the financial statement. The motion was seconded by Britt Anne Murphy and unanimously approved.

ALA Councilor’s Report - Lacy Wolfe reported that she attended the ALA Annual Conference in Washington, DC. Three dinners were held to accommodate all Arkansas library attendees. The ALA Midwinter 2020 Conference will be held in Philadelphia in January, and a few members are interested in attending.

Lacy reported that she emailed the listserv with information about big changes being proposed to the structure of ALA.

Lacy also reported that the volunteer form for ALA committees is open until September 30, 2019.

Finally, Lacy reported on changes to services that will affect libraries. Lynda.com has changed to LinkedIn Learning and presents some huge privacy issues for patrons. There have also been changes in eBook pricing that will result in fewer copies being available for patrons as well as much higher costs for libraries. Both of these situations are being monitored by ALA.

IV. **Committee Reports**

Intellectual Freedom – Shenise McGhee reported that the ALA council approved all documents submitted to update the Intellectual Freedom manual. Everything categorized in the Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights has been updated and is located on the website.

Marketing – Susie Kirk reported that she has been sharing things from the ALA side and is in the preliminary stages of graphic design for conference promotion and the list of breakout sessions to be featured in the Arkansas Libraries journal.

Emerging Leaders – Rebekah Virden reported that applications for the 2020 Emerging Leaders cohort were currently open, and that the committee sent out emails to listservs and posted on

social media. Applications are open through the end of August, and Rebekah spoke with Beatrice Calvin to make sure the ArLA information was on the applications. Beatrice Calvin will forward the matrix for the committee to make a determination for the 2020 ArLA Emerging Leader.

CULD – Jill Heard read the report submitted by Autumn Mortensen. A joint CULD/ArkLink meeting was held on July 17, 2019 had about 40 attendees. This program was sponsored by CULD and included ACRL webcast recording “Controversial Topics and Difficult Dialogues: Strategies for Addressing Disinformation in the Library.”

Digital Services Roundtable – Jill Heard read the report submitted by Brenda Breezeel. The Unconference currently scheduled for August 2 at Brackett Library at Harding University currently only has 10 registrants. Fewer than 20 registrants will require cancellation of the event. Registration deadline is July 29, 2019.

RISD – Allie Stevens reported that RISD held a Reference Exchange Day with panels on reference and genealogy issues in all types of libraries on May 24, 2019 at Conway Public Library with 20 attendees. A RISD business meeting was also conducted the same day, and minutes are available on the website. As a result of the business meeting, a RISD listserv was formed through ArkLib.

Scholarship Committee – Carol Coffey reported that the scholarship application window is open as of July 1, 2019 and will close on September 1, 2019. She asked present members to pass along the information and encourage staff to submit applications.

ALPS – Dalene Schrier reported that ALPS will be meeting during the first week of September, and that the previous meeting was canceled due to lack of attendance. Lynn Valetutti brought up using the listserv for contacting people, and Dalene reported that there is currently a Google Group but it may not encompass everyone.

- V. Annual Conference Update** – Crystal Gates reported that there were 35 current registrants for the ArLA/SELA conference and asked that all board members register to attend the conference. Crystal also reported that the schedule of programs was nearly complete and would be released the following week. John McGraw gave an update on registered vendors and suggested contacting some non-library vendors as well.

Crystal reported that Judy Calhoun had been in negotiations to hold the 2020 and 2022 conferences in Fort Smith and that it seemed to be much less expensive. The 2020 conference would be held on September 27-29, 2020. Crystal also noted that the Jonesboro Conference Center will be open in 2021, and that Judy could reach out and begin those negotiations as well. John McGraw made a motion to proceed with the 2020/2022 conference dates and plans (Sun/Mon/Tues in late September or early October). The motion was seconded by Ron Russ and approved unanimously.

Lynn Valetutti is looking into Core Brewing for trivia night, and reminded the board to please use her new email address for all contacts (lvaletutti@np.edu).

Carolyn Ashcraft had given verbal confirmation that ArLA would receive the requested \$5,000 and that the state library is willing to help cover the \$1,000 cost to livestream and author from CALS. Jill Heard has to write a letter to Carolyn officially requesting the money. The author livestream will not conflict with trivia night.

There was discussion about the organization of the conference basket auction and of reserving money from next year's auction in a different account to be specifically used for the scholarship. There was also discussion about adding pre-conference registrations as a separate form to try to get more response for those.

Crystal Gates reported that she is almost finished writing the conference article for *Arkansas Libraries*, and there was discussion of the journal cover featuring the conference program cover.

VI. Business Items

- a. **Electronic Ballots and Election Schedules** – Dean Covington discussed the electronic election for Vice President/President-Elect, which will be sent out by Ron Russ. There was discussion about the bylaws changes which require schedule approval by the board. A recorded meeting will be held at the conference and the recording disseminated to the membership as soon as possible. The two votes (VP/Pres-Elect and bylaws changes) will be separate. The voting period for bylaws changes will be open from the day after conference for two weeks, and results will be announced at the December board meeting. Britt Anne Murphy made a motion to approve one candidate (Philip Shackelford) + a write-in candidate for the Vice President/President-Elect ballot and to schedule to electronic ballot for a period of two weeks starting Monday, July 29, 2019. The motion was seconded by Brian George and unanimously accepted. Britt Anne Murphy also made a motion to approve the schedule for accepting the bylaws changes, with two weeks of public comment to follow the recorded conference meeting, beginning on Monday, September 30, and to open an electronic ballot to the membership for two weeks beginning October 14, 2019 and ending October 28, with results to be announced at the December ArLA board meeting. The motion was seconded by Lynn Valetutti and unanimously approved. Ron will post all information on the website along with a draft of the updated bylaws (currently posted in Dropbox).
- b. **Bylaws Changes Discussion** – Lynn Valetutti opened discussion about when the new bylaws would take effect, which would likely be following the fall 2020 conference. A timeline for transition and creation of a new policy manual will need to be developed and those changes will need to be included in the ballot sent to the membership. It will be up to ArLA to decide if past service in a position will count toward term limits. There was discussion of the fee structure for communities of interest and institutional memberships, as well as what benefits institutional membership does and should include. Virginia's association has a scaled fee model depending on institutional size, and there would need to be options for both public and school libraries as well as academic libraries. The dues model will be updated while the new policy handbook is being created, and the new benefits to institutional membership will need to be advertised on the website. Becky Fischer asked if there were any suggested changes to the graphic showing the new organizational structure. There were none.

VII. Announcements – The next meeting will be held September 27, 2019 at the Embassy Suites in Hot Springs between 4:00pm and 6:00pm. Crystal Gates will report with exact time and location.

VIII. Adjournment – Ron Russ moved that the meeting be adjourned at 2:22pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Allie Stevens