



Arkansas Library Association
Executive Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 12, 2021, 8:00 AM
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Executive Board in attendance (voting members denoted by *): Kathleen Ashmore, *Carol Coffey, *Crystal Gates, *Nithin Lakshmana, *Emily Rozario, *Ron Russ, President *Philip Shackelford, *Rachel Shankles, *Jennifer Wann, Secretary *Janice Weddle, *Lacy Wolfe

- I. **Call to Order** – President Philip Shackelford called the meeting to order at 8:01 AM.
- II. **Roll Call** – Attendance was recorded via presence on Zoom.
- III. **Minutes & Consent Agenda** – Minutes of the 09/10/2021 meeting and consent agenda of information-only reports distributed prior to the meeting. Crystal Gates made a motion to receive the reports on the consent agenda; seconded by Carol Coffey. Motion carried.
- IV. **Financial Report** – Kathleen Ashmore delivered the financial report. ArLA has \$65,334.74 in Edward Jones and \$89,787.86 in the checking account, \$15,000 of which is scholarship money and \$12,165 of which is LEAF funding. The operating cash balance is \$62,622.86.
- V. **ALA Councilor Report** – Lacy Wolfe delivered the ALA Councilor report. Banned Books Week’s theme this year was “Books Unite Us. Censorship Divides Us.” ALA’s first in-person event in some time will be YALSA’s Young Adult Services Symposium event in Reno. The LibLearnX conference in January, which has replaced Midwinter, has been moved to a virtual event. A new ALA Editions is out; it’s called *Profiles in Resilience: Books for Children and Teens That Center the Lived Experience of Generational Poverty*. The new Councilor will be announced soon and will be in office for the next big ALA meetings.
- VI. **SELA Report** – Emily Rozario delivered the SELA report. The SELA Conference will be held virtually from October 18-22. There will be some in-person components for attendees in North Carolina. Additional information and registrations can be found on the website: <https://nclaonline.org/conference>.
- VII. **Conference Committee Report** – Rachel Shankles reported that the registration numbers for the conference are good, with 399 attendees, including vendors and presenters. There were 31 institutional registrations for the 2021 conference. Conference session recordings will be available in the Whova conference app for 3 months after the conference. President Shackelford thanked Rachel for the committee’s work and is looking forward to the conference throughout the rest of the week.
- VIII. **Pandemic Response Committee Report** – Britt Anne Murphy recommended that the Board sunset the committee at the end of the year, as there no longer seems to be widespread need for the

committee's work. Ron Russ made a motion to sunset the Pandemic Response Committee at the end of 2021; Jennifer Wann seconded. Motion carried.

IX. Other Committee or CI Reports – No other reports were made.

X. Business Items – No new business items came before the Board.

XI. Announcements – Rachel Shankles showed attendees one of the conference t-shirts being distributed to the first 200 conference attendees to register.

The next meeting will be held November 12, 2021 via Zoom at 9:00 AM.

XII. Public Comments – Jessica Riedmueller asked if budget requests for the next year would be due in November. President Shackelford announced that budget requests would be due October 29. Information about the process and the due date will be sent to the listserv.

XIII. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 8:14 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Weddle