



Arkansas Library Association  
Executive Board Meeting  
Friday, October 14, 2022, 11:00 AM  
Fort Smith Convention Center  
Meeting Room 1

**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, Amber Wilson

- I. **Call to Order** – President Rachel Shankles called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM.
- II. **Roll Call & Minutes** – Attendance was recorded via sign-in sheet. Jennifer Wann made a motion to accept the minutes of the 8/12/2022 Executive Board meeting as distributed; seconded by Philip Shackelford. Motion carried.
- III. **Consent Agenda** – Consent agenda of information-only reports was distributed prior to the meeting. Ron Russ made a motion to receive the reports on the consent agenda; seconded by Jennifer Wann. Motion carried.
- IV. **President’s Report** – President Rachel Shankles met with the Membership Committee to plan the New Members program at conference. She also met with the Marketing Committee about conference posts and a social media contest running throughout the conference. President Shankles donated Starbucks gift cards to be given as prizes for the social media contest. She met with Treasurer Kathleen Ashmore, Secretary Janice Weddle, and Parliamentarian Amber Wilson to plan for the upcoming budget meeting in November.
- V. **Financial Report** – Kathleen Ashmore delivered the financial report. ArLA has \$74,241.31 in Edward Jones and \$153,824.72 in the checking account, \$10,000 of which is scholarship money and \$13,762 of which is LEAF funding. The operating cash balance is \$130,062.72. Kathleen noted that very few invoices for conference have been paid yet, so the operating cash balance will decrease as those invoices come in. Budget requests for 2023 will be due on October 21, and the budget request form will be sent out again following conference. A Profit & Loss statement will be distributed ahead of the Membership Business Meeting.
- VI. **ALA Councilor Report** – Crystal Gates delivered the ALA Councilor report. Council voted last summer to combine ALA’s Constitution and Bylaws into a single document, due to duplication of most information and to reconcile the limited differences, as well as incorporating the TAG changes that have been approved. In August, Council held a second vote on this matter and it passed overwhelmingly. Feedback on this issue is currently be gathered and a report will be presented at the next LibLearnX conference to be held in New Orleans.
- VII. **SELA Report** – Emily Rozario delivered the SELA report. The SELA conference held this week from October 11-14 had 299 attendees.

## **VIII. Committee Reports**

- a. Conference Committee** – Carol Coffey reported that the conference began. One author scheduled to speak will not be able to attend, and another preconference speaker was unable to attend. Carol thanked John McGraw for filling in to lead the preconference. The conference invoices are all in process. The final registration numbers were 171 full, 32 Saturday-only, 10 Friday-only, 5 Sunday-only, and 29 preconference registrations.
- b. Membership Committee** – Janine Miller reported that the proposed institutional memberships passed the membership vote and the dues structure will be voted on at the ArLA Membership Business Meeting on October 15. The committee will be hosting a New(ish) Members cocktail hour on Friday at 5:00 PM for attendees who recently joined ArLA. The committee encourages all members to attend and welcome new members.
- c. Nominating & Elections Committee** – Philip Shackelford reported the results of the ArLA election. The election opened and closed in September. The election results were certified by Philip Shackelford and Kathleen Ashmore. There were a total of 89 votes. The new officers and members-at-large are Taylor Vanlandingham, Jessica Riedmueller, Emily Rozario, Ron Russ, Jessica Kirk, John McGraw, Jennifer Wann, and Simone Kirk. All proposed Bylaws revisions were passed. The election results will be formally recognized during the ArLA Membership Business Meeting on October 15.
- d. Awards Committee** – Quanta Wyatt reported that the committee received nominations for 25-30 people this year for ArLA's awards. The recipients will all be honored at the Awards Dinner.
- e. Scholarship Committee** – Chance Griebel reported that Hannah Gillean was selected as the 2022 Scholarship winner and will be recognized at the Awards Dinner.

**IX. Business Items** – No business items came before the Board.

**X. Calendar** – The next Executive Board meeting will be November 11, 2022 at 9:00 AM via Zoom.

**XI. Announcements** – Various announcements were made regarding upcoming events at conference.

Trivia Night will be Saturday night at 7:00 PM at the hotel. The Basket Auction is in Exhibit Hall B and will close at 1:30 PM on Saturday. The poster session is in Exhibit Hall B. Dine-arounds are available for those interested on Saturday night. The vendor open house will be in Exhibit Hall B on Friday at 4:00 PM. UAFS will host an open house for conference attendees on Saturday at 5:30 PM. T-shirts are available at the registration desk and orders are being accepted if they run out.

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

**XIII. Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 11:22 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Weddle