Reference & Instruction Division Business Meeting

October 13, 2021 via Zoom

Present: Allie Stevens (Chair); Janice Weddle (Vice Chair); Shawna Thorup (Secretary); Chelsea Young; Jessica Riedmueller; Joy DuPont; Lacy Wolfe; Michael O’Connell; Pamela Meridith; Susie Kirk

The meeting was called to order at 3:32 p.m.

1. Community of interest paperwork needs to be filed.
   a. Allie Stevens will be the contact person for the first filing of paperwork.
   b. Everyone present confirmed they are ArLA members in good standing and asked to be included on the membership list. 5 more members are needed.
   c. Our function statement: To provide a forum for issues related to reference and instruction across various types of libraries in Arkansas.
   d. Discussion about structure under new Community of Interest.
   e. Through transition to Community of Interest, it was decided to keep 3 officers during this transition year and reevaluate at the 2021 meeting.

2. Elections for 2020-2021: Shawna Thorup as Chair; Jessica Riedmueller or Janice Weddle as Vice-Chair depending upon ArLA election results; Allie Stevens as Secretary. Unanimously elected.


4. Thanks to Allie for her 2 years of service.

5. Ideas for Reference Exchange Day 2021
   a. Media literacy;
   b. health information;
   c. Gamification in instruction (Chelsea Young);
   d. virtual escape room (Susie Kirk)

Meeting adjourned 3:54 pm.

Minutes by Shawna Thorup