

**Arkansas Library Association
Executive Board Meeting
Sunday, October 6, 2013
Embassy Suites, Hot Springs, AR**

***President Miller called the meeting to order at 7:16 PM at the Embassy Suites in Hot Springs. Those present were: Trish Miller-President, Jim Robb-Past President, Jamie Melson-Sec/Treas., Devona Pendergrass-VP/Pres.-elect, Hadi Dudley-ALA Councilor, Erin Shaw, Linda Evans, Anne Gresham, Debbie Hall, Kathy Seymour, Carol Coffey, Kara Propes, Cathy Toney, Freddy Hudson, Heather Hays, Ashley Parker-Graves, Jon Goodell, Daniel Fitzroy, and Lynda Hampel.

***The minutes were approved as presented. Motion was made by Devona Pendergrass with a second by Hadi Dudley. Motion passed.

***Lynda reported that the bottom line on the financial report is \$78,968.96 available. Regarding membership numbers and finances, Trish asked for the Board members to bring one idea to the December Board leadership exchange.

Unfinished Business:

***Regarding the journal editor's dead laptop, Debbie Hall moved that we not exceed \$1,000 for a new computer, software, and a carrying case. Second was made by Daniel Fitzroy. Motion passed.

***Regarding the Constitutional & Bylaws changes that were sent out to the Board members for a vote on whether to include them on the conference ballot or not. There were 18 Ayes, 0 Nays, 6 no responses. The following will be included on the ballot in October:

Proposed Constitution changes...changes/additions are in *italics*.

Article VI

Administration and Organization

Section 2. Officers

C.. Vacancies and appointments

2. If the office of the Vice-President/President-Elect becomes vacant the Executive Board shall elect a Vice-President to serve only for the remainder of the unexpired term.

Change to:

C. Vacancies and appointments

2. If the office of the Vice-President/President-Elect becomes vacant the Executive Board shall elect a Vice-President *from nominations submitted by the Executive Board members to serve for the remainder of the unexpired term as well as President the following year.*

Article IX

Divisions

Section 5. Each division shall elect a Chair, Vice-Chair, and a Secretary at the annual meeting for a term of office not to exceed that of the officers of the Association under such conditions as the Executive Board may impose. All division officers must be Association members.

Change to:

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Delete:

Section 9. Bylaws consistent with the Bylaws of the Association may be written at the discretion of each division. A copy shall be filed with the Executive Administrator.

Article X

Round Tables

Section 5. Each Round Table shall elect a Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary at the annual meeting, for a term of office not to exceed that of the Officers of the Association and under such conditions as the Executive Board may impose. All Round Table officers must be Association members.

Change to:

Section 5. Each Round Table shall elect a Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary at the annual meeting, for a term of office not to exceed that of the Officers of the Association and under such conditions as the Executive Board may impose. *All candidates and elected Roundtable officers and committee members must be Association members.*

Delete:

Section 9. Bylaws consistent with the Bylaws of the Association may be written at the discretion of each Round Table. A copy shall be filed with the Executive Administrator.

New Business:

***Items from the floor: Trish recognized Lynda, Jamie, Hadi, and Jon with small gifts of appreciation.

Motion to adjourn was made by Devona at 8:40 PM. Second was made by Jim Robb.

Note: All Division, Roundtable, and Committee reports are included as an addendum to the minutes for informational purposes. These reports do not require a vote from the Board, but were submitted and/or discussed during the ArLA meeting held on Aug. 2, 2013. Any Division, Roundtable, and Committee information omitted in this addendum did not submit a report for the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Melson
Secretary/Treasurer

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Addendum to Minutes: Reports**

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President's Report: Trish Miller

We did not have an Executive Committee meeting. At our August meeting I created an Ad Hoc committee for the ALA's Declaration for the Right to Libraries initiative. More information in my Planning report. The Executive Committee met with officers of the ALPS, ArASL Divisions and auditor Teri Ivy. Jon and I created a Powerpoint from this year's Board Goal Cards. Jon also converted it to a youtube video on the internet. The Powerpoint will be playing at the ArLA booth during the conference. There are over 40 goals that have been or will be accomplished at the completion of this conference. WOW.....and the year is not yet over. I want to thank everyone for working so hard this year and for your support. I appreciate everyone for stepping up to help with the conference this year. Especially volunteering at the ArLA booth, presenting programs, and helping out in ways too numerous to mention them all. I'd like to ask everyone to be at the General Membership meeting if possible. Please have your reports ready and be in line at the microphone. This will help ensure a smooth transition of reporting. Jamie will be facilitating this process.

ALA Councilor: Hadi Dudley

Hadi Dudley, ALA Councilor, provided an informational report at the regular October board meeting during the Arkansas Library Association Annual Conference 2013.

Dudley stated that she has agreed to serve on the ALA Committee on Legislation's Subcommittee on eGovernment. She is participating in a telephone meeting in October and can bring information back to our association about ALA's efforts regarding the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Dudley has reached out to the State Library about the potential to information-share about ACA across Arkansas.

Dudley has also reached out to appropriate contacts at Walmart Corporation to communicate ALA's interest in partnering for the Declaration of Libraries. The last request submitted by Dudley on behalf of Barbara Stripling is to feature the Declaration during National Library Week (NLW) 2014 in the stores. The request has been forwarded from Public Affairs to Operations within Walmart Corporation.

ArASL Division: Erin Shaw

2013 ArASL Conference- The conference was hosted in Little Rock at the Holiday Inn Presidential- 127 registered attendees along with keynote speakers and vendors we had close to 150 people attend the conference. Dr. Wendy Rickman did a great job of organizing our two day event- the first time we have ever hosted the conference on a Monday and Tuesday. There was a Monday morning round table brunch at the Arkansas Studies Institute which is part of the Central Arkansas Library System Main Branch Campus. The round table was well attended with over 30 participants, discussions included the new TESS evaluation model for librarians and the new school library media frameworks that will hopefully be approved by the Arkansas

State Board of Education and “rolled” out in March of 2014. ArLA board member and secretary/treasurer- Jamie Melson welcomed our group and gave a quick overview of ArLA and the upcoming ArLA Conference in October.

The opening general session included a keynote from ArLA president- Trish Miller- she did a great job of encouraging the Arkansas school librarians to join ArLA- we now have 78 members who are LMS's with 16 of those first time members! Lynda Hampel and Jamie Melson also attended the first general session as support from the ArLA executive board. A second general session was delivered by Paige Jaeger, Librarian Administrator & Adjunct Professor for SUNY Albany and Blogger of Libraries: An Open Door to the World- she gave a motivational pep talk on how to incorporate common core into our instruction and how to keep the library as an integral part of the school. The culminating event Monday was an evening program at the Arkansas Governor's Mansion. Our two keynote speakers Mr. Stony Evans and Mr. Steven Teske were funny and informative, First Lady Ginger Beebe and Governor Beebe were gracious hosts and the food was delicious!

The breakout sessions included many different topics- such as copyright, common core, current books, Arkansas history and many others. Our final event on Tuesday included Arkansas artist and author Jane Hankins- she was absolutely hysterical and even gave a sneak peak of her new book- *The Thirty-Foot Elvis* which will be released this fall. Her husband just happens to be Craig O'Neil.

The participants from the Monday morning brunch had many questions about the TESS evaluations and the new LMS frameworks so it is suggested that an ArLA task force form to gather data and materials/ideas for a toolkit that might be put together. This task force will be discussed at the upcoming ArASL meeting from 4:45-5:45 Sunday, October 6 during the ArLA conference in Hot Springs.

ALPS Division: Shya Washington

- ALPS met on Friday, September 6th at University of Pine Bluff. We covered several topics in our meeting: a couple being exploring the option of CEUs for our conference attendees and audit procedures.
- It was also discussed providing an article for Arkansas Libraries. Looking at that being the responsibility of the Chair. Rather it's providing the article or delegating someone to. Only plan to submit two articles yearly.
- Our next meeting will be November 15th at 9:00 AM. Meeting will be held at Garland County Library before InfoBits, which will start at 10:30 this year. InfoBits brochures have been mailed out; however, not all ALPS members will receive

one in the mail. They can be picked up at the ALPS Booth and I will also send them out electronically and through Google Groups.

CULD Division: Linda Evans

No report

Public Libraries & Trustees Division: Anne Gresham

No report

Reference & Instruction Services Division: Michael Strickland

No report

Resource & Technical Services Division: Daniel Fitzroy

No report

Special Libraries Division: Debbie Hall

No report

Government Documents Round Table: Kathy Seymour

Via my communication on list-serv with members, I was able to gather items from the GODORT group to create 2 Silent auction baskets for the conference. Much thanks to them!

I have been e-mailing with our GODORT speaker for the conference, Dorothy Ormes. I invited her to attend our roundtable meeting on Sunday and she plans to do so. This will be her first visit to Arkansas.

At a booth at the Arkansas Genealogical Society Fall Seminar and Book Fair, Frances Hager and Karen Russ, representing our roundtable, spoke with 110 people and handed out various federal government publications related to family history research.

Information Technology Round Table: Carol Coffey

No report.

New Members Round Table: Jim Robb

Approximately 83 new members.

ALA Declaration (Ad hoc): Hadi Dudley

Hadi Dudley, Committee Chair, is leading the ad hoc committee for the Declaration for Libraries; this was based on ArLA Board approval during the August meeting. The group has communicated via email and will meet during the conference to facilitate plans to roll the Declaration out to Arkansas Libraries. In the meantime, plans to promote and distributed the Declaration during the Conference are underway.

Conference Plans:

1. A "Ringing in" and formal reading of the Declaration at the Exhibit Grand Opening will occur.
2. Signing opportunities at the ALA booth #39.
3. Free copy distribution for libraries (supplies limited, donated by Bentonville business, AMP).

Committee Members:

1. Hadi Dudley, Committee Chair
2. Ashley Parker-Graves, Public Libraries
3. Erin Waller, Public Libraries
4. Linda Evans, Academic Libraries
5. Britt Murphy, Academic Libraries
6. Amber Gregory, Special Libraries
7. Jessica McGrath, Special Libraries
8. Michele Sterrett, School Libraries
9. Erin Shaw, School Libraries

Awards Committee: Cathy Toney

The awards committee selected the following people to receive an award at the Arkansas Library Association Annual awards banquet on October 7, 2013 at the Embassy Suites in Hot Springs:

Ann Lightsey Children's Librarian

Sharon Christian

Bessie B. Moore Trustee Award

Ash Flat Library Board

Distinguished Service Award

Frances Hager

Frances P. Neal Award

Phyllis Burkett

Lorrie Shuff Paraprofessional

Melanie Allen

Rhetta Patrick Award

Shirley Fetherolf

Suzanne Spurrier Academic Librarian Award

Ann Dixon

Arkansiana Winners

Juvenile/YA book:

Shelley Tougas *Little Rock Girl, 1957: How a Photograph Changed the Fight for Integration.*

Adult Fiction:

Vivienne Schiffer *Camp Nine.*

Adult Non-Fiction:

Jeannie Whayne Delta Empire: Lee Wilson and the Transformation of Agriculture in the New South.

Conference Committee: Nicole Stroud

No report

Constitution Committee: Devona Pendergrass

As constitution chair I was faced with my first task when our President Elect resigned. With the help of President Miller we were able to interpret the bylaws and form a plan of action. President Miller did call the ALA national office for their recommendations as well and to insure the intent of the by laws were carried out. With the help of President Trish Miller and Secretary Jamie Melson as well as our membership the committee was able to make some needed changes to the wording of our by-laws to better reflect their intent. These recommendations were posted on the website and the membership was informed of the changes per our bylaws and they were placed on the ballot. Results were certified by the nomination committee and the results were given to president miller to be announced at the annual membership meeting. The constitution chair will continue to look at the constitution, by-laws and manual to institute the changes requested by the membership.

Intellectual Freedom Committee: Freddy Hudson

We began preparations for our breakout session with Joe Raiola. We have had two video conferences to discuss our ideas and create a plan. We also added Bill Jones to our panel, replacing Elizabeth Burden.

Legislative Committee: Heather Hays

I have no specific activities, but I wanted to share this with the group.

One of my coworkers asked me what my position is in ArLA; and after I told them a little bit about it they asked me who could be a library advocate. The first thought that came to mind was – anybody! So I thought I would share the highlights of the ALA list of ways to be an advocate for our libraries:

1. Know your representatives, and know their position on issues
2. Keep informed on both state and national issues
3. Build a local network of people that support your organization
4. Set goals and get organized
5. Identify communication strategies for your organization using the three primary methods: outreach, personal contact, and the media
6. Deal with bad news in a positive way
7. Lobby (obviously one of my personal favorites)

All of us can be strong advocates for libraries, and if we all keep these things in mind we

will all be more successful!

Managing Editor-Arkansas Libraries: Whitney Ivy

---Associate Editor: Britt Anne Murphy

No report

Membership Committee: Jim Robb

Approximately 560 members.

Nominating Committee: Devona Pendergrass

Having been elected by the Board to fill the president-elect's vacant position well into the year I got to work quickly to appoint a committee. Since I knew I wanted to finish out the term as president I appointed Bill Parton as co-chair so there would be no election improprieties and we could continue with the nomination process in a timely manner. I appointed members from all areas of librarianship. They included Dr. Kay Bland, Dr. Wendy Rickman, Tracy McAllister and Dwain Gordon. We placed nomination information on the website and solicited members to run for office. We were able to secure highly qualified candidates. Job descriptions were given to prospective candidates and their permission to run as an official candidate was secured. The committee also was responsible for the ballots which included changes to the constitution. Ballots were placed in the registration packets of members only. The committee under the direction of Bill Parton assisted by Dwain Gordon and Kay Bland met Monday after the polls closed at 4:30 to count and certify the election results. The results were given to President Miller to be announced at the membership meeting on Tuesday.

Planning Committee (ad hoc): Trish Miller

An Ad Hoc Committee was created for the ALA's Declaration for the Right to Libraries Presidential initiative. As ALA Councilor I asked Hadi Dudley if she would chair the committee and build the committee with members throughout the state. Hadi agreed and we have been working together to prepare for the rollout. I felt the conference was the best time to present the initiative. Activities have been planned during the upcoming conference.

An Ad Hoc Committee was created for the Emerging Leaders Program/Scholarship. I have asked Ashley Parker-Graves to chair this committee and she has agreed. Ashley is a past recipient and understands how this committee can keep the Program/Scholarship an important part of the Association. I would like to see past recipients continue as chairs and committee members in the future.

Publications Committee: Chrissy Karafit

No report

Scholarship Committee: Daniel Page

We raised funds and presented a scholarship opportunity for the Board to consider with UNT. A scholarship check was presented to _____ Petry.

Website Committee: Jon Goodell