

Arkansas Library Association
Executive Board Meeting
Saturday, October 3, 2015
Grampas Room at Marriott Hotel, Little Rock, AR

The Executive board meeting was called to order at 5:05pm by President Jud Copeland.

Members present:

Jud Copeland, President
Judy Calhoun, President elect
Cathy Toney, Secretary/treasurer
Devona Pendergrass, Past President and conference chair
Lynda Hampel, Executive Administrator,
Hadi Dudley, ALA councilor
Lori Bush, ArASL chair
Shawn Manis, ALPS chair
Ashley Burris, Public Libraries
David Sesser, Resources & Tech
Dwain Gordon, Special Libraries and Future Conference Site
Carol Coffey, Information Technology
Jay Strickland, Two Year Colleges
Sloan Powell, Awards chair
Ashley Parker Graves, Emerging Leader
Freddy Hudson, Intellectual Freedom
Britt Anne Murphy, Journal Editor
Heather Hays, Journal Associate Editor
Amber Gregory, Legislative chair
Cassandra Barnett, Public Relations
Diane Hughes & Barbie James, Scholarship;
Dan Fitzroy, Web services

President Copeland asked for roll call and approval of minutes. Vice President Judy Calhoun reported that the June 5 board minutes were received not the August 7 board minutes. Secretary Cathy Toney had sent the wrong minutes out so the minutes could not be voted on at that time.

*The correct minutes were sent out correctly on October 7 and voted on via email.

Budget Report, Lynda Hampel

Executive administrator, Lynda Hampel, presented the budget as of October 1, 2015. There were several questions and concerns about the budget, the cost of the LaVar Burton and the contract that was broken.

Amber Gregory spoke during the meeting and submitted the following recap statement to the secretary for the minutes: Gregory said, "The comments were in regards to the issue of the \$30,000 contract that was signed by ArLA to bring LeVar Burton as keynote speaker to the 2015 annual conference. When Mr. Burton cancelled, ArLA brought another speaker from the same speaker's

agency for \$15,000. The discussion at the October 3rd board meeting was cut short because Devona Pendergrass, conference chair, said that she was not able to discuss details of the contract due to confidentiality issues, and she had been advised by the speaker's agency lawyers that she was not at liberty to discuss the contract and Mr. Burton's last-minute cancellation.

"While we are not able to do anything about LeVar Burton's cancellation of his speaking engagement for the 2015 ArLA annual conference, as a board, we need to be very careful about the terms of future contracts we sign on behalf of our organization. We should not enter into any contract or situation that prohibits the ArLA executive board from openly discussing organization business. We are charged with the safekeeping of ArLA and its finances, and by limiting the information we can share with each other and our membership, we are not acting in the best interest of our organization. Moving forward, we need to ensure that we strive for and maintain transparency in organization business."

- The president's report, ALA Councilor's report, divisions, roundtables, and committee reports will be in a separate document.

President Copeland announced that Daniel Fitzroy has accepted a position in another state and is resigning as webmaster after the conference. President Copeland thanked Dan for all his work on the website.

Unfinished business

There was no unfinished business.

New business

- a. Discussion about the credit card payments charging a fee, a request to charge an additional \$3 for members using a credit card. A motion was made by Judy Calhoun to table this issue and 2nd by Ashley Burris. The motion was approved.
- b. Judy Calhoun made a motion to have an audit performed on the organization's finances by the December change over meeting. It was 2nd by Dan Fitzroy. *The following people will perform the audit Erin Waller, Phyllis Burkett, and Mindy Hodges.
- c. Hadi Dudley made the motion that the Arkansas Library Association join the other chapters in support of the American Library Association's statement on the Librarian of Congress. Dudley read a statement from ArLA that was addressed to U.S. President Barack Obama. The motion was 2nd by Ashley Burris. The motion was approved.
- d. Questions concerning the electronic voting of officers and the change in the bylaws were discussed. The concerns were that there was not enough time and with no test to see if it would work. A motion was made by Ashley Burris to forgo the electronic voting and use paper ballot again this year. It was 2nd by David Sesser. The motion was approved.

A motion to adjourn was made by Shawn Manis and 2nd by Barbie James. The motion was approved.

ArLA executive board adjourned at 6:48pm

Post-meeting Notes

The August minutes were amended and presented to the executive board to vote via email on October 8, 2015. A motion was made Ashley Burris and 2nd by Dan Fitzroy. The motion was approved.

The June minutes were amended and presented to the executive board via email to vote on October 12, 2015. The motion was made by Hadi Dudley and 2nd by Sloan Powell. The motion was approved.

The following proposal was presented via email by Hadi Dudley on Wednesday, October 14, 2015 for executive board to vote on by Friday, October 16, 2015.

Dear ArLA Executive Board members,

The schedule and expenses required of the ALA Councilor's midwinter travel do not coincide with our budget year. This has often been a unique matter of business; in the past, we have addressed a special budget request at the December 'change-over' meeting, but with ALA's 2016 Midwinter Meeting scheduled for January 8th, the board must proceed with the business via email now, in order to get Lacy moving forward w/ her councilor responsibilities.

I am advising Lacy on her first 'outing' as councilor: she is bundling her registration, saving ArLA money (this procedure required special permission from ALA to take advantage of the discounted rate in October, and ALA is honoring the bundled rate for ArLA). Lacy also is booking airfare and contacting ALA to secure lodging in Boston. I have discussed this situation with the executive committee.

As Legislative Committee Co-Chair, I **move that the board approves a budget request of \$2,382.00 for Lacy Wolfe's travel to ALA Midwinter Meeting January 8-12, 2016 in Boston, MA.**

- Please note, \$833.30 will come out of the FY2015 budget.
- And, \$1,548.70 will come out of the FY2016 budget.

The motion was made by Hadi Dudley and 2nd by Carol Coffey. The motion passed.

Submitted by
Cathy Toney
Arla Secretary/Treasurer