

**Alabama Association of College and Research Libraries
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
August 14, 2008**

Date, Time, and Place of Meeting & Call to Order:

The August 14 meeting was called to order at 2:15 pm by Tim Dodge in the Dean's Conference room at the library at Auburn University at Montgomery.

Present: Tim Dodge (President), Rickey Best (President-Elect), Eric Kidwell (Legislative Liaison), Ellen Wilson (Secretary), Kathy Wheeler (Newsletter Editor), Maryellen Allen (Webmaster), Millie Jackson (Member-at-Large/ACRL Chapter Liaison)

Absent: Rosemary Arneson (Past-President), Susan Herring (Treasurer)

Introductions: Ellen Wilson, Kathy Wheeler, Eric Kidwell, Rickey Best, Tim Dodge

Minutes: Minutes from the April 23, 2008 Annual Dinner/Business Meeting were distributed and approved.

Officer Reports

President's Report: Tim Dodge reported that he and Millie Jackson attended ACRL Chapter Council meeting at ALA in Anaheim as representatives of AACRL.

President Elect's Report: Rickey Best reported that he has begun work to find a location for the dinner meeting at ALLA. He welcomes suggestions for the program. Possible topics might be legislative advocacy or intellectual freedom. Eric Kidwell mentioned the possibility of getting a speaker from national ACRL or ALA Office of Intellectual Freedom. Rickey Best mentioned Mike McLane as a possible speaker. Eric Kidwell mentioned that the AACRL dinner announcement does not appear in the ALLA program. Is it possible to get this changed?

Past-President's Report: No report. Tim Dodge reported that he has spoken with Rosemary Arneson about locating candidates for next year's executive board and nominees for the AACRL Significant Contribution Award.

Treasurer's Report: Tim Dodge passed out Susan Herring's treasurer's report.

At the time of the 2008 annual meeting on April 23, 2008, the account balance stood at \$7027.69. Since that time, deposits of \$68.00 (for dues, workshop registration, and reimbursements of a bank fee) have been made, and \$1.03 in interest has accrued. Disbursements of \$1580.90 for the annual meeting costs and legislative day have been made, and one \$26.00 check has been returned for non-sufficient funds, incurring a \$6.00 fee. The bank account balance, as of August 13, 2008, stands at \$5515.82.

One dues check for \$6.00 and \$106.19 check from ACRL for reimbursement of newsletter and web hosting costs have been received but not yet deposited. These bring the total balance to \$5628.01.

Secretary's Report: Ellen Wilson reported that she received the secretary materials from Lori Northup, past secretary. She faxed the new executive board roster to national ACRL on April 29, 2008. She also mentioned that attended ACRL's Immersion '08 (Teacher Track) and recommends it highly.

Newsletter Editor's Report: Kathy Wheeler passed out copies of the draft of the newsletter.

Webmaster's Report: Maryellen Allen reported that Beth Ashmore has passed along all information needed for the website, and that she has updated the information in the Best Practices section to reflect the most recent program.

Legislative Liaison's Report: No report.

Member-at-Large/ACRL Chapter Liaison's Report: Millie Jackson reported that she is working on updating the liaison list and is awaiting response from several institutions. Advocacy was the large issue discussed at ACRL Chapters Council, where the importance of advocacy not only at national level but also at state and local levels was stressed. ACRL voted in approval of instituting interest groups at the national level. She will attend ALA Midwinter.

New Business:

1) CUS/AACRL Best Practices at ALLA: who will take over from former AACRL Webmaster Beth Ashmore?

- Maryellen Allen volunteered to serve.

2) Disposition of \$500 travel grant to attend ALA National Library Legislative Day in Washington, DC in May 2009:

- Tim Dodge suggested that we publicize the grant to membership.
- Eric Kidwell suggested that he include a notice in the winter newsletter, as well as testimonials from past attendees. Eric Kidwell will pass applicants along to executive board for the decision.
- Tim Dodge noted that there are not many academic librarians at Legislative Day and that the Alabama delegation was quite small.
- Rickey Best suggested that we encourage people to sign up as national legislative advocates and that we give priority to those people for the grant.
- Eric Kidwell mentioned the possibility of getting students involved. College age students would have used public, school, and academic libraries and able to attest to the value of all three and would provide a non-librarian voice.

3) Possible dues increase?

- Tim Dodge mentioned that the last dues increase was a while ago (2001?). Inflationary pressures exist. ALA dues are increasing as well. Dues of \$10/year have been suggested, with 3-year membership for \$25.
- Eric Kidwell asked if a dues increase might have a negative psychological effect on the membership. AACRL's treasury is healthy – what would justification for an increase be? He suggested that we investigate tying any dues increase to increased grant opportunities.
- Rickey Best suggested that we wait a year to consider any increases, as the treasury is healthy and economy is poor and tie increased dues to travel grants.

4) Topic for future meeting:

- Possible changes to bylaws. The webmaster and legislative liaison are not currently voting members of the board.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Ellen K. Wilson, AACRL Secretary