

**Alabama Association of College and Research Libraries
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
February 19, 2009**

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

The February 19, 2009, meeting was called to order at 2:05 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), Jason Battles (Webmaster)

Absent: Rosemary Arneson (Past-President), Susan Herring (Treasurer), Millie Jackson (Member-at-Large/ACRL Chapter Liaison)

Minutes: Minutes from the August 14, 2008 executive board meeting were distributed and approved as submitted.

Officer Reports

President's Report: Tim Dodge reported that he and Rickey Best attended the ACRL Chapter Council meeting on January 25, 2009, at ALA in Denver as representatives of AACRL. The main focus of the meeting was legislative advocacy, and Michael McLane was the speaker. At the time of the meeting there were 45 legislative advocates around the country, but the ideal is to have several hundred (at least one advocate per congressional district). Recruitment is ongoing; advocates must be current members of ACRL and nominees are approved by committee. Issues in which legislative advocacy remains a focus are the viability and health of federal depository libraries, copyright, and orphan works.

ACRL president Erika Linke reported that legislative advocacy will be the main focus of her president's program at ALA in Chicago.

Another speaker at the meeting was Stephanie Vance of the ALA Washington Office. She noted that *Change* magazine has requested 3 articles per year about libraries from ACRL.

ACRL vice-president Lori Goetsch attended a meeting of the budget committee focusing on how to communicate the value of academic libraries to cost-cutting administrations. A joint program is planned with LAMA in 2010 to address the shortage of library administrators.

The three candidates for ACRL Director-at-Large spoke briefly. The candidates are:

- Lisabeth Chabot (Ithaca College)
- Bill Nelson (Augusta State University)
- Ann Riley (University of Missouri)

The past-president of the Chapters Council noted that nominations are sought for the 2010 elections. This requires a 4-year commitment.

The two candidates for ACRL president spoke briefly. The candidates are:

- Kelly S. Janousek (California State University, Long Beach)
- Lisa Janicke Hinchliffe (Coordinator for Information Literacy Services at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

President Elect's Report: Rickey Best reported that an ad hoc committee formed at the ACRL Chapters Council meeting to draft a recommendation to the ACRL Board to increase reimbursement to local chapters from \$1 to up to \$3/member. If approved, this will take effect on June 1, 2009.

AACRL annual dinner and business meeting will be held April 8th at Zazu's Eclectic Eatery, 149 East Magnolia Avenue, Auburn, Alabama. The cost of the meal for members will be \$35 and registration forms must be submitted to Susan Herring by April 1st. AACRL will cover the \$7/person gratuity charge. Michael McLane, Visiting Program Officer for ACRL's Legislative Advocate program will be the featured speaker and will discuss the Legislative Advocates program. Fees for his appearance will be provided by ACRL.

AACRL/CUS Best Practices mini-session will be held during the convention at 4pm on Wednesday, April 8th. Chris Shaffer at Troy has done a great job pulling together this program.

AACRL/CUS is sponsoring a program, "Giving Voice to the Past: Digitizing Oral History at Jacksonville State University" on April 8th from 3-4pm.

The Alabama Library Association's Intellectual Freedom Committee and CUS are sponsoring a program on intellectual freedom and the PROTECT Our Children Act, featuring Deborah Stone from the ALA National Office on Intellectual Freedom and Bradley Hayes, Deputy Chief Counsel for Senator Sessions on the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Legislative Advocacy: Representative Conyers (D-MI) has reintroduced HR 801, the "Fair Copyright in Research Works" act. This bill would reverse the NIH Public Access Policy and make it impossible for other federal agencies to put similar policies into place. ACRL opposes this bill and suggests that we contact our legislators.

Items for Business Meeting:

- 1) Consideration of creation of new AACRL committees, such as membership, by-laws, legislative advocacy/governmental relations, continuing education/training. New committees would possibly be a good way to get more AACRL members involved. The establishment of new standing committees requires a change in by-laws and will be presented to the

membership at the annual business meeting. Committees could also begin as ad hoc committees established by the executive board.

- 2) Possible dues increase from \$6/year to \$10/year, with the proviso that the funds from the increase will be used to establish additional stipend(s) for AACRL members to attend National Legislative Day in Washington. This proposal will be brought before the membership at the annual meeting.

Past-President's Report: Tim Dodge reported for Rosemary Arneson that a slate of officer candidates exists for the upcoming election. A winner of the AACRL Significant Contribution Award was chosen and will be announced at the annual meeting on April 8, 2009.

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

The account balance, as of November 10, 2008, stood at \$5604.12. Since that time, deposits of \$156 (for dues) have been made, and \$2.12 in interest has accrued. No disbursements have been made. The account balance, as of February 19, 2009, is \$5,762.24.

Secretary's Report: no report

Newsletter Editor's Report: Kathy Wheeler reported that the deadline is February 24, 2009. A reminder email will be sent out.

Webmaster's Report: Jason Battles asked about the hosting of <http://aacrl.org>, which is currently done by a hosting site. Since it is a relatively small site, he wonders if offsite hosting is necessary or if hosting could be done by University of Alabama. He will check with UA about this.

He also discussed the membership forms on the website and recommended removing the renewal date from the form, so that it does not have to be updated every year.

Legislative Liaison's Report: Eric Kidwell reported that he sent a letter on behalf of AACRL supporting the exemption of books from lead testing. Lori Northrup will attend National Legislative Day in Washington and will receive the \$500 travel stipend from AACRL.

Member-at-Large/ACRL Chapter Liaison's Report: Tim Dodge reported for Millie Jackson that she continues to work on reviewing the AACRL liaisons across the state.

New Business: Last year's change to the by-laws (Article IX, Election of officers shall be by ballot prior to the annual chapter meeting) has opened the possibility of electronic voting. ALLA and ALA already use electronic voting. While it is too late to implement electronic voting for this year, Jason Battles will investigate options for next year.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be the annual business meeting and dinner, on April 8th, 2009, at 6pm, at Zazu's Eclectic Eatery, 149 East Magnolia Ave., Auburn, AL.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Ellen K. Wilson, AACRL Secretary
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