

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

**DATE, TIME, AND PLACE OF MEETING & CALL TO ORDER:**

The February 14 meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m. in the Carmichael Library's conference room at the University of Montevallo.

**PRESENT:** Beth Ashmore (Webmaster), Eric Kidwell (Legislative Liaison), Susan Herring (Treasurer), Tim Dodge (President-Elect), Lori Northrup (Secretary), and Rosemary Arneson (President)

**ABSENT:** Robert Schrimsher (Past President), Jill Grogg (Newsletter Editor), Alyssa Martin (Member-at-large)

**MINUTES:** Minutes from the August 2, 2007, meeting were read and approved.

**OFFICER REPORTS**

**President's Report:** No report

**Past President's Report:** For each of the 3 vacancies in the executive board (Vice President/President Elect, Secretary, and Member-at-Large), Dr. Schrimsher has located 1 candidate.

**President Elect's Report:**

- Tim Dodge reported that Julie Todaro, ACRL President, has been engaged as the speaker at the annual dinner/business meeting to be held at the upcoming ALLA conference. Tim is arranging travel for her, for which ACRL will pay. Lovoy's Italian Restaurant near Birmingham will serve as the location for the meeting. Meal selections will include a vegetarian option. Salads, desserts, and drinks will also be included at a price of \$29.50/person. Tim is working on the registration form, and will report on the dinner plans in the upcoming issue of the newsletter.
- A workshop committee has been created to plan the workshop on administrative change, which will be held at Jacksonville State University on February 27. Four speakers, all library directors, have been engaged. Beth offered to put workshop information on the web site.

**Treasurer's Report:** Susan Herring reported a balance of \$5,602.16. Income from dues, workshop registration, and interest accrued were reported; expenses included \$70.51 for newsletter printing. Susan had checked into getting better interest on the AACRL checking account; no checking accounts offer better interest. After some discussion, it was decided that a majority of the funds will be put into a savings account, where better interest can be expected. Beth suggested online banking as a possibility.

**Secretary's Report:** No report. Lori asked for and received the board's approval to re-submit the ACRL chapter form with Feb. 27, program information.

**Newsletter Editor's Report:** In Jill's absence, Beth is collecting information for the April newsletter. The deadline is February 25, 2008. She distributed the table of contents including the proposed changes to the AACRL bylaws. Proposed changes concern the IRS reporting for tax-exempt status and online voting as an option. She also suggested an addition to the bylaws about the physical location of the archives of AACRL at Auburn. Past newsletters are already being housed there; this question had arisen at the last meeting.

**Webmaster's Report:** Beth is working with Maryellen Allen, the new webmaster for AACRL. There is no other news to report. The web site has been recently renewed.

**Legislative Liaison's Report:** Legislative Day in Washington, D.C. will be held the first few days in May. Eric made a motion to give Tim Dodge the \$500 stipend to use as AACRL's representative, since he is already going for ALLA. Beth seconded this motion, and all present agreed it was a good plan.

**Member-at-Large/ACRL Chapter Liaison's Report:** No report

Tim, having been present at the chapters' meeting, reported that ACRL president Julie Todaro promoted a behavioral psychologist who will be speaking at ACRL. He will share the report by email from that meeting. Rosemary asked if ACRL is still contemplating how the ACRL board is created. Tim reported that they are working on interest groups to add to ACRL. There is also an initiative to create legislative liaisons by districts within states.

## **NEW/OLD BUSINESS**

### **Old Business**

Two applicants were reviewed for the position of Newsletter Editor. Rosemary had sent cv's and publications for the board to review, and an editor was chosen. Rosemary will make the notification, and the newsletter will carry the results of the decision.

### **New Business**

- AACRL has to provide a tax form each year beginning this year to retain its tax-exempt status. Tim provided copies of the form, and it was agreed that the treasurer will handle this task in future.
- Beth brought the program for Best Practices sessions to be held at the ALLA conference in April. All of the programs for Wednesday this year are in the same room; it was suggested that maps to Lovoy's restaurant be placed in this room, so that members attending the dinner can find them.
- Bylaws don't indicate to whom the task of gathering significant achievement award nominees falls. Rosemary suggested sending solicitations for nominees out via the listserv and considering nominees by email.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.  
Respectfully submitted, Lori Northrup, AACRL Secretary