

**Alabama Association of College and Research Libraries
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
January 25, 2005**

DATE, TIME, AND PLACE OF MEETING: January 25, 2005, 1:00 p.m., Brooks-Cork Library, Shelton State Community College, Tuscaloosa Alabama

PRESENT: Debbie Grimes (President); Jennifer Long (Vice President/President-Elect); Patty Pilkerton (Past President); Kate Ragsdale (Treasurer); Carla Waddell (Secretary); Beth Ashmore (Webmaster)

ABSENT: Eric Kidwell (Legislative Liaison); Rosemary Arneson (Member-at-Large/ACRL Chapter Liaison); Della Darby (Newsletter Editor)

CALL TO ORDER

Debbie Grimes called the meeting to order at 1:09 pm.

MINUTES

Carla Waddell presented the minutes from the September 14, 2004 Executive Board Meeting. After Debbie Grimes noted a change in the date, Kate Ragsdale moved that the minutes be accepted, seconded by Beth Ashmore. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Kate Ragsdale reported that the balance as of January 24, 2005 is \$5,916.87. She expressed concern with the lack of new members. Per Debbie Grimes, there will not be a membership report. However, should we set up a membership table at the Alabama Library Association's Annual Convention? Jennifer Long will ask permission for a table. Jennifer suggested that we use the Best Practice rooms since it might be too late to request a table. We will bring blank membership forms and brochures. Both Beth Ashmore and Debbie wondered if we should display newsletters. Debbie will update the brochure. Kate will contact liaisons for recruiting purposes.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Eric Kidwell mailed letters to the appropriate legislative contacts in response to Representative Gerald Allen's book banning bill. Patty Pilkerton asked if AACRL wanted to be involved with Legislative Day. Debbie Grimes mentioned that the decision was made to approach the College, University, and Special Libraries Division (CUS) of ALLA to act as the state representation for legislation. Carla Waddell reported that she had brought this to the last CUS Executive Board meeting and Robert Burkhardt, CUS Chair will find someone to do legislative development. He will then give that person Eric Kidwell's contact information. The next CUS meeting will be January 27, 2005. Patty asked if AACRL would like to advertise on Legislative Day. A discussion followed regarding the cost of advertising and what exactly has been purchased in the past. Kate stated that we should support CUS and their platform. Debbie asked what should we do in order to move this along. She decided to write a letter to Robert Burkhardt stating that we, AACRL, support the CUS platform and will work with CUS. Carla will notify the Executive Board of Robert's response. We need to find an effective means of communicating our needs to the legislators.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES AND DEADLINES

Della Darby submitted a formal resignation. Debbie Grimes shared that Jill Grogg is willing to become the new newsletter editor. Debbie asked Jennifer Long if she approved of the new editor. Jennifer gave her approval if the Executive Board approves because the position is nominated by the President. Debbie will verify Jill's acceptance and then forward the acceptance to Beth Ashmore for posting on the web site.

WEB SITE

Beth Ashmore reported that the web site is moving along and that she can always add news at any time. The calendar, past rewards, and past presidents are now posted. Debbie Grimes said the web site looks good.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Patty Pilkerton sent a report to Della Darby for the newsletter. The candidates are:

President – Dr. Robert Schrimsher, Samford University
Audrey Powers, University of Montevallo
Treasurer - Bethany Skaggs, Jacksonville State University
Nordis Smith, Huntingdon College

Debbie Grimes asked for a motion to accept the nominations of which Beth Ashmore accepted and Kate Ragsdale seconded.

ALLA CONFERENCE PLANS

Per Della Darby, there will be 3 full-length and 1 mini session during the conference. Presiders have been appointed for each session. Della will send information about the Annual meeting for the ALLA convention program to Janine Langston. Discussion followed regarding how best to send the information. Jennifer Long will send the basic information. Debbie mentioned that Della should let us know if she needs us to do anything to which Beth replied that everything seems to be okay. Most of the sessions will be in the same location and round tables will be used for the mini session.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Jennifer Long reported that there will not be a joint reception with SLIS due to the cost. The details of the Annual Business Meeting are as follows:

Dinner

Date and Time: Wednesday, April 20, 2005
6:00 p.m. Meet & Mingle / 6:30 p.m. Dinner
Location: Mauby's Restaurant
121 Oak Street (Mountain Brook)
Room Rental Fee: Garden Room (private room that seats up to 60 people)
\$250 – Less than 40 people
No rental fee – 40 people or more
Menu: Grilled New York Strip served with Dijon au Poivre
Chicken Option
Grilled Salmon
Pasta Primavera (vegetarian)
(\$24.95 without salad/\$27.95 with salad)

Chocolate Roulage or Key Lime Pie
(\$4.00)

Beverages (alcoholic/non-alcoholic)
Registration Fee: \$35.00 or \$40.00

Speaker

Dr. Bill Nelson, Library Director at Augusta State University, has agreed to be our speaker.

The dinner was discussed at length with these resolutions: the dinner will be open to anyone, non-alcoholic drinks will be served, and the speaker fee along with conference attendance will be determined by Jennifer. A suggestion was made to have the liaisons advertise the dinner via Rosemary Arneson.

BUSINESS TO BE CONDUCTED

Per Debbie Grimes, the by-laws revisions, speakers, and new officers need to be on the ballot.

OLD BUSINESS

Past Presidents List to Web Site?

The list is now on the web site.

Student Scholarship to ACRL?

Rosemary Arneson formed an ad hoc committee on Establishing a Professional Development Grant or Award. The committee members are:

Rosemary Arneson, AACRL Member-at-Large, Chair
Paula Barnett Ellis, Jacksonville State University
Marilyn Christianson, Auburn University
Donna Miller, Troy University

The committee submitted a report which included questions for the Executive Board and drafts of possible guidelines and application form.

Discussion regarding the purpose of the award followed. The Executive Board decided that the purpose shall be for a LIS student to attend the ACRL convention. A potential stipend of \$1,000 could be granted to a student obtaining a graduate library degree from an ALA accredited school in Alabama. Sponsorship possibilities were mentioned along with the option of asking other members to assist with locating sponsors. The committee will continue to work on the details while others will focus on sponsorship.

Specific Legislative Issues to Promote?

At this time, there was no discussion on this topic.

Outstanding AACRL Award

Per Beth Ashmore, the particulars are on the web site and we just need to get the word out to everyone. Discussion about placing another call via the newsletter or list versus the Executive Board making a nomination followed. From Jennifer Long's suggestion, the call will be posted to the list & included in the next newsletter. Patty Pilkerton suggested extending the deadline to March 15, 2005. Patty will report back to the Board by email March 16, 2005. Debbie Grimes will take care of the certificate upon which everyone present agreed.

NEW BUSINESS

Debbie Grimes announced the next meeting is scheduled for April 20, 2005 at 6:30 p.m.

Jennifer Long asked if the date for membership should be calendar year or two more months. After a response of no from Kate Ragsdale, Jennifer offered to find the exact language.

The Executive Board meeting was adjourned at 2:38 p.m. by President Debbie Grimes.

Respectfully submitted,
Carla Waddell, AACRL Secretary