

Alabama Association of College and Research Libraries

Executive Board Meeting

July 21, 2016

The meeting was held virtually, so no meeting location is listed.

Present: Rickey Best (President), Peggy Kain (Vice-President/President-Elect), Tim Dodge (Secretary), Debbie Cobb (Treasurer), Eric Kidwell (Legislative Liaison), and Dusty Folds (Newsletter Editor).

Called to Order: President Rickey Best called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Committee Reports:

- a) **Ad Hoc Committee on Assessment:** Chapters Council Liaison Sara Whitver sent in a written report which was consulted in her absence and President Rickey Best summarized.

The committee is charged with developing a project where representatives from academic libraries can share data from assessments and on demonstrating the value of libraries. The survey will be distributed soon (likely last week of July). The plan is to start with assessment as it regards library instruction. Peggy Kain noted that this will parallel what the (national) ACRL is doing in regard to assessment.

For more detail, please consult attached AACRL/CUS Joint Committee on Assessment Report submitted by Sara Maurice Whitver.

- b) **Continuing Education and Training Committee:** Peggy Kain has been in contact with Alabama Library Association CUS (College, University, and Special Libraries division) Chair-Elect James Gilbreath. Ideas are being discussed for a possible pre-conference program for 2017 to be produced together with Sara Whitver perhaps on assessment. Ms. Kain has spoken with Lori Northrup and Emily Allee both of Samford University about possibly hosting a conference program or providing a continuing education program concerning assessment as well.

Rickey Best noted it would be a good idea to build on this for the future. Peggy Kain said she would like to consult with CUS Chair Dusty Folds who did a great job in planning programs this past year.

Financial Report/Membership Report: As of July 21, 2016 the checking account balance was \$2105.40; the Pay Pal account balance was \$145.46 and there were 84 members in good standing. For details, see attached Treasurer's Report submitted by Debbie Cobb.

Rickey Best expressed concern over the relatively low balance considering the possible expenses of items such as continuing education workshops, honoraria for outside speakers, and the stipend(s) formerly available for participation in the American Library Association's National Library Legislative Day in Washington, D.C. held annually.

There was some discussion concerning AACRL Liaisons. Eric Kidwell spoke of the need to revitalize the network, Tim Dodge reported that the last he had heard was when he confirmed that he was Auburn University's liaison about two or three years ago. Mr. Kidwell suggested putting names and contact information of liaisons on the AACRL web site when available. He also suggested putting out a call on the AACRL listserv for existing liaisons to confirm their status and for those interested in serving as a liaison for their institution. Rickey Best plans to work with Debbie Cobb to determine the identity of the most recently known liaisons.

State Chapter Annual Report to National ACRL: The report was submitted by Rickey Best. He noted that it was written so as to align with the ACRL Strategic Plan and focussed on assessment and the recruiting of new members.

Mr. Best reported that at the national level ACRL is discussing doing away with the extra reimbursement to chapters for membership drives because no chapter has ever claimed this money. He did note that ACRL will continue to provide the annual reimbursement of \$1 per state chapter member.

Rickey Best also noted that past webinars hosted by ACRL are available to chapters. Peggy Kain expressed interest and plans to contact Chase Ollis for access for possible use this Fall.

The biennial ACRL conference, to be held in Baltimore in March 2017, has the theme of "At the Helm: Leading Transformation." Rickey Best expressed interest in seeing if we can raise funds for scholarships this Fall so people can attend. This led to a discussion of National Library Legislative Day.

There was some discussion about the high costs involved in participation. Eric Kidwell noted that, due to hotel contract negotiations, it is possible the American Library Association Washington Office might no longer be making arrangements for reserving a block of rooms in the current official hotel in Washington, D.C. for interested NLLD attendees after the 2017 event. Currently, costs are extremely high and in the future they might be higher. Mr. Best noted that one of the purposes of raising AACRL dues rates in recent years was to support advocacy by paying two \$500 stipends (which could be combined into one) to assist in covering the costs of interested AACRL members who wanted to participate in National Library Legislative Day. For now, the financial resources available to AACRL are not enough to cover such a stipend.

Other Business: Newsletter: Dusty Folds plans to send out an appeal via e-mail for news to include in the next issue of the Newsletter. Deadline likely will be early August. Rickey Best suggested we might want to increase the frequency of the Newsletter to appeal to the AACRL membership as one of the benefits of membership. Eric Kidwell was concerned about the need for newsletter content. Mr. Folds said increasing the frequency was fine with him but agreed that more people needed to be involved as content contributors beyond the expected AACRL officers and committee chairs. Mr. Kidwell suggested contacting the University of Alabama School of Library and Information Studies to seek newsletter contributions and to also encourage involvement in AACRL.

Next Meeting: A date to be established in September.

Adjourned: President Rickey Best adjourned the meeting at 10:13 a.m.

Submitted by:

Tim Dodge
Secretary

APPENDIX: Reports

**AACRL/CUS Joint Committee on Assessment
July Committee Report
Sara Maurice Whitver, Chair
7/14/2016**

The AACRL/CUS joint committee on Assessment convened on 6/21/2016. Committee members discussed our assessment experience, and our charge.

Charge: to develop a project where representatives from the various libraries can share data on assessments and demonstrating value of libraries. Perhaps there can be baseline of scores for things like library instruction that we can share.

Our first activity will be to conduct a short survey for all of the committee members to respond to in order to identify the other types of assessment being conducted. We may also want to open the survey up to libraries across the state, in order to understand the broader assessment landscape.

Our short term goals are to:

- Develop a baseline for instruction assessment that can be shared across institutions.
- Begin building a resource collection/tool kit that Alabama Librarians can use on their local campuses.

We will probably break into small groups according to what kind of assessment we already have experience conducting, and work on the above goals.

[Report below submitted by Debbie Cobb, Treasurer]

AACRL Treasurer's Report – July 2016 Executive Board Meeting

For the last Treasurer's Report, the checking account balance was \$3,008.85 and the Pay Pal account was \$81.92.

Since then, I have received and deposited one membership renewal for \$15.00 and one Annual Meeting Reservation for \$25.00. Through Pay Pal, five membership renewals have been received for a total of \$63.54.

For expenses, five checks were written for a total of \$943.45. One check for the amount of \$25.00 for the refund of an Annual Meeting Reservation. Three checks for a total of \$550.45 for AACRL promotional materials for the 2016 ALLA convention. One check for the amount of \$368.00 for the 2016 AACRL Annual Meeting Dinner.

The checking account balance as of July 21, 2016 is \$2,105.40 and the Pay Pal account is \$145.46.

As of July 21, 2016, we currently have 84 members in good standing.