

**Alabama Association of College and Research Libraries**

**Annual Dinner/Business Meeting**

**April 19, 2017**

**Irish Bred Pub, Montgomery, Ala.**

**Called to Order:** President Rickey Best called the business meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mr. Best reported on behalf of Treasurer Debbie Cobb that the account balance is \$1000 higher than last year at this time (a copy of the report supplied by Ms. Cobb indicates that as of April 14, 2017 there was \$3385 in the checking account and \$278.65 in the PayPal account). Mr. Best also noted membership is up from a year ago: from 83 to 100 members in good standing. AACRL's tax exempt status was renewed on February 21, 2017.

**AACRL Table at ALLA Convention:** Rickey Best reported that 28 people had stopped by the table promoting AACRL located in the exhibitors' area at the Alabama Library Association annual convention; 12 of them had picked up membership forms.

**Officer Nomination Concerns:** Rickey Best observed that it has become increasingly hard to locate nominees for AACRL officer positions. He noted that nominees currently are required to be members of both AACRL and (national) ACRL and that this might be a barrier for some potential nominees. Referring to an ACRL report, Mr. Best noted that of seventeen state chapters of ACRL, nine require that nominees be members of both ACRL and their state chapter while eight do not. Perhaps we should reconsider the current dual membership status required for officer nominations for AACRL elections. The By-Laws Committee will need to discuss this.

Rickey Best noted that if AACRL decided to abolish the dual membership requirement, that it would not affect our state chapter's relations with national ACRL. ACRL still is providing financial support to state chapters at \$1.00 per member, but are beginning to discuss just relying on program assistance since many chapters don't claim their funds. Over the next three to five years, ACRL will probably be looking at this in terms of making a change, but there is no immediate proposal out there

Please send your own opinions on this issue to Rickey Best via e-mail ( [rbest@aum.edu](mailto:rbest@aum.edu) ).

**New Officers:** Rickey Best presented the newly-elected AACRL officers: Jessica Hayes (absent due to serving as Convention Committee Chair for ALLA annual convention), Vice-President/President-Elect; Debbie Cobb (absent), Treasurer; and Dusty Folds, Newsletter Editor.

**Adjourned: 7:40 p.m.**

**Program:** Dr. Lauren Cardon of the University of Alabama's Digital Humanities Center, gave an excellent presentation on digital humanities addressing the following topics: use as a pedagogical tool; recent projects at the University of Alabama (using the course theme of food); writing and research benefits; unanticipated benefits; ongoing challenges; and research challenges.

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:** Please send any items for inclusion in the Summer issue of *The AACRL Newsletter* to Editor Dusty Folds ( [dfolds@lawsonstate.edu](mailto:dfolds@lawsonstate.edu) ) by the deadline of **MAY 15**. [Deadline subsequently changed to **MAY 19**].

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