

Alabama Association of College and Research Libraries

Annual Dinner/Business Meeting

April 11, 2018

Ricatoni's Italian Grill, Florence

Present: Stephanie Evers Ard, Tim Bailey, Rickey Best, Debbie Cobb, Rachel Cohen, Tim Dodge, Jessica Hayes, Peggy Kain, Debbie West, Kathy Wheeler, Daniel Wilson, Ellen Wilson, and Kelly Wilson.

Called to Order: After a delicious meal, President Peggy Kain called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. Ms. Kain thanked everyone for their work for AACRL over the past year and asked for ideas for speakers for future programs. She noted the passing of the torch to incoming President-Elect Kathy Wheeler.

Membership Update: Treasurer Debbie Cobb reported current membership as approximately 100 and numbers are “staying even.”

Treasurer's Report: Please see attached report from Treasurer Debbie Cobb.

Brainstorming: With attendance numbers at AACRL Annual Dinner/Business Meetings declining in recent years, it was decided to use this year's event as a brainstorming discussion about potential programs AACRL could sponsor in the future and possible improvements or changes in services offered by the organization. Conversation became somewhat freewheeling but I will list below what I was able to hear.

Non-Convention Summer Event: Jessica Hayes suggested having an academic library-specific Summer event that is *not* a convention (like the Alabama Library Association annual convention) perhaps lasting a day or day and a half. Tim Bailey noted that the Public Libraries Division (PLD) of ALLA hosts a successful Mini-Conference every Winter and that perhaps AACRL could do something similar relating to best practices.

Rare Books and Manuscripts/Archives: Jessica Hayes suggested hosting a program relating to this area.

Research and Writing/Publishing: Kathy Wheeler suggested putting information about this on the AACRL web site and including things like current trends in publishing and mentorship. Daniel Wilson suggested using this as a way to facilitate things for people interested in collaborating on a research project. Tim Bailey suggested creating an internal vetting for this.

Ensuring Good Programs at Conferences: Daniel Wilson expressed concern over the lack of good programs at library conferences. Jessica Hayes suggested providing a link to national-level listservs where such ideas might be found.

AACRL Listserv: There was some concern expressed about some not being aware of the AACRL listserv and how to subscribe to it. It was suggested that all active members be contacted to verify interest and to provide instructions for subscribing to the listserv that is managed by Craig Beard (University of Alabama at Birmingham).

Webinars and Programming: Jessica Hayes noted AACRL has a Google account and a Youtube page for hosting webinars. Dan (?) expressed an interest in setting up livestreaming for webinars. Ms. Hayes also suggested having quarterly virtual member forums lasting for 30 minutes where idea-generating discussions similar to this evening could be hosted. Perhaps at 11 a.m. and/or 1 p.m.

Library School Student Programming: Rachel Cohen suggested having a student-only panel plus perhaps poster sessions and articles relating to Library and Information Science student concerns.

Career and Job Preparation: Someone (Jessica Hayes?) suggested hosting a program concerning career and job preparation, for example, how to prepare for job interviews.

Adjourned: At approximately 8:15 p.m.

Submitted by:

Tim Dodge
Secretary

Treasurer's Report (Debbie Cobb)

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For the last Treasurer's Report, the checking balance was \$3,340.77 and the PayPal account was \$235.67.

Since then, I have received and deposited 1 check for the amount of \$15.00 for an AACRL membership renewal. From PayPal, I have received 5 payments for AACRL membership renewals and 2 new member payments for a total of \$99.82.

Twelve individuals registered for the 2018 AACRL Annual Meeting/Dinner. Six payments in the amount of \$143.82 were received through PayPal and 6 checks were received and deposited in the amount of \$150.00 for a total of \$293.82.

The checking account balance as of April 9, 2018 is \$3,505.77 and the PayPal account is \$479.31. We currently have 100 members in good standing.

