

**Alabama Association of College and Research Libraries**  
Conference Call Meeting  
August 12, 2010

**Date, Time, and Place of Meeting:** August 12, 2010, 10am, via conference call

**Call to Order:** AACRL president, Charlcie Pettway Vann, called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.

**Present:** Charlcie Pettway Vann (President), Rickey Best (Past President), Lori Northrup (VP/President-Elect), Ellen Wilson (Secretary), Muriel Wells (Treasurer), Jason Battles (Webmaster)

**Absent:** Yingqi Tang (Member-at-Large), Eric Kidwell (Legislative Liaison), Kathy Wheeler (Newsletter Editor)

**Officer Reports**

**President** – Charlcie has forwarded information from Chris Shaffer about the call for proposals for the AACRL/CUS Best Practices sessions at next year’s ALLA conference.

**Past-President** – His report of Chapters’ Council meeting is in newsletter. Rickey is chairing the Awards Committee this year. He will use the timeline for nominations used by Tim Dodge last year. He is also working with Chris Shaffer on the AACRL/CUS program. He will send the committee lists out to the Executive Board.

**Vice-President/President-Elect** – Lori is working on planning the annual business meeting in April during the ALLA meeting in Orange Beach, April 2011. She has gathered ideas for dinner locations and possible speakers and will send those to the Executive Board.

**Secretary** – The minutes for the annual business meeting in April 2010 were approved by the membership via email. Ellen will send updated by-laws and minutes for past meetings to Jason for posting on the website.

**Treasurer** – On June 30, 2010, the balance stood at \$5565.71. Interest in the amount of 21 cents was applied on July 31. A disbursement of \$500 to Eric Kidwell was made on July 21 as a stipend for Library Legislative day. The current balance is \$5065.92.

**Webmaster** – Jason asked the Executive Board to email him items for posting to the website with instructions so to do, and he will have them up as soon as possible.

**New Business**

**Theme:** The 2011 ACRL Conference theme is “A Declaration of Interdependence.” Charlcie suggests that AACRL adopt the same theme for 2010-2011, since the theme reflects the idea that in order to be successful, libraries must cooperate with each other and connect with their communities. The theme inspired her to reach out to librarians at Gadsden to see if they are interested in cooperating with Jacksonville State.

Lori likes the theme, which has the potential for reaching across a lot of areas, and notes that it is a good theme to present to potential speakers at the annual meeting.

Muriel will be presenting some of her doctoral research at the ACRL conference under this theme. She is examining the relationship of university libraries with offices of disability services on university campuses.

**Chapters' Council:** Rickey will attend the Chapters' Council meeting at Mid-Winter. Charlcie will check if Member-at-Large Yingqi Tang will also attend.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:45am.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen K. Wilson, AACRL Secretary

**Addendum:**

Legislative Liaison's Report, submitted via email by Eric Kidwell

In D.C. at Advocacy Day, Rickey and I talked (after making our rounds on the Hill) about how we might work to better involve librarians, and particularly academic & research librarians and staffs, in the advocacy process. One thing we discussed was developing a working relationship between our new Government Relations Committee and the legislative committee within the Alabama Library Association. Since Tim (Dodge) has long been involved with the latter, he might be a good person for me to talk to and see what we can do toward this end. We also talked about how we might better prepare those in the academic/research library field to actively participate in the advocacy process, whether that be at the local, state or national levels, and whether that be by communicating through letter and e-mail with legislators or by talking with them and their staffs in person. One idea we briefly tossed around was looking into holding some type of orientation/training session for those who have an interest in being part of the Alabama delegation for the annual ALA Legislative Day in D.C.

If anyone on the AACRL board has any ideas on this general issue, they can send them to me.