

AACRL Executive Board Virtual Meeting

June 14, 2018

Present: Tim Bailey, Debbie Cobb, Tim Dodge, Dusty Folds, Jessica Hayes, Peggy Kain, Kathy Wheeler, and Ellen Wilson.

Called to Order: 11:02 a.m.

Introductions: At President Jessica Hayes's request, all virtually present introduced themselves.

Minutes of April 11, 2018 Annual Dinner/Business Meeting: Secretary Tim Dodge sent this document out via e-mail shortly before today's (June 14) meeting. He detected an error. It was agreed that he would send a corrected copy out via e-mail for review and approval later. Note: Mr. Dodge sent out corrected copies to those who attended the virtual meeting later that same day.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Debbie Cobb summarized the report that she had submitted for inclusion in the Spring issue of the *AACRL Newsletter*. Updated figures include a balance of \$3647.96 in the checking account and \$101.22 in the Paypal account.

New Business

Merging Two Committees: President Jessica Hayes introduced the topic of merging the Program Committee and the Continuing Education and Training Committee. The rationale provided was that there is an overly large number of people (three on Program and five or six on Continuing Ed. and Training) serving on these committees and that they are, essentially, working on the same thing: the program plus meal for the annual dinner/business meeting. In addition, both committees are chaired by the Vice-President/President-Elect.

(Outgoing) Member-at-Large Tim Bailey suggested coming up with a proposal for merging these committees today that could then be presented to the AACRL membership for approval. However, Newsletter Editor Dusty Folds noted that the *AACRL Bylaws* provide a different procedure for changing the bylaws (as would be needed to merge these committees) – see Article 8 Section 3 Part b. An additional problem was the need for a quorum.

Ms. Hayes asked Past-President Peggy Kain, who is also serving as Bylaws Committee Chair, to look into this issue. Ultimately, the following agreed to investigate the issue: Jessica Hayes, Peggy Kain, Vice-President/President-Elect Kathy Wheeler, Treasurer Debbie Cobb, and (Outgoing) Member-at-Large Tim Bailey.

Webmaster Ellen Wilson made a motion that the Executive Board table a vote on the merging of the Program Committee and the Continuing Education and Training Committee until the bylaws are reviewed to determine the procedure for establishing a quorum and for voting by the membership. Debbie Cobb seconded. All present voted in the affirmative.

AACRL Assessment Task Force: President Jessica Hayes reported they are regrouping and this project will continue at some point.

Resolution to Honor African Americans Who Fought Library Segregation: On May 16 Legislative Liaison Eric Kidwell forwarded to Past-President Peggy Kain and Secretary Tim Dodge an e-mail message plus attachments originating from the American Library Association Council regarding the honoring of African Americans who had fought library racial segregation inquiring if this might be of interest to the AACRL Executive Board. (Mr. Kidwell also wondered about to whom this information might be sent on the Alabama Library Association Executive Council and Mr. Dodge then passed this on to ALLA President Carrie Steinmehl and ALLA Multicultural Information Round Table Moderator Wendy Stephens).

Mr. Dodge and Peggy Kain agreed this was something for the AACRL Executive Board to consider and passed on the forwarded e-mail message from Mr. Kidwell plus attachments to President Jessica Hayes and Vice-President/President-Elect Kathy Wheeler. On May 17 Ms. Hayes sent this information plus attachments to the AACRL Executive Board with a motion to approve an AACRL endorsement of the ALA Council resolution; Ms. Kain seconded. After some more discussion by e-mail Ms. Hayes put forward the endorsement to a vote of the Executive Board on May 21. On May 23 Ms. Hayes announced the vote was in favor including a suggestion that had been made by Mr. Kidwell that the ALA Council's resolution not be limited to African American media outlets as is implied in the final sentence of the ALA Council resolution text.

Today (June 14) Ms. Hayes reported that the AACRL endorsement would be announced in the Fall issue of the *AACRL Newsletter* and also via the AACRL listserv and perhaps also the AlaLAL (Alabama Library Association) listserv. In addition, print copies of the endorsement need to be signed by the AACRL President (Jessica Hayes), Vice-President/President-Elect (Kathy Wheeler), and Legislative Liaison (Eric Kidwell) before sending to the ALA Council members Martin Garnar and Sara Dallas where the original communication originated.

Webinars: President Jessica Hayes expressed an interest in having AACRL host professional development opportunities via webinars that might be held Summer, Fall, and Spring. Such webinars are of value to AACRL members and could be made available to non-members as well.

Ms. Hayes asked for potential webinar ideas and the following were suggested:

- 1) Research, writing, and publishing.
- 2) Library advocacy.
- 3) Leadership and administration.

There was some discussion about webinars being available via Lib Guides and Google Drive. Ms. Hayes is interested in more ideas, so send them her way.

Newsletter: Editor Dusty Folds announced that **August 17** is the deadline for submitting items for the Fall issue. Mr. Folds said he is interested in receiving committee updates so he can get some discussions going via the newsletter and thus share ideas with the larger AACRL membership.

Committees: Webmaster Ellen Wilson plans to update the AACRL web site listing new committee chairs.

Adjourned: Ellen Wilson made a motion to adjourn; Kathy Wheeler and Peggy Kain simultaneously seconded. All approved. The meeting was adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

Submitted by:

Tim Dodge
Secretary