

AACRL Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Zoom Meeting

September 15, 2020

Scheduled 2:00 – 3:00 PM

The meeting came to order at 2:01 PM

Present: **Dusty Folds**, President; **Megan Bell**, Treasurer; **Delores Carlito**, Secretary; **DeDe Bradsher**, Newsletter Editor; **Kara Van Abel**, Member-at-Large; **Kathy Wheeler**, Past President; **Ellen Wilson**, Webmaster; **Kim Westbrooks**, Vice President/President Elect

Absent: **Eric Kidwell**, Legislative Liaison

I. Welcome and Roll Call

II. Approval of June meeting minutes.

Motion to approve: Kim Westbrooks

Second: Dusty Folds

Minutes were approved

III. Old Business

Statement and resources regarding Black Lives Matter and anti-racism (Kim and Megan)

- What can we add to what ALLA is already doing
- Emphasize actions taking place
- Will send out a survey to collect information.
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1r29lIJBzlc7XmvEiZ8BSbHULtP-_xZJ_dn2S0-AypqY/edit?usp=sharing
- Email draft:
AACRL endorses the Alabama Library Association Statement on Racism and [ALA's response to Black Lives Matter?]. Making a statement without action is meaningless, so we plan to use ALA's #LibrariesRespond Plan of Action to plan programming to support anti-racism and we encourage our members to do the same. In fact, we would love to hear how you have used ALA's Plan of Action in your library. Why, you may ask? First, to demonstrate we are not just making another statement, but we are making conscious efforts to support anti-racism. Second, to provide ideas and resources to academic librarians who are interested in supporting anti-racism but are unsure how to do it. If you would like to share your ideas or experiences with putting ALA's Plan of Action into action, please complete our survey. We would also like to hear about any anti-racism programming ideas you may not have done but would like AACRL to consider doing. [link to google form here].
- Possible community read surrounding BLM or antiracism.
- First event will be in November
- Recommendation that it be a series. Deadline of October 1 for survey.

Virtual meeting and conference hosting platforms (Dusty, Kim, and Ellen)

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- Looked at several: Zoom, Google Meets, Gotomeeting, and WebEx
- Google Meets and WebEx were the best for our purposes
- USA has Google Meets and Ellen recommends testing it.

IV. Committee and Officer Updates

Kim Westbrooks, Vice-President/President-Elect

- BLM & antiracism is informing continuing education

Kim Westbrooks, Continuing Education and Training Committee

- They are looking at BLM and COVID as topics

Kim Westbrooks, Program Committee

- They are looking for speakers for the end-of-year programming
- The ALLA Convention 2021 will be in Montgomery: <https://www.allanet.org/annual-convention>

Kathy Wheeler, By-Laws Committee

- Bylaws were reviewed fairly recently
- Kara Van Abel will work with Cathy on at-large and membership sections of bylaws.
- Ellen Wilson, Webmaster, may be able to set the website up so that chairs are informed via email when someone signs up to be on a committee.

Megan Bell, Treasurer

- Same as last meeting. No additions or subtractions to the accounts since the last meeting
- She will send out renewal reminders later this month.

Kara Van Abel, Member-at-Large

- What should the member-at-large be doing? Will work with Kathy on responsibilities.

Kara Van Abel, Membership Committee

- There's discrepancy between what the bylaws say and the membership committee practices.
- Should the membership committee be in charge of a membership drive?
- Megan and Kara will discuss transferring membership responsibilities from the treasurer to the Membership Committee Chair.

DeDe Bradsher, Newsletter Editor

- There was no newsletter for summer 2020.
- Should we catch up and create that newsletter or just forego it?
- It was decided we should not be concerned about missing one newsletter, and note could be made in the archives for clarification.
- September 24 is the deadline for articles so that it can go out around the 30th. She will need the Treasurer's Report and the Legislative Report. Any additional content is up to the membership.

V. New Business

- We are asking for workshop ideas for ALLA. The Program Committee is willing to look at all suggestions.
- Disaster Relief as it relates to COVID. NAAL is not covering community colleges, so we could focus programs on community colleges.
 - Megan noted it could be a way to market membership.
 - Dusty wondered if we should try to work with CUS.

VI. Next Meeting: December 2020/January 2021

Dusty will send out Doodle Polls.

The meeting adjourned at 2:48 PM.