

AACRL Executive Board Meeting Minutes

GoToMeeting
March 8, 2021
Scheduled 12-1 PM

The meeting came to order at 12:01 PM

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

Absent: **Kathy Wheeler**, Past President

I. Welcome and Roll Call

II. Approval of February meeting minutes.

Motion to approve: Kim Westbrooks

Second: Ellen Wilson

Minutes were approved

III. Old Business

Update on virtual meeting and conference hosting platforms (Dusty, Kim, and Ellen)

- Proposing GoToMeeting
 - Megan: some products have the option to automatically send an email with the link to registrants. These products will also compile a list of registrants. She called GoTo, and it is available with GoToWebinar Lite for an additional \$20/month. Suggested that we subscribe to GoToMeeting and reassess in a year and see if we need more features.
 - The committee looked at it but weren't sure use would justify the additional cost.
 - Wondered if we could use another program like Google Forms or Eventbrite to do the same thing.
 - Vote on moving forward with GoToMeeting Business Plan
 - Motion: Megan Bell
 - Second: Kim Westbrooks
- The vote passed.

Update on ALLA conference and AACRL/CUS Best Practice sessions (Kim)

- Have not heard whether the best practice sessions were approved
- The platform ALLA is using has a limit on the number of simultaneous events that can go on.
- She will send the information as soon as she knows something.

- Do we want to have our business meeting on April 28-29 or do we want to choose a different date independent of ALLA?
 - Recommended that the meeting be during the day rather than at night.
 - A speaker with the business meeting will ensure more attendees
 - Article 10, section 1, in AACRL Bylaws state the business meeting should be held in conjunction with the conference. We can define “conjunction” how we want.
 - We should edit the bylaws to allow future business meetings to be held not in conjunction with ALLA.
 - Suggested dates for the business meeting are the Monday and Tuesday the week of the conference or the Friday before.
 - Kim will send a survey to the membership ASAP so we can choose a date.

Officer Nominations & Election Procedures (Kathy)

- Kathy has 2 people interested in the treasurer position and one possibly for VP/President-elect
- Elections are announced at the Business Meeting, so the roster must be complete by then
- Eric will send an email to the NAAL list, and Dusty will send a call for nominees to the Alabama 2-year college association
- We need to make sure the people running are members of AACRL

Update on membership outreach and renewal emails (Kara)

- Prepared a reminder notice for members whose membership has lapsed since 2019.
- 54 members renewed, but about 24 people are not accounted for
- 5 people renewed after the last notice
- Some of the non-renewals may be people who have retired or moved
- She has not examined how many memberships are new
- Megan is sending calls for membership to SLIS and other listservs.
- The hope is that membership will go up once COVID is over.
- We should make sure people know they can be AACRL members without being ALLA members.
- Kara is working with the Programming Committee because programming can benefit membership drives.
 - Eric suggested that the Montgomery Equal Justice Initiative is a possible source of speakers

IV. New Business

Newsletter (Dede)

- Articles are due by March 29 for the newsletter
- Biographies of those running for office would normally be in the newsletter.

Bylaws changes

- Any changes to the bylaws must be sent to the membership in writing 14 days before the vote.
- It is usually sent to the listserv
- Suggestion to also send the changes to individual members using the list in Excel

V. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be the Annual Business Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 12:51 PM.