

## ARKLink Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 13, 2000; 3:00 p.m.

University of Arkansas - Medical Sciences

People in attendance were:

Peggy Morrison (UAMS)  
Myron Flugstad (ASU)  
Bill Parton (ATU)  
Bob Frizzell (Hendrix)  
David Glick (Henderson St)  
Wilma Cunningham (Westark College)  
Sharon Kerr (UALR)  
Amanda Moore (UCA)  
Mark Shores (UAM)  
Jerrie Townsend (PCC/UA)  
Virginia Perschbacher (Philander Smith)  
Dena Plaisted (PCC/UA)  
Brent Nelson (UALR)

Ronald Russ (ASU-Beebe)  
Mary Ryan (UAMS)  
Kathy Sanders (UALR)  
Henry Terrill (Harding)  
Bob Yehl (Henderson St)  
Juana Young (UAF)  
Martha Coleman (Westark)  
Janet Parsch (AUF) presiding  
Ann Dixon (Harding)  
Maureen James-Barnes (UALR)  
Susan Goldner (UALR - Law)  
Regina Beach (UALR)

Myron called the meeting to order. The minutes of the February 11th meeting were approved.

1. Database Purchasing Task Force: Access to the CINAHL (Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature) database is activated. As for the PSYCIInfo

database, the American Psychological Association (which produces the database) decided it needed its own licensing agreements with the individual ARKLink institutions. Licensing agreements were not accepted via fax; they had to be submitted via U.S. postal service, which undoubtedly slowed the process down. No progress has been made with the MLA Bibliography database. Bob said the task force was waiting for PSYCInfo to start up before moving on to MLA. We may have to re-survey the ARKLink institutions to see if there is still interest in the MLA. Smaller academic libraries may find consortial pricing more advantageous than larger institutions, Bob said.

2. Resource Sharing Task Force: Peggy stated that libraries need to submit the Needs Assessment Survey on the ARKLink website by May 1. Currently there are only 10 respondents out of all 47 libraries. Peggy asked for libraries to fill in all applicable comments and suggestions that apply to their particular libraries. She stated that the comments may be the most important aspect of the survey for ARKLink's purposes.

3. Collection Development Task Force: Amanda handed out a copy of the minutes from the last Collection Development Task Force on March 10, 2000 at UALR. A copy of these minutes are available here. It was stated that the best way for the Collection Development Task Force to get in touch with acquisitions staff at all state-wide academic institutions would be the ARCULI listserv. The task force is also finding out which electronic journal vendors are willing to work with ARKLink. Currently, the vendors include Project Muse and OCLC's Electronic Collections Online.

4. Funding Sources Task Force: The task force had no report but Kathy Sanders did hand out Draft #5 of the White Paper for ARKLink. A discussion took place over informational content and if there were any comments or corrections, they should be emailed to Kathy Sanders. All comments should be sent to Kathy by April 21. At that time, the final white paper will be sent to the ARCULI listserv seeking the input of all academic librarians in the state. After that all Library Directors will be asked to vote on approval of the white paper early in May. Another discussion started around the format of the white paper and it was decided that the best format might be a trifold handout. Discussion on distribution of the white paper started when Bob Yehl thought that the State Board of Higher Education, individual institutional administrators and our Board of Trustees. Other organizations and individuals who should receive the white paper were also discussed.

It was recommended that David Glick should copyright the ARKLink webpage.

Henry Terrill passed out information on how to achieve Tax Exempt status and discussion ensued. Susan Goldner volunteered to discuss with a UALR Law faculty member the issues of Tax Exempt status and how to Incorporate an organization.

Mary Ryan, Henry Terrill and Susan Goldner volunteered to serve on the Ad Hoc Governance Task Force. Susan Goldner will serve as chair of the Task Force and within a year from now, there will be a formal structure in place for ARKLink.

The ARKLink co-chairs (Janet Parsch & Myron Flugstad) announced that their term of office is up April 2000 and what does the membership want to do. The ARKLink membership decided to unanimously re-elect them and extend the terms of office for all 6 executive board members for one

more year. At that point there will be a more formal structure and organization to ARKLink.

Juana Young announced that the domain name for the ARKLink webpage will be [arklink-libraries.org](http://arklink-libraries.org).

The next meeting will be held at Henderson State University in Arkadelphia on Friday, June 23 at 11 a.m. Lunch will be provided by Huie Library at Henderson State University.

The meeting was adjourned at 5 p.m.

Minute-taker: David Glick