

ARKLink Meeting Minutes

April 29, 1999; 4:00 p.m.

University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Center

People in attendance were:

Mary Hawks - UAMS
Betsy Wilson - University of Washington
Susan Goldner - UALR Law
Bill Parton - ATU
Juana Young - UAF
Mary Ryan - UAMS
Peggy Morrison - UAMS
Helen Guenter - UAM
Virginia Perschbacher - Philander Smith
Necia Parker Gibson - UAF
Ronald S. Russ - Arkansas State University - Beebe
Linda Bennett - UACCB
Ann Dixon - Harding
Shirley Williams - Harding
Kathy Sanders - UALR
Dena Plaisted - PCC-UA Helena
Jerrie (sp.) Townsend - PCC-UA Arkansas County
Marilyn B. Archer - Cossatot Technical College
Louise Lamb - NWACC

Marilyn Goodwin - Williams Baptist College
Erma Ulmer - BRTC
Ruth Riley - UAMS
Ellen Hornday - Central Baptist College
Anne Clements - Central Baptist College
Art Berman - East Arkansas Community College
Mark Shores - UAM
Wilma Cunningham - Westark College
Martha Coleman - Westark College
Janet Milford Sanders - Westark College
David Glick - Henderson State University
Bob Yehl - Henderson State University
Mary Moore - Arkansas State University
Bill Traylor - UALR
Quanta Gwin - EACC
Robert Frizzell - Hendrix College
Willie Hardin - UCA
Beth Ann Johnson - Hendrix College
Madeline Williams - Westark College

The meeting was called to order at 4:15 p.m. by Co-Chair Janet Parsch.

Juana Young reported on the status of the Arkansas Digital Library.

PROPOSAL: It was offered by Senator Jody Mahony as Senate Concurrent Resolution 13: "Requesting the Senate and House Interim Committees on Education to hold hearings to determine the amount of work done to date regarding the digital library concept and to study and review the potential for such a system in our state of Arkansas... The committees are further requested to issue a report to the Legislative Council, including any recommendations for the 2001 Legislative Session, by September 30, 2000."

The goal of the meeting was to break up into task force discussions and determine one task for each task force to work on and the timetable for that task.

Reports were given by the task force chairs:

Robert Frizzell - The DATABASE PURCHASING TASK FORCE is compiling a database survey to determine current databases held in Arkansas academic libraries and to determine the 10 most desired databases from each institution. David Glick is designing the survey with help from the task force members. Deadline for submitting input is May 30. Survey results will be compiled in Microsoft Access and be distributed for review prior to the next ARKLink meeting on June 21 at UALR Law Library.

Peggy Morrison - The RESOURCE SHARING TASK FORCE determined that they needed to conduct a needs assessment to identify what current resources libraries would be willing to share and to find out what resources others have that libraries would like to see shared. The goal is to have a draft needs assessment distributed to the task force by mid-May to be ready to discuss further at the June meeting. In fall a decision would be taken where to start.

Kathy Sanders - The FUNDING TASK FORCE determined that they would be developing a form to help with prospect research by the June meeting. Prospect research is the term given to studying prospective funding organizations, e.g., areas of interest, typical grant amounts, names of organizations, etc. (10 people attended this task force session.)

The next meeting time was set for Monday, June 21, at 1:30 at UALR Law Library. The meeting was adjourned at 5 p.m.