

ARKLink Meeting Minutes
May 25, 2006
University of Arkansas at Fayetteville

Bill Motts from CSA gave a presentation on new products and features on the CSA Illumina platform and provided lunch. Renee LeBeau-Ford, Chair of the Database Purchasing Committee will be sending out a proposal for ARKLink members from CSA.

ARKLink President Donna Daniels called the general meeting to order at 12:39 p.m. After extending a welcome and introductions, she asked for a motion to approve the November 4, 2005 meeting minutes. Minutes were approved. President Daniels asked for reports.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Henry Terrill gave the treasurer's report:

ARKLink Balance Sheet Summary as of

	<u>May 22, 06</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
10 - First Community Bank-Checking	<u>9,196.82</u>
Total Checking/Savings	<u>9,196.82</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>9,196.82</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>9,196.82</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
3010 - Unrestrict (retained earnings)	9,246.49
Net Income	<u>-49.67</u>
Total Equity	<u>9,196.82</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>9,196.82</u></u>

All members have paid what they owe. We have a negative balance in net income because we had a problem with the rounding of figures. It was suggested we may have to increase invoices a \$1.00 or \$2.00 to account for that. It was asked that members please pay their invoices promptly so they show on the current year's budget. Henry suggested a ½ of 1% on each invoice to cover the cost of software upgrades. A motion to approve funds for software upgrade was called and carried.

Collection Development Committee Report

No report on committee activities, but Chair Donna Daniels asked for volunteers to assume the chairmanship of the committee due to her role as the newly elected President of ARKLink. Donna asked for those interested to email or call her.

Database Purchasing Committee Report

Chair Renee LeBeau-Ford called for volunteers to compare 2 sets of databases. President Daniels nominated a fellow member of the U of A Fayetteville staff, Necia Parker-Gibson to compare CSA's Sociological Abstracts and EBSCO's SocINDEX Full –Text. Necia Parker-Gibson had already done a lot of work in this area with Ovid's Social Work Abstracts. President Daniels volunteered to compare ProQuest's ABI/INFORM Complete and EBSCO's Business Source Premiere. The cost to upgrade to Business Source Premiere and ABI/INFORM Complete will be sent out. Chair LeBeau-Ford asked if anyone was interested in items dealing with the Middle East. She called for volunteers to investigate what products might be available on this subject. One of the databases from the CSA presentation, Funding Opportunities might be one for ARKLink to consider. Chair LeBeau-Ford asked if there were any concerns or questions about MLA from EBSCO, she had heard from one institution that expressed a preference for ProQuest's MLA interface.

Chair LeBeau-Ford called on Jim Robb to discuss the survey results. Jim included a handout of the results that has a breakdown of each question by institution type. It was announced that Encyclopedia Britannica instead of Grolier will be in the state's Traveler package in Oct. Chair LeBeau-Ford said she would send out an email with this announcement. President Daniels announced that the U of A Fayetteville library has volunteered to be a beta tester site for the new Lexis-Nexis platform. She will let everyone know if this happens. Janet Parsch mentioned a unique group purchase plan from Elsevier on Science Direct, which many were not aware of. If interested contact Janet Parsch at U of A Fayetteville.

Financial Resources – No report.

Governance – No report.

Resource Sharing – No report.

Webmaster

Beth Juhl asked that everyone please keep their information up-to-date on the website, especially the reciprocal borrowing information.

New Business

ARKLink audit

Treasurer Terrill said that he received a phone call concerning our need to do an audit. The Internal Revenue Service is interested in our activities due to the amount of money that is moved through our account. Treasurer Terrill said that he received a quote of \$1,200 - \$1,500 to do the audit. President Daniels suggested a friend of hers who could do the audit for a minimal amount. It was agreed that she would inquire about this possibility. Chair Renee LeBeau-Ford suggested that we could ask one of the librarians at Arkansas Tech University, whose husband is an accountant to do the audit. Janet Parsch made the suggestion that we need to pay for an audit so that it legitimizes the findings.

Digitization projects in the state

President Daniels said that she received an email from Jenelle Stephens, Collection Development Services Coordinator at the State Library inquiring about Arkansas libraries that are working on digitalization projects. Tim Nutt discussed that they are in the planning stages for a digitization project. Beth Juhl mentioned a pilot project that they conducted just to better understand the digitization process. Martha Coleman mentioned the Fort Smith Journal project at U of A Fort Smith. Elizabeth McKee talked about the Arkansas Publications Index that U of A Fayetteville is working on, President Daniels asked everyone to pursue who has files that could be indexed within this project.

Renee LeBeau-Ford asked if anyone had heard about the Arkansas Gazette index that Arkansas Tech University was working on. She requested if President Daniels could ask Bill Parson about its status. President Daniels suggested that the indexing of Arkansas publications gets added to the next meeting's agenda and she asked for Elizabeth McKee to come to that meeting. Renee LeBeau-Ford asked if Tim Nutt could contact someone from the Butler Center at Central Arkansas Library System who could also attend the meeting.

Renee gave options for vendor presentations for the next meeting. Turnitin and RefWorks will be contacted to see if they would like to present.

Janet Parsch mentioned ESIG (EPSCoR Science Information Group) which is a group of libraries within the EPSCoR (Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research) states that can make group purchases of science materials to help defray cost. Arkansas is one of the 23 EPSCoR states; therefore, ARKLink libraries are eligible for participation. Contact Janet Parsch at U of A Fayetteville if interested.

Renee LeBeau-Ford announced that UALR has a new Dean of Libraries. Wanda Dole will start July 1st. She has been Dean of Libraries at Washburn University in Kansas and is involved with libraries on an internationally level.

President Daniels suggested that the next meeting will be at UALR in early August. Dates will be forthcoming.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:54 p.m.

Submitted by Wendy Davis, Board Secretary

Those in attendance were:

Brent Swearingen – John Brown University
Jim Robb – North Arkansas College
Mary Habermas – John Brown University
Judy Dye – U of A Fayetteville
Karin Medin – UALR
Ann Dixon – Harding University
Janet Parsch – U of A Fayetteville
Donna Daniels – U of A Fayetteville
Elizabeth McKee – U of A Fayetteville
Beth Juhl – U of A Fayetteville
Tim Nutt – U of A Fayetteville
Jeff Bailey – ASU Jonesboro
Juana Young – U of A Fayetteville
Renee LeBeau-Ford – UALR
Martha Coleman – U of A Fort Smith
Henry Terrill – Harding University
Wendy Davis – Pulaski Technical College
Jeffrey Dickens – U of A Monticello