

ARKLink Meeting Minutes

August 10, 1999; 1:00 p.m.

University of Central Arkansas

People in attendance were:

Madeline Williams - Westark College
Myron Flugstad - Arkansas State University
Martha Coleman - Westark College
Ronald S. Russ - Arkansas State University-Beebe
Bill Parton - Arkansas Tech University
Lorraine Lorne - University of Arkansas Fayetteville Law
David Glick - Henderson State University
Linda L. Bennett - UACCB
Bill Traylor for Sharon Kerr - UALR
Virginia Perschbacher - Philander Smith College
Peter V. Picerno - Arkansas State University

Robert Frizzell - Hendrix College
Rod Miller - Arkansas State University
Mary Farris - Garland County Community College
Sloan Powell - University of Central Arkansas
Peggy Morrison - UAMS
Susan Goldner - UALR-Law
Beth Juhl - UAF
Gerald G. Cox - Harding University
Ruth Riley - UAMS
Janet Parsch - UAF

ARKLink MEETING MINUTES-

The meeting was called to order at 1 p.m. by co-chair Myron Flugstad. Co-chair Janet Parsch led a discussion of the Memorandum of Understanding. After discussion and revision of the wording, Peggy Morrison moved and Mary Farris seconded that ARKLink adopt the Memorandum of Understanding and distribute it to all Arkansas academic libraries for signing by library directors or other authorized representatives. The motion was passed unanimously.

The adopted memorandum states:

"This Memorandum of Understanding is to record the understanding between the members of the ARKLink Consortium, initially composed of public and private Arkansas college and university libraries, to work towards fulfillment of its

mission:

To increase, enhance, and facilitate cooperation among libraries in the state of Arkansas through consortial purchasing of resources, expanding access to resources, and encouraging partnerships between and among libraries.

This Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated or amended by the mutual consent of the parties at any time. Any member library may terminate its affiliation with the ARKLink Consortium at any time by way of written notice to the ARKLink Board."

Janet proposed the adoption of an ARKLink letterhead and development of a logo.

TASK FORCE REPORTS:

Kathy Sander's written report on the ARKLink Task Force on Funding was read by Myron.

The report stated: "The Funding Task Force is collecting information and guidelines for some 30 foundations, agencies, and corporations that might be sources of financial assistance for the various programs outlined by the larger group. This information is organized in one place and can be made available to anyone needing the data.

Along with our gathering of this information, the next step is to begin matching sources of money with the nine funding categories specified in our previous meeting's Minutes (June 21, 1999).

Earlier, the members of this task force indicated their willingness to work with any group intending to prepare a grant, submit a proposal, or make a person call.

Additional 'leads' that we can use to identify funding sources should be directed to any member of the task force: Kathy Sanders, Mary Ryan, Juana Young, Myron Flugstad, Amanda Moore, Virginia Perschbacher, Wilma Cunningham, Marilyn Archer, Madeline Williams, Brady Banta, or Bill Parton."

Peggy Morrison gave the report on the Resource Sharing Task Force. She stated that the task force is conducting and processing a needs assessment. Janet stated that the University of Arkansas System Distance Education Library Task Force would like to see ARKLink study the ideas of a courier service and a basic core list of journals for higher education students.

Robert Frizzell gave the report for the Database Purchasing Task Force. The task force had done an analysis on the survey results that David Glick had compiled and distributed at the June 21 meeting. After discussion, the group agreed to propose

that Psych-Lit, Cinahl, and MLA be the initial databases offered to the membership. Bob agreed to draft a letter to academic library directors to explain the advantage of consortial purchasing of these three databases. It was decided to include the MOU, database cost information, and the explanatory letter in the same mailing.

October 15, 1999 was set as the deadline to commit to the database purchasing proposal.

Sloan Powell made a motion to proceed with the database purchasing proposal. Beth Juhl seconded and the motion was passed unanimously.

Janet reported on the Arkansas Digital Library proposal status. A senate concurrent resolution sponsored by Jodie Mahoney has been passed that provides for Senate and House Interim Committees to study the digital library concept and report to the Legislative Council by September 30, 2000.

The discussion elicited the following action steps that need to be taken to advance the proposal:

- 1) show benefits to citizens;
- 2) develop constituency;
- 3) look at restructuring the proposal;
- 4) get list of members of Joint Committee on Education; and
- 5) write an executive summary of the proposal.

Peggy Morrison (UAMS), Sloan Powell (UCA), Susan Goldner (UALR Law); Ruth Riley (UAMS), Martha Coleman (Westark), Lorraine Lorne (UAF Law), Myron Flugstad (ASU), and Janet Parsch (UAF) volunteered to continue working on the proposal.

The next meeting was set for the Arkansas Library Association fall conference on Monday, Oct. 11, 1999 from 4:30 to 5:30 in the DoubleTree Hotel in Little Rock.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Minutes written from notes taken by Rod Miller