

ARKLink Meeting Minutes
October 25, 2009
Arkansas Library Association Conference
Hot Springs Convention Center

Presenters

Mark Garrett of the South Central Digitization Resource Center presented a proposal for a digitization resource that would be shared among all interested institutions.

Call to Order and Minutes

The general meeting was called to order by Dean Covington at 5:02 p.m. A motion to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2009 meeting was suggested. Jim Robb made a motion to approve the minutes and Eileen Burg seconded.

Dean Covington stated that this was the first ARKLink meeting held in conjunction with the Arkansas Library Association Conference. He requested feedback from the membership on the convenience of this arrangement for ARKLink members.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Henry Terrill was unable to attend the meeting however he submitted a report in advance that Dean Covington shared with the membership on his behalf.

The 2010 dues invoices have been sent and the payments are coming in regularly.

The White County Credit Union account is a CD that is earning more interest than the regular checking account and will mature in December, at which time renewal may be considered depending upon interest rates.

The \$8,054.29 in Accounts Receivable is for the Who's Who Online database which has also been invoiced to those participating in that group.

Henry may talk to EBSCO about invoicing ARKLink for additional databases, especially those that are already negotiated by ARKLink.

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ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
10 - First Community Bank-Checking	22,580.92
70 - White County Federal Credit Uni	<u>3,025.00</u>
Total Checking/Savings	25,605.92
Accounts Receivable	
1110 - Accounts receivable	<u>8,054.29</u>
Total Accounts Receivable	8,054.29

	<u>33,660.21</u>
Total Current Assets	
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>33,660.21</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
3010 - Unrestrict (retained earnings)	21,657.92
Net Income	<u>12,002.29</u>
Total Equity	<u>33,660.21</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>33,660.21</u>

Collection Management Committee Report – No report.

Database Purchasing Committee Report – No report.

Financial Resources Committee Report – No report.

Governance Committee Report

Chair Henry Terrill submitted a written report that Dean Covington shared on his behalf. The Governance Committee explored the possibility of admitting Remington College to ARKLink upon receipt of a request from that college to join ARKLink.

The Governance Committee report text follows:

“The Governance Committee reviewed the Bylaws and the Bylaws of several neighboring and similar sized consortia and have concluded that it would not be in ARKLink’s best interest to change the Bylaws to admit for-profit institutions for membership.

The change would compromise our “non-profit” status and probably make it void.

We recommend that no action be taken. We should continue not to admit “for-profit” institutions for ARKLink membership.”

Henry Terrill, Chair
 Beth Juhl, Member
 Myron Flugstad, Member
 Amanda Moore, Ex-Officio Member

Resource Sharing

Chair Tim Zou presented the results of his survey of ARKLink card usage. This survey collected usage statistics and anecdotal evidence. Data gathered from the 14 libraries responding to the survey so far

indicate that the number of cards issued has increased every year and the number of items circulated also increased until 2007, when there was a decline. For the four year period surveyed a total of 1462 ARKLink cards were issued and 2348 items were circulated. Chair Zou encouraged promotion of the service and suggested individual institutions might work with their distance education departments to publicize ARKLink.

Additional insight was gathered through the use of open-ended questions. These questions asked about benefits to students, additional reciprocal agreements, any dissatisfaction with the service, and the usefulness of the current courier system.

Chair Zou agreed to send a complete report to the membership through the ARKLink email listserv.

Webmaster

Dean Covington shared a report from Beth Juhl stating that ARKLink had raised \$102.13 to date through the use of GoodSearch.

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee of Eileen Burg, Veronica Stewart, and Bob Yehl met by email over the summer to nominate individuals for the positions of Vice President/President Elect and Secretary. The following members were nominated and approved by the ARKLink members present by acclamation.

Vice President/President Elect: Sara Seaman

Treasurer: Henry Terrill

Secretary: Veronica Stewart

New Business & Announcements

ARKLink is a registered member of the International Coalition of Library Consortia (ICOLC) a worldwide association of library consortia. The ICOLC holds one national conference a year, with the next conference scheduled for April 19 - 21, 2010 in Chicago. Dean Covington proposed that ARKLink send Linda Creibaum to the conference to explore ICOLC's activities and how involvement with the organization may benefit ARKLink. If it is determined that active participation with ICOLC will benefit ARKLink, a permanent representative may be appointed.

A motion to approve sending Linda Creibaum to the ICOLC conference was suggested. Virginia Perschbacher made a motion to approve and Jim Robb seconded.

Concern was expressed regarding the potential expense of the conference and setting a cap for expenses. The membership agreed that the Executive Board would determine the maximum amount that ARKLink would cover for expenses.

Setting of the time and location for the next meeting was delayed so that it may be scheduled in conjunction with the ArLA College and University Libraries Division annual meeting in the spring.

Announcements

Jim Robb introduced Michelle Palmer, the new Assistant Librarian at North Arkansas College.

Veronica Stewart shared that Wendy Davis was recently appointed Dean of Libraries at Pulaski Technical College.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Submitted by Veronica Stewart, Board Secretary

Members in Attendance

Jeff Bailey – Arkansas State University
Jessie Burchfield – University of Arkansas at Little Rock School of Law
Eileen Burg – Arkansas State University - Mountain Home
Lisa Burley – Harding University
Dean Covington – Lyon College
Linda Creibaum – Arkansas State University
Ann Dixon – Harding University
Leroy Gattin – University of Arkansas Community College at Morrilton
Bonnie Juergens – Amigos Library Services
Susan Leder – Phillips Community College
Carol Macheak – University of Arkansas at Little Rock
Britt Murphy – Hendrix College
Bill Parton – Arkansas Tech University
Michelle Palmer – North Arkansas College
Virginia Perschbacher – Southeast Arkansas Community College
Jim Robb – North Arkansas College
Judy Robinson – Hendrix College
Ronald Russ – Arkansas State University – Beebe
Sara Seaman – National Park Community College
Veronica Stewart – Pulaski Technical College
Rachel Whittingham – Central Baptist College
Bob Yehl – Henderson State University
Tim Zou – University of Arkansas at Fayetteville