

# ARKLink Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2006

Hendrix College

The general meeting was called by Vice President Bailey at 10:08 a.m. He asked for a report from the Database Purchasing chair until President Daniels could arrive.

## **Database Purchasing Committee Report**

Chair Renee LeBeau-Ford started her report with what renewals are currently under way. Philosophers Index is over, contact CSA and they will give you the ARKLink price. ABC-Clio invoice is complete; the invoices may have come from Treasure Terrill with an incorrect invoice date. The correct date should be February 1, 2007. CINAHL renewal is due January 1, 2007. Chair LeBeau-Ford asked if anyone was interested in CINAHL from another vendor besides EBSCO. Consensus was to stick with EBSCO.

Along those same lines, Chair LeBeau-Ford suggested that if anyone was interested in getting PsycInfo from a different vendor they can get the data from APA at a 15% discount and then go to any vendor they wish. Renewal for PsycInfo is March 1, 2007.

Chair LeBeau-Ford had preliminary fall 2005 FTE numbers from Department of Higher Education. She pasted the information around and asked everyone to check and see if the numbers were correct. A request for correct FTE's for fall 2005 will be forthcoming in an email. Chair LeBeau-Ford said that no one had objections about going with Gale on e-books while Gale is for sale. She said she would continue to pursue a pricing structure for the members, but wouldn't finalize unless Gale's purchase is settled. She is working with Brad at Gale and stated that there is still a lot of negotiating that has to be done concerning an e-book offer.

Chair LeBeau-Ford discussed a list of database trials that are in the works. A trial for Faulkner just ended. EBSCO's Literary Reference Center and Education Reference Center is underway and Facts on File Reference Suite started on November 15, 2006. The members agreed to start trials on four databases. They are Oxford Reference Shelf and Reference Premium, IntelLex, ACLS History E-book Project, and Scholarly Stats.

Chair LeBeau-Ford then discussed a possible offer from Elsevier. A three-year contract would require libraries to drop all Elsevier titles in print, receiving titles only electronically. The libraries could drop titles but had to maintain their level of spending within the three years. The benefit being that all member libraries would have access to each other's titles, which would require a high level of coordination of titles across the libraries. This offer would piggyback a plan that University of Arkansas at Fayetteville is currently under, but it was not clear if it would provide access to the U of A Fayetteville titles.

Chair LeBeau-Ford asked if members would be interested in checking into a consortium price for OCLC's ILLiad program. Members agreed that this would be something they would like to pursue. Chair LeBeau-Ford asked for a volunteer to spearhead this project. Peggy Morrison volunteered. President Daniels arrived during Chair LeBeau-Ford's report and asked if anyone was interested in full-text access to the *Economist* for under \$1,000. Contact her and she will send information on it via email.

President Daniels asked for a motion to approve the August 2, 2006 meeting minutes. Minutes were approved. President Daniels asked for a continuation of reports.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Henry Terrill gave the treasurer's report:

ARKLink Balance Sheet		<u>Aug 1, 06</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
10 - First Community Bank-Checking		<u>9,206.82</u>
Total Checking/Savings		9,206.82
Accounts Receivable		
1110 - Accounts receivable		<u>300.00</u>
Total Accounts Receivable		<u>300.00</u>
Total Current Assets		<u>9,506.82</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<u><u>9,506.82</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>		
Equity		
3010 - Unrestrict (retained earnings)		9,246.49
Net Income		<u>260.33</u>
Total Equity		<u>9,506.82</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>		<u><u>9,506.82</u></u>

Treasurer Terrill asked that all members please pay their dues, if they have not done so already. He also states that by the end of the year ARKLink should have about \$12,000 in the bank.

### **Collection Development Committee Report**

No report.

### **Financial Resources**

No new report, but Chair Amanda Moore did ask that a project or priority be decided upon for the coming year.

### **Governance**

No report.

### **Resource Sharing**

Chair Peggy Morrison reported that the survey form to compare courier times was in process and making its stops. She stated that of the few local places it has been to so far, everything looks ok. Chair Morrison said that it is the U of A Fayetteville hub that is the biggest problem within the route. Chair Morrison will compile all times and report back and/or send an email informing the members of her findings.

Currently there are twelve (12) participants in the courier service and in January that number will drop to ten (10). Chair Morrison reported that she is concerned that Amigos will 'pull the plug' on the program if the problem is not solved.

Chair Morrison suggested that a package (box of old serials) instead of an envelope be sent along the courier route to compare times. Everyone agreed that may be our next step.

### **Webmaster**

President Daniels, reporting for Chair Beth Juhl, said that the webpage needs updating and that if anyone would like content to be added to send it to Chair Juhl.

### **New Business**

Election of a new slate of officers for 2007:

Jeff Bailey – President

Virginia Perschbacher – Vice President/President Elect

Linda Creibaum – Secretary  
Henry Terrill – Treasurer

President Elect Jeff Bailey talked about his plan for the 2007 year. He discussed his and several other members interest in getting the same tax exempt status that was given to the public and school libraries for academic libraries. But the bylaw within ARKLink's non-profit status does not allow us as an official group to lobby the legislature. We as individuals can contact our legislators. Chair LeBeau-Ford will take the proposal to ARLA. President Elect Bailey would also like to plan for what to do with the excess due money. Might we send someone to conferences or offer scholarships? He would like to develop a plan that would be "proactive in a way that would benefit academic libraries in the state."

President Daniels gave a report on the Charleston Conference and asked Linda Creibaum, Alexis Linoski and Maureen James, who were also in attendance to report on the conference. President Daniels asked the members to consider having the report on the Charleston Conference be a standing agenda item every year.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

Submitted by Wendy Davis, Board Secretary

Those in attendance were:

Alexis Linoski - University of Central Arkansas  
Amanda Moore – Hendrix College  
Ann Dixon - Harding University  
Anne Clements - Central Baptist College  
Dean Covington - Lyon College  
Deborah Kirby - Pulaski Technical College  
Dena Plaisted – University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences  
Dominique Hallett - Arkansas State University Jonesboro  
Donna Daniels - University of Arkansas Fayetteville  
Henry Terrill - Harding University  
Jean Waldrop – Harding University  
Jeff Bailey - Arkansas State University Jonesboro  
Jeff Dickens - University of Arkansas Monticello  
Jerrie Townsend - Phillips Community College of the University of Arkansas  
Karin Medin - University of Arkansas Little Rock  
Laura Downing - Arkansas State University Jonesboro  
Linda Creibaum - Arkansas State University Jonesboro  
Marilyn Goodwin – Williams Baptist College  
Mary Hawks - University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences  
Maureen James – University of Arkansas Little Rock  
Myron Flugstad - Arkansas State University Jonesboro  
Peggy Chadwick – Williams Baptist College  
Peggy Morrison – Hendrix College  
Renee LeBeau-Ford - University of Arkansas Little Rock  
Ron Russ - Arkansas State University Beebe  
Tess Gibson – University of Arkansas Fayetteville  
Virginia Perschbacher - Southeast Arkansas College  
Wendy Davis - Pulaski Technical College