

ARKLink Meeting Minutes

December 3, 1998; 1:00 p.m.

UALR - Ottenheimer Library

People in attendance were:

Ed Fontenette UAPB  
Sloan Powell UCA  
Mary Farris GCCC  
Sandra Dupree UAM  
Cynthia L. Crawford Southeast Arkansas College  
Linda L. Bennett UACCB  
Susan Goldner UALR Law  
David Gay UAF Law  
Peggy Morrison UAMS  
Ruth Riley UAMS  
Lorraine Lorne UAF Law  
W.F. Droessler UAM  
Henry Terrill Harding University  
Bob Yehl Henderson State University  
Carolyn Filippelli Westark College  
Martha Coleman Westark College  
Wilma Cunningham Westark College  
Clara O'Daniel Rich Mountain Community College

Merle Vincent North Arkansas College  
Necia Parker-Gibson UAF  
Dena Plaisted PCC/UA  
Sharon Kerr UALR  
Robert Frizzell Hendrix College  
Mary Jo Thomas UACC/Hope  
Joyce Adams South Arkansas Committee College, El Dorado  
Myron Flugstad ASU  
Allison Gross SAU Tech, Camden  
Margo Pierson Southern Arkansas University  
Brady Banta ASU  
Peter V. Picerno ASU  
Sally Hawkes Arkansas State Library  
Dean Covington Lyon College  
Kathy Sanders UALR  
Juana Young UAF  
Janet Parsch UAF

The December 3, 1998 meeting of the ARKlink committee held at the Ottenheimer Library at UALR was called to order by chair Janet Parsch at 1 p.m. Introductions were made.

Janet Parsch gave the background of the committee starting with the spring meeting of the Arkansas Library Association College and University Division last spring. A distribution list of ArLA members from colleges and universities has been established, along with other academic librarians who are not members of ArLA.

Juana Young from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville gave a report on the Arkansas Digital Library (ADL) initiative. This initiative originated with the UAF Mullins Library, but has since been expanded to include other academic libraries in the state.

The ADL has three goals which are:

- I. Cooperative Purchase of Commercial Electronic Library Resources
- II. Digitizing Unique and Important Arkansas Collections
- III. Library Partnerships for campus and distance education

The proposal sets out a five-year project that will cost between \$23 and \$24 million (\$8.7 million for the first biennium, and \$5 million thereafter), and needs widespread support from across the state. (Letters of support can be sent to Juana Young, Acting Director of Libraries, Mullins Library 206, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville AR 72701.) Mary Farris reported on the Association of Arkansas Two Year Colleges (AATYC). She said that she discussed the ADL at their recent meeting. Jim Jackson of the Arkansas Association of Two-Year Colleges is interested in seeking a potential partnership for use of the ADL. Ed Franklin is the Executive Director of the AATYC. Dr. Jackson is the project director for AATYC's Access Arkansas which is the two-year college site for web-based instruction. He is eager to add a link to the ADL on the Access Arkansas home page at [www.johnco.cc.ks.us/~jjackson/home.html](http://www.johnco.cc.ks.us/~jjackson/home.html).

Ruth Riley reported on the meeting of UA system librarians that had been held in the morning in which distance education was the major topic. Henry Terrill reported on the \$12 million that Harding University will receive. He emphasized that they don't actually have the money in hand yet. Peter Picerno gave a demonstration of the Ohiolink union catalog. He also gave background information on Ohiolink and Magnolia which are examples of existing consortia.

Janet Parsch asked for feedback from the group on whether we are going in the right direction and what kind of an organizational structure we should have. It was agreed that a task force should be set up to investigate the possibilities of consortial purchasing. This task force will proceed,

regardless of the outcome of the ADL initiative. Necia Parker Gibson proposed that an instruction and training task force also be established.

It was also proposed that a funding task force be established. People who are interested in serving on these task forces will be contacting Myron Flugstad or Janet Parsch. Necia Parker Gibson moved that Janet Parsch and Myron Flugstad be elected co-chairs of the organization with terms running to April 2000. Cynthia Crawford seconded the motion. No other nominations were made and the motion was passed. Janet and Myron have been charged with presenting a proposal for the organization of the group and name the group.

The name Arkansas Academic Libraries Consortium was proposed. The name will be formally voted on at the January 14 meeting. The next meeting will be held at the UALR Law Library on Thursday, January 14, 1999 at one p.m.

David Glick from Henderson State University then gave a presentation on their digitization project and the meeting was adjourned at 4:30.

Respectfully submitted,  
Myron Flugstad  
Recorder ProTem