

ARKLink Meeting Minutes  
December 4th, 2000  
University of Central Arkansas

People in attendance were:

Peggy Morrison (UAMS)  
Susan Goldner (UALR-Law)  
Kathy Sanders (UALR)  
Merle Vincent, (Northark)  
Sharon Kerr (UALR)  
Virginia Perschbacher (Philander)  
Bob Yehl (Henderson)  
Dean Covington (Lyon)  
Myron Flugstad (ASU)  
Art Lichtenstein (UCA)  
Henry Terrill (Harding)  
Janet Parsch (UAF)  
Amanda Moore (UCA)  
Ann Dixon (Harding)  
Wilma Cunningham (Westark)  
David Glick (Henderson)  
Mark Shores (UAM)  
Ronald S. Russ (ASU-Beebe)  
Larry Blazer (JBU)  
Peter Picerno (ASU)  
Jerrie Townsend (Phillips/UA)  
Bill Parton (ATU)  
Anne Clements (Central Baptist Coll.)

General Business:

The meeting was called to order by co-chair Myron Flugstad. The minutes of the October 27 meeting were approved.

Susan Goldner reported that 29 libraries have signed the Bylaws; therefore they are approved.

Kathy Sanders moved and David Glick seconded that the rules be suspended for purpose of transacting business at this meeting. The motion was passed.

A discussion proceeded on the process of electing officers. Amanda Moore proposed that the Governance Committee serve as the nominating committee. The members of the board are Henry

Terrill, Susan Goldner, Mary Ryan, and Virginia Perschbacher. Their charge is to nominate a Vice-chair and a Secretary for 2001.

Janet Parsch will proceed as the Acting Chair through the Legislative Session since she has made many contacts and there needs to be continuity throughout the session.

Myron will contact Directors of Libraries to name their voting delegate and alternate. After this is determined, an election of officers will proceed via email.

Peggy Morrison moved, seconded by David Glick, that the nominating committee have nominations named by the first of January, with elections to take place in January, and new officers assuming responsibilities at the end of the first meeting of the year, which will be in February. Motion passed.

After discussion of the tax exempt status of the organization, Janet Parsch moved, seconded by David Glick, that the Governance committee resume thinking and investigating the need to be a tax exempt organization and report back at the next meeting. Motion passed.

#### Task Force Reports:

Database Purchasing Task Force: David reported, in Bob Frizzell's absence, that Bob would like to step down from chairing this committee and since David is leaving the state, the board will need to appoint a new chair.

Collection Development Task Force: Amanda Moore handed out the second draft of the Collection Development Statement to be reviewed with comments emailed to Amanda.

Discussion ensued concerning joining the Database Purchasing Task Force with the Collection Development Task Force, since their tasks are so similar. Since Amanda has been working closely with Bob and talking with Amigos about CINAHL, it was decided that she would continue with these negotiations and also be prepared to work with the PsycINFO negotiations. Martha Coleman, Mark Shores, Amanda Moore and Sharon Kerr are on this committee and will appoint a new chair.

Amanda reported on conversations with AMIGOS concerning the renewal of CINAHL. They are proposing one of two choices: pricing based entirely on FTE or a \$500 base fee for all participating libraries and 7% of total cost based on FTE. Amanda will contact all interested libraries concerning these proposals.

The report on Philosopher's Index is that only two libraries are still interested in paying \$950 each and sharing concurrent users.

American Chemical Society has proposed that ARKLink libraries join together and pay individually for all print journals they currently subscribe to plus a percentage (15%) above that amount for online access. By joining together, all libraries agreeing to this would have online access to all journals subscribed to by any member. Peter Picerno voiced concern that there is a larger ethical issue than access to Chemical Society journals, and that the consortia price should reflect some collective bargaining power on the part of ARKLink. Amanda will take this concern back to them but has been told they will not negotiate this issue.

Resource Sharing Task Force: Peggy Morrison is gathering information on ILL statistics for determination of the need for a courier service. The committee needs an idea of the current volume. Send any information to Peggy.

Lanter, a courier service in Missouri, is sending a video explaining their services and would like to be included in the discussion. There is no timetable for implementation.

Myron will post on the listserv a need for volunteers for each committee and an opportunity for volunteering

#### Legislative Issues:

Janet Parsch reported on the Legislative session beginning in January. It has been suggested that we give the legislative process time to work as some legislators try to bring the ARKLink proposal forward as a bill and before the appropriate committees.

ARKLink members were reminded of the brochure and three-page handout on cost benefits that have been prepared and are available from Janet if needed. Members might choose to contact Senators and Representatives on a personal level to educate them informally about the ARKLink organization and our proposal.

Janet, Kathy Sanders and Myron will work on a statement of concept to include in a possible bill.

#### Housekeeping Chores:

Mark Shores will be taking over the management of the ARKLink website.

Appreciation was expressed to David Glick for his work on the website, and other ARKLink projects, and good wishes as he moves to Cape Girardeau, MO and assumes his duties at the Southeast Missouri State University library.

The next meeting will be at UALR, February 2, 2001 at 12:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 1:55.  
Minutes submitted by Ann Dixon.