



# ALABAMA

## VIRTUAL LIBRARY

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**Meeting Called By:** Bryce Thornton

**Type of Meeting:** Regular

**Minutes Prepared by:** Michelle Wilson (ALSDE), Secretary

**Call to order:** 10:32 am

**Adjourned:** 12:18pm

**Minutes approved as official:** March 21, 2018

### **Attendees**

ACHE: Charlotte Ford, Phill Johnson

ALSDE: Dede Coe, Michelle Wilson, Susan Zana

ACCS: Renee Marty

APLS: Nancy Pack, Bryce Thornton

ASA: Eric Dorr

### **I. Welcome and Introductions**

-Introductions

### **II. Review of Minutes - Bryce Thornton**

#### **A. November 15, 2017**

a. Corrections

b. Approval - Motion to approve - Charlotte, Seconded by Susan

c. Minutes approved by Council

### **III. Financial Report**

#### **A. Treasurer's Report - Susan Zana**

-handout provided, including information from 17-18 and projected budget for 18-19

-(current unencumbered balance \$46, 053.53)

-Discussion about Statista as budget item for FY19 - Michelle Wilson and Charlotte Ford

-November-December trial did not go well with high school students due to errors with the website, graphics failing to load, but may have been a fluke

### **IV. Unfinished Business**

#### **A. Full Text Finder - EBSCO - Status update from Eric Dorr**

-Publication Finder is also known as Full Text Finder (This is currently listed only under All Resources; let Eric know if that needs to be posted elsewhere). There was discussion

about the difference between Full Text Finder/Publication Finder and EBSCO Discovery Service, and there was great interest in acquiring a federated/discovery search tool to use on the website. Eric shared that Full Text Finder/Publication Finder will search other vendors' resources but we have to set that up and at the Council's request. EDS (EBSCO Discovery Service) is EBSCO's federated search tool. The Database Review Committee (Charlotte Ford-Chair) will request a quote from EBSCO.

#### **B. Upcoming Conferences**

- a. Alabama Library Association Convention, April 10-13, 2018
  - Bryce will request vendor space and will work booth.
  - Members should let Bryce know if they can attend and assist.
- b. Alabama School Library Association EdCamp - February 2018
  - no booth but will donate items for attendees
- c. Alabama School Library Association Annual Conference - June 2018
  - Michelle will request booth.
- d. Alabama Education Technology Conference - June 2018
  - Dede will request booth.

#### **C. Records Disposition Authorities (RDAs) - Nancy Pack**

- a. There is a need for a procedure to establish the official copy of minutes. Nancy will have more information at the next meeting.

### **V. New Business**

#### **A. Open Education Resources movement and the AVL (textbooks, instructional support resources, etc.)**

-Charlotte Ford and Phill Johnson - The new ACHE director (Dr. Purcell) is very interested in the OER movement and how to begin this in Alabama. Vicky Ohlson may come speak to the Council in the future about OER. The state will be looking for a repository, and the AVL would be a logical option to provide OER for learners at every level. Bryce Thornton asked about the associated costs, and Phill Johnson responded that they will know more after an OER-focused conference on March 2. Charlotte Ford mentioned that there are grants available to provide OERs. Dede expressed concern that we ensure the resources be catalogued and indexed so that they could be most accessible to users. Michelle Wilson asked who the vetting authority would be on any OERs housed on the AVL site. Overall the Council was very receptive to the idea and want to get answers to questions in hopes of moving forward.

#### **B. Video Contest**

-Michelle Wilson provided a recap of how the contest was run in the past. Susan Zana volunteered to chair the committee for the Fall 2018 Video Contest.

#### **C. Budget Increase**

-The AVL Council submitted \$3,397,627 for FY19, but the ALSDE did not include that in the Education Budget submitted to the legislature. As of now we are slated to receive \$2,897,627 (HB175 submitted by Bill Poole). There are still issues with the budget request process. Bryce has the budget request form and will submit that to Poole's office in hopes that the requested amount can be altered before the budget is approved.

#### **D. Website Redesign - Eric Dorr**

- a. Website redesign committee had a webinar last week and feedback from committee members regarding vision for design was consolidated.
- b. The website redesign committee did not like any of the initial designs. Eric had other options to show the council. Option 6 on the alternatives is the crowd favorite.
- c. Website redesign committee will narrow the options down to as few options as we could get and communicate with Eric and Noelle. Next step after deciding logo will be mock-ups of website and move forward with implementation.

#### **E. AVL Council Member Information Listing**

-Bryce Thornton asked Phill Johnson to send him details about his appointment for documentation.

#### **V. Committee Updates**

- A. **Training** - Dede shared that Ethnic Newswatch is providing one of the First Friday trainings for school librarians to promote the resource on February 2, 2018. There are concerns about the facilitation of the online course for trainers that Dede will address with eLearning.
- B. **By-laws** - no update
- C. **Nominating** - Michelle Wilson  
-We will begin working on our slate of new officers in the next few months. To adhere to the established rotation, the next Chair will be a representative of ACCS. Any members interested in serving for Secretary or Treasurer next year should let Michelle know.
- D. **Database Review** - Charlotte Ford  
Charlotte Ford has a list of names for an advisory subcommittee. She communicated the need to know about the projected budget before her committee can make recommendations for purchasing or for cutting resources.
- E. **Selection and Licensing** - Phill Johnson  
Phill Johnson shared that the committee was reviewing the Oxford license because eBooks were left off of the last version of the license.
- F. **Legislative** - no update
- G. **Publicity** - Renee Marty  
Renee Marty shared that she is waiting for ASA to complete the AVL's new logo to place orders for marketing materials, and expressed the need to need to order by March. Eric Dorr indicated that it will be no problem to have the logo ready in time for Renee to order materials. Dede Coe asked for more activity on social media accounts (Twitter: @alvirtuallib). Susan Zana recommended changing the Twitter page title to Alabama Virtual Library, and Eric Dorr agreed to make that change. Eric Dorr will post anything the Council wants to post if members will email him the content.

#### **VI. Announcements**

- A. Next meeting: March 21, 2018
- B. Deadline for items to be added to the agenda: March 16, 2018

