

Alabama Virtual Library

Meeting Minutes

May 21, 2025

10:30 a.m.

The May 21, 2025, scheduled meeting of the Alabama Virtual Library Council was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Council Chair, Susanne Estes.

**Council Members in Attendance (Quorum established)**

Shelia Limerick, ACHE	Kevin Pearcey, APLS
Stephanie Rollins, ACHE	Alex Perry, APLS
Susanne Estes, ALSDE	Sawyer Knowles, ASA
Alicia Johnson, ALSDE	Bill Paine, ASA
Nacole Adams, ACCS	
Amy Smith, ACCS	
Amy Henderson, APLS	

**Guests in Attendance:**

Rob Latham, ASA

**None**

**1. Welcome:** Council Chair Susanne Estes welcomed council members to the meeting.

**2. Call to Order:** Estes called the meeting to order and confirmed a quorum was established after a roll call of attendance.

**3. Review of Meeting Minutes; Approval of Financial Report:** Estes asked the Council if there were any questions regarding the minutes, and noted the minutes stood approved as presented. The Financial Report was presented and accepted by the Council, motion made by Alex Perry, seconded by Alicia Johnson, with Bill Paine abstaining.

**4. Unfinished Business: OCR Compliance**

Rob Latham updated the Council regarding OCR Compliance. He said the ASA had been in contact with a new representative, Mary Lou Mobley, who told the ASA that what work had been done to the website was good thus far. He said Mobley advised there were two issues for consideration which included (1), the need for a visual indicator for users not utilizing a mouse, and (2), the need for increased zoom level percentage for visually impaired users. Latham said staff at ASA were approximately '95 percent' completed with the issues Mobley had noted, and once done, the AVL website will be fully OCR compliant. Estes asked Latham if this was the 'final step' for compliance, and Latham advised it was, though staff and Council should be diligent in ensuring the AVL website remained OCR compliant in the future.

## **Unfinished Business: Bylaws**

Estes asked the Bylaws Committee to review the AVL Bylaws and present any recommendations for changes to the Council at the July meeting. Changes may be necessary, Estes said, based on previous recommendations and current state guidelines.

**5. Committee Reports:** Estes noted Committees had been established, per the Excel sign-up sheet provided previously via email.

**A. Budget:** No report.

**B. Database Review:** Committee Chair Alex Perry said the committee was reviewing the Cost Per Use of various databases offered by the AVL. He stated databases such as Pronunciator (language learning app) has a high cost per user, and queried whether it was a service that was being duplicated by other services via mobile phones. Estes noted that apps such as Pronunciator are especially viable for non-English speakers, but agreed the AVL Council should have more input from users before deciding whether to non-renew a database.

**C. Nominating Committee:** No report.

**D. Selection and Licensing:** No report. Estes had a question on the difference between the Database Review Committee and Selection and Licensing. Amy Henderson said it was her understanding that DBR was focused on evaluating content, while S&L examined the legal aspects and contractual obligations.

**E. Bylaws:** Estes noted the request for the Bylaws Committee made previously.

**F. Legislative & Advocacy:** No report.

**G. OER Commons:** No report.

**H. Publicity:** No report.

**I. Training:** No report.

Estes asked for a motion to accept the Committee Reports. Motion was made by Shelia Limerick, seconded by Nacole Adams, all approved.

## **8. Announcement/Reminders**

- Henderson stated she had shipped a substantial amount of AVL promotional items, and said she still had mouse pads, notebooks, etc., but some items had been depleted. She said would advise ASA of what promotional items she was out of, for re-stock, and advised the Council to contact her if they needed any items.
- Sawyer Knowles asked as Council member Kerri Butler no longer worked at ASA, what would be the procedure for a replacement. Estes said the director of the agency, in this case ASA, would need to appoint a replacement.

## **9. Adjournment**

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m., motion made by Knowles, seconded by Stephanie Rollins, all approved.