

Meeting Minutes

September 21, 2015

10:30 A.M.

Meeting Called by: John-Bauer Graham (ACHE)

Type of Meeting: Business

Secretary: Tamara Dean (APLS)

Attendees: John-Bauer Graham, Chair (ACHE)

Bryce Thornton (APLS)

Denise Oliver (ASA)

Donna Daniel (ASA)

Janice R. Franklin (ACHE)

Kelly Ann Griffith (DCCS)

Melvin Davis (ACHE)

Michelle Wimbish (DCCS)

Ron Leonard (ACHE)

Tamara Dean (APLS)

Nancy Pack (APLS) - visitor

AGENDA TOPICS

Call to order	10:38 am	John-Bauer Graham
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Welcome and Introductions	John Graham/Council
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John welcomed the Council. Everyone introduced themselves for new members, and for our visitor, Nancy Pack.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Discussion: Minutes were reviewed and accepted as written.

REVIEW OF BUDGET

A formal budget was not presented.

Discussion: John Bauer began the budget discussion by focusing on the need to increase revenue streams for the sustainability of the AVL. Other council members participated in this discussion with no decisions made.

One critical point of the budget discussion is the determination of which physical agent should handle the AVL budget. The Department of Education handles it now. The Council agreed that this decision should be made in light of what is best for the AVL in terms of direction, protection, growth and advocacy. The bottom line is which agency could best fulfill these basic strategies for the AVL.

As discussed previously the fund code name for the AVL should be changed from "virtual library project," to something that is more professional and indicates our history and future. A lot of these discussions referred to our By-Laws. All agreed that the By-Laws need to be addressed and perhaps, reviewed and/or rewritten.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The AVL web site is in critical need of re-vamping, even re-creating. Those present agreed this should be a priority. Various ideas were suggested for innovative ways to do so without extreme costs. John emphasized the Council's desire to re-evaluate the scope and objectives of the AVL. This would include weeding the content of the databases and searching for more relevant databases for all the citizens of Alabama.

Several ideas were bounced around regarding how to increase public and legislator awareness of the AVL and its contributions to the state.

John suggested that the AVL strategic plan be updated in order for more relevant action to be taken.

John asked all Council members to consider proposing a slate of new officers to be voted on at our next meeting. Michelle Wimbish is the Chairman-Elect, and agreed to take the Chairman position for the 2016 FY.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

There were no official committee updates.

NEW BUSINESS

Ron Leonard led a discussion concerning our business partners' demos and support. Ron floated the idea that we invite the AVL vendors to provide a series of all-day demonstrations of their databases to librarians across Alabama. These "road shows" could include best uses and new features of existing databases during the morning and overviews of non-AVL databases in the afternoon. The databases that would be described and demonstrated in the afternoon would be ones that either the entire Council or the Database Review Committee selected as possible additions to the AVL in the future, presuming we dropped databases or received additional funding.

Upcoming meeting dates were discussed, without any decisions made.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:47 am.

The next meeting date will be announced by John Graham.

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