



Meeting Minutes
February 7, 2024
10:30 AM

The February 7, 2024, meeting of the Alabama Virtual Library Council was called to order at 10:30 AM by Council Chair, A. P. Hoffman.

Minutes were prepared by Cristin Dillard, Council Secretary.

Minutes approved as official: March 20, 2024.

Members in Attendance (Quorum established)

John-Bauer Graham, ACHE
Kimmetha Herndon, ACHE
Stephanie Rollins, ACHE
Cristin Dillard, ALSDE
Michelle Wilson, ALSDE
Chante Calhoun, ACCS
A. P. Hoffman, ACCS

Nancy Pack, APLS
Amy Henderson, APLS
Beth Edwards, ASA
Bill Paine, ASA

1. **Call to Order:** Council Chair, A. P. Hoffman, called the meeting to order and confirmed a quorum was established by conducting a roll call for attendance.
2. **Welcome:** Council Chair, A. P. Hoffman welcomed council members to the meeting and thanked them for understanding of the rescheduling of the meeting due to the inclement weather in January.
3. **Approval of Minutes from November 14, 2023, regular meeting.**
 - a. John-Bauer Graham made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction of the date from 17 to 14 for the day of the month. Amy Henderson second the motion. No discussion. Motion carries.
4. **Financial Report:** APLS provided a budget reconciliation report.
5. **Unfinished Business**
 - a. **AVL Executive Director Search**
 - i. Cristin M. Dillard provided the AVL Council with an update for the Executive Director search. The update included the status of finding an individual and the way in which the individual will be contracted for the position. More information will be forthcoming once a fiscal agent has been identified.
6. **New Business:**
 - a. **ASA Updates on AVL User Accounts:** Bill Paine (ASA) informed the council ASA has moved forward with removing AVL accounts that have been inactive for five or more years. At this time, ASA will not proceed with removing any other inactive accounts as it was discussed with ASA colleagues.
 - b. **EBSCO Update:** Amy Henderson provided the details from a meeting she had with EBSCO where they discussed how as a vendor EBSCO can do to address questionable content; the intent of the conversation and purpose for the meeting is to be proactive in the current climate as other states are dealing with challenges.



7. Committee Reports

- a. Budget (Amy Henderson) - No new information to report.
- b. Database Review (A. P. Hoffman) - No new information to report.
- c. Selection and Licensing (A. P. Hoffman) - Susanne Estes and A. P. Hoffman have been in the process of finalizing the Oxford University Press (OUP) user agreement.
- d. Bylaws (Nancy Pack) - No new information to report.
- e. Legislative and Advocacy (John-Bauer Graham) - John-Bauer Graham, committee chair, provided the following update: Legislators are back in session and there is a plan to host a legislative day soon. Nancy Pack added the Governor should release the budget recommendations, and she is not aware of Alabama Library Association (ALLA) hosting a legislative day event. Nancy went on to express she thought the budget for AVL should be stable, and recommended we have a facts sheet updated and on-hand for legislative advocacy activities for AVL.
- f. OER Commons (Kimmetha Herndon) - No new information to report.
- g. Publicity (Cristin Dillard) - Cristin Dillard provided the council with a combined report for Publicity and Training committees. The AVL executive director search will continue with the hiring of an individual soon. No requests for materials for conferences or attendance. Cristin will forward information for the Alabama Educational Technology Conference (AETC) to ASA for registration for an exhibitor booth.
- h. Training (Cristin Dillard) - See above report.

8. Announcements/Reminders

- a. Nancy Pack provided an overview of library professionals who will be attending national legislative advocacy events and representing Alabama's libraries.

9. Adjournment

- a. Michelle Wilson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John-Bauer Graham seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion carrier.
- b. Meeting was adjourned at 11:34 AM