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## AVL Council Meeting

September 20, 2019, 8:30 a.m.  
Stewart Retreat Center  
University of Montevallo  
Montevallo, Alabama  
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### Minutes for September 20, 2019

Call to Order: 8:31 AM

Adjourned: 10:01 AM

Minutes Approved 11/20/19

1. Welcome / Introductions-  
Introduced new members of the AVL Council members:  
Amy Henderson, Oxford Public Library  
Elizabeth Dill, Troy University  
Holly Flores, Clay Public Library  
Brad Fricks, Alabama Community College System  
Deb Turner and Ashley Cook were not able to attend.
2. Review of minutes from July 2019 meeting-  
Cristin requested that the dates previously state, for the statewide Library EXPO, be changed to the following:  
Daphne- Monday, September 23  
Montgomery – Tuesday, September 24  
Bessemer – Wednesday, September 25  
Decatur – Thursday, September 26  
Susan moved to accept the minute corrections for Cristin's, and Phil seconded. All approved.
3. Financial report (Susan Zana). All has been spent from the FY2019 budget. For FY2020, after taking into account expenditures for current databases and other expenses there is a balance of \$361,063.
4. Unfinished business NA
5. New business
  - a. AVL card renewal - how will it work? (Bill Paine) - Old AVL cards expired every three years. The current accounts do not expire. Cristin asked if user groups could be developed, such as elementary, middle, high school. Bill indicated that this was a possible solution. Council recommends that the accounts expire after

five years from the date of the issue, and advised Bill to change expiration dates to five years.

Bill informed the council that Don Brown's position has changed at EBSCO. The person taking his place will be Kyle Ginley. Bill also noted that with the EBSCO renewal, complimentary EBooks were added.

- b. Proquest Ethnic Newswatch multi-year deal option (Ron Leonard) – Ron discussed some options that the Council has for renewing Proquest Ethnic Newswatch. The options are to continue a year by year contract or transition to a three-year contract. The savings for a three-year contract are; first year 816.00, second-year 1668.00, third-year 1701.00. Charlotte asked if this would need to be signed each year. Ron indicated that this contract can be made provisional. Ron indicated that we could only agree to a three-year contract if an escape clause was placed in the contract. Charlotte put Ron's recommendations to a Council vote for a three-year contract. Council unanimously approved with escape clause included in contract.
- c. Proposed changes to the bylaws (Nancy Pack)- Nancy present the recommended changes that were developed by the By-Law Committee –

- Add a parliamentarian.
- Change officer terms from one year to two.
- Change the wording in the fiscal agent to "The Alabama Legislature designates the fiscal agent for the AVL."
- Change meeting start dates from October to November.

Susan suggested changing wording to indicate that the Council should meet bimonthly. Susan moved to accept section six of article four, changing the fiscal agent wording. Charlotte and Cristin seconded. In section one of article five Cristin moved to remove the "October" wording, and change to "The council shall meet bimonthly". Susan seconded. Susan called for a vote in favor of these changes. Ron seconded. The Council approved. The parliamentarian position and change of officer terms to two years were held for vote until the next meeting.

Nancy also suggested orientation for incoming AVL individuals. Renee agreed and will develop a webinar and or webcast with new Council members.

- d. Memorandum of Agreement between the Alabama Public Library Service and Alabama Supercomputer Authority (Nancy Pack) – Walter Overby is the new interim CFO of ASA, John Wade is retiring in December. Nancy requested approval to sign an agreement between ASA and APLS. Council gave permission to sign the agreement.
- e. Officers for 2019-20 (Renee Marty) - Renee nominated Cristin for chair-elect and secretary. Phill nominated Ron as treasurer. Charlotte put the nominations to a vote. Susan moved to accept, Rick seconded, and all were in favor.
- f. Meeting dates for 2019-20 (Renee Marty) – Renee suggested the following dates for the 2019/2020 AVL Council meetings
  - November 20, 2019

- January 15, 2020
- March 18, 2020
- May 20, 2020
- July 15, 2020
- September 16, 2020

## 6. Committee reports

- a. Budget - 2020-21 budget request – The Council agreed that the FY2021 budget request sent to APLS will include a five percent increase for AVL, for a total budget request of \$3,567,508. The cost of databases never goes down. Charlotte will write a letter with the budget request and justification to APLS Director Nancy Pack and copy it to Susan as Treasurer and Renee as Chair of AVL.
- b. Database Review - possible databases to add 2019-20 - Phill distributed a recommendation questionnaire and discussed pros and cons of various databases. We may want to pick up one or two new vendors. Nancy indicated that APLS would only need sole source letter (no RFP). Ron asked for verification with regard to the RFP. Ron suggested considering an EBooks collection as a professional collections database. Bill discussed PebbleGo and what might be added to the database. Cristin remarked that we also need to promote the products we have. Susan reminded the Council of the questions concerning filtering Access On-Demand by age group. Susan indicated JSTOR and Flipster would not work for statewide subscriptions. Ron suggested the database review committee to look for databases to support statewide initiatives and provide recommendations. For subscriptions that begin mid-year, AVL can request pro-rated billing or extra months. The council charged Ron to investigate PebbleGo options with David Burrow. Ron asked if school media specialists could be contacted for feedback.
- c. Selection & Licensing - transition from ALSDE to APLS is going well.
- d. By-Laws - see above
- e. Legislative – no report.
- f. OER Commons - IMLS grant proposal - OER could be moved forward with an IMLS National Leadership Grant. Phill reported on a pre-proposal for an IMLS grant to set up three regional OER centers to train the trainers throughout the state, who would then go back to their institutions and train their constituents. The grant proposal is for \$249,000. If approved, the next step will be a full proposal. The Council will find out if initial proposal is accepted in January and have one month to develop the final proposal. This grant would continue what ACHE and ACCS have started with OER. Phill indicated that he wants this to be a sustainable collaboration between ACCS and ACHE.
- g. Publicity - AVL 20th anniversary celebration – status - Cristin discussed the social media campaign and indicated that she would roll out hashtag #AVL20 at the EXPO next week for people to use and post. Bill can put the slide on the AVL home page. She explained the grant process and provided the amounts of individual grants and total allocation. All agreed on the promotion.

- h. Training – no report
  - i. Nominating - see above
- 7. Announcements - the AVL Strategic Planning Session will begin following a short break.

Motion to adjourn Susan second 10:01