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**Alabama Virtual Library Council
Meeting Minutes
July 21, 2021
10:30 AM**

The July 21, 2021 meeting of the Alabama Virtual Library Council was called to order virtually at 10:30 AM by Chair, Cristin Dillard.

Minutes were prepared by Amy Henderson, Secretary.

Members in Attendance

Phill Johnson (ACHE)
Ron Leonard (ACHE)
Cristin Dillard (ALSDE)
Renee Marty (ACCS)
Brad Fricks (ACCS)
Bill Paine (ASA)

A.P. Hoffman (ACCS)
Amy E. Henderson (APLS)
Annie Payton (ACHE)
Debbie Turner (ALSDE)
Susan Zana (ALSDE)

Approval of May 17, 2021 Minutes: Ron Leonard requested a few changes to be made to the minutes; Amy Henderson corrected those changes and resubmitted to the Council during the meeting. A.P. Hoffman motioned approve the minutes from the meeting with the changes. Ron Leonard seconded the motion. A roll call vote unanimously passed the motion.

Financial Report: Ron Leonard stated that everyone should have received a copy of the financial report. We are putting the finishing touches on the three big purchases:

- 237 ebooks from Capstone for \$368,000
- 65 ebooks from Cengage for \$98,225 (we already have these in place)
- Gale Legal Forms for the remainder of this year for \$20,594
- Teaching Books for the remainder of this year for \$14,875

Unfinished Business: Susan Zana moved to open the discussion to allow libraries to access direct URLs when they are provided by the vendor. Cristin clarified that this is a motion that has been discussed by the Council many times, but it has never been brought to vote. Amy Henderson seconded the motion. In order to maintain timeliness, Cristin set a timer for two minutes and allowed Susan Zana the floor. Susan stated that not offering resources to libraries because we don't want them to have a direct link is doing them a disservice. She shared a page from Gale that listed resources, including title lists, training materials, webinars, etc. Ron stated that he did not have a problem with that as long as the vendor provides stats and good branding (as Gale has done) and as long as the vendor can assure us that if there is a security breach, the service won't be disconnected for all AVL users. Bill stated that to get to the page that Susan was sharing, one has to log into the AVL support page with the AVL user ID that is supplied by Gale. After logging out and trying to access it, Bill was able to successfully access the page.

He suggested that this might warrant some further discussion with Gale as to how to get this page to librarians. Susan said that the way to get it to librarians is to share the link. Ron and Bill will talk with Jackie in a planned meeting scheduled on Friday. Susan said, however, that she doesn't want to wait for another two months to send this to a vote, and Cristin agreed. Cristin reiterated that we want to make sure that yes, we want to respect all of our license agreements, and we also want to make available this gold mine that is available from vendors to libraries. It is also worth noting that the vendor is providing the direct URL—the AVL is not. Renee asked if, when we vote, can we stipulate a vote on a specific link or all direct URLs. Cristin commented that we are not stopping them from accessing the direct link—librarians are resourceful. Renee said that the original motion sounded like it was including all direct links; Susan said that including all direct links was her intent with the motion. To clarify her motion, Susan added in the chat: "I move to allow libraries to access direct URLs when provided by the vendor." She then stated it out loud for the minutes. Ron asked to stipulate that the vendor promises that the direct link access won't interfere with our stats and that the vendor will brand that resource as coming from the AVL, and that if there is a security breach as a result of the direct link that the resource just be taken down for the individual institution and not all AVL users. Susan said that she did not want to add those stipulations because she did not want the AVL to get hung up on requiring the stats because that has been an impediment to AVL's access at this point. Cristin reminded the Council that right now, we have a motion but no second. Debbie Turner seconded the motion. Cristin asked for a Council vote, which was as follows: Ron and A.P. voted no; Cristin, Susan, Debbie, Brad, Amy, Annie, and Phill voted yes. Renee abstained. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Usage Statistics: Due to COVID, usage was down last year. Bill used the data from 2019 for a more fair comparison. Overall, the AVL usage for April through June is up.

FY21 final expenditures: Almost \$467,000 was used for one-time purchases. This will add a lot of k-5 ebooks, and it will also allow us a buffer for the upcoming year. Phill added that the rest of the licenses are being finalized. Gale ebooks are currently available on the AVL.

FY23 budget requests: Nancy called Cristin to request FY23 budget requests from the AVL. Nancy and Jennifer recommended a 5% increase request. Currently, at the FY22 we are not seeing any increase. That would put the total request \$3,567,508.00. Ron made a motion to accept Nancy's recommendation for a 5% increase request. Susan seconded the motion. After Council vote, the motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Reminder: Please send committee reports to Amy Henderson or place them in the Google Drive folder.

- **Finance Committee** – Ron Leonard – This year we were able to carry over \$106949. This is very unusual; next year we won't have that, but we will have the cushion in place from the one-time purchases.
- **Database Review** – Brad Fricks – No report.
- **Selection and Licensing** – A.P. Hoffman – Nothing new to report
- **Bylaws** – Nancy Pack – No report.
- **Legislative Committee** – Phill Johnson – No report.

- **OER Commons** – Phill Johnson – Thanks to Brad to reaching out to the two-year institutions. We are compiling that information from the two- and four-year institutions. We are still holding out hope for a SLIS intern going forward.
- **Publicity Committee** – Cristin Dillard – We have been fielding a lot of materials requests.
- **Training Committee** – Susan Zana – ACCS or ACHE needs to be represented on the Training Committee; please let Susan know if you would like to participate. Phill volunteered to represent ACHE.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FY21 deadline will be July 30.

Ron commended the Selection and Licensing Committee and the Database Review Committee on jobs well-done.

ADJOURNMENT

Ron Leonard motioned to adjourn. Susan Zana seconded the motion. The motion was carried and the July 21, 2021 AVL Council meeting was adjourned at 11:21 AM CST.