

**Alabama Association of College and Research Libraries
Annual Dinner and Business Meeting Minutes
April 26, 2006**

DATE, TIME, AND PLACE OF MEETING: April 26, 2006, 6:00 p.m., Shoals Hotel, Conference Center and Spa, Florence, AL

PROGRAM

Frances Maloy, Access Services Division Leader, Emory University Library, Atlanta, Georgia, and Past Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) President (2004-2005), was the speaker for the program. Ms. Maloy discussed key items learned, challenges for the future that will affect libraries along with the many changes made by ACRL.

CALL TO ORDER

Jennifer Long called the meeting to order at 8:30 p.m.

SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION AWARDS

Debbie Grimes, Past President, presented the Significant Contribution Awards to two librarians, Kate Ragsdale and Jean Thomason, for their achievements and significant contributions made to college and research libraries in Alabama.

Kate Ragsdale

With a B.A. from Sweet Briar College, Kate Ragsdale earned an M.L.S. from The University of Alabama in 1986. She began her career at UA as Program Coordinator in the Human Resources Institute in the College of Business and Commerce. From there, she moved to the Business Library, eventually becoming the Planning Officer for University Libraries. In this capacity, she has overseen the relocation of collections and the building of several libraries on the UA campus, finding time to gather and report statistical data for internal and external use, to participate in library-wide planning along with policy and budget development, and to coordinate special projects within the Libraries.

Eric Kidwell, Director of the Huntingdon College Library, observes the following about Kate: "What strikes me is what a good role model she is for librarians and also what a positive image she projects of the professional to those outside the field. In looking at her involvement in committees, etc., on the UA campus, you have to know that her contributions to the Libraries far exceed the stated responsibilities of her job. Serving on such campus committees as those for student and campus life, campus master planning, ADA, and faculty and staff benefits . . . all of these help advance the image that librarians are more than just people who check out books and sit behind a reference desk. It helps promote that we do possess knowledge and skills that extend beyond 'library' issues."

Jean Thomason

Jean Thomason has served as the director of the Samford University Library since 1993. She earned an M.L.S. from The University of Alabama, has a Master of Religious Education from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and Bachelor of Science in mathematics from Samford University. Jean began her library career at Samford University as a Special Collections Assistant, moving to the position of cataloger, and then moving up through the ranks to department chair and Associate Director, eventually becoming the director. In their nomination, the faculty of the Samford University Libraries state: "Consistently and quietly, Ms. Jean Thomason . . . has redefined library service on her campus and has contributed outstandingly to librarianship in the state of Alabama and beyond. The hallmark of her achievements and the primary case for . . . recommending Ms. Thomason for the AACRL Significant Contribution Award is her extraordinary record of library education and training . . ."

They cite Jean's application of TQM (Total Quality Management) to the library at Samford University. She has been the chief spokesperson for TQM and its adoption in libraries in Alabama,

leading her first formal program entitled "Turning a Library Upside Down" at the National Congress on Quality.

For ten years, Jean has organized and directed the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research, an annual week-long educational experience, designed for lay and professional genealogists and for librarians and archivists. She created and continues to present in the "Best Practices" Sessions at the Alabama Library Association Annual Conference and has received "glowing reviews" from students in library administration and management classes that she teaches as an adjunct professor of the UA School of Library and Information Studies.

OFFICER REPORTS/ RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING OFFICERS

Past President

Debbie Grimes – no report (Outgoing officer)

President

Jennifer Long – no report

Vice-President/President-Elect

Bob Schrimsher – no report

Jennifer Long thanked Bob for planning the dinner.

Treasurer

On 2 March 2006, the balance in the AACRL bank account was \$6,645.41. Since that time, no deposits have been made. Checks in the amount of \$300.00 (honorarium), \$216.20 (speaker's hotel and food), \$408.20 (speaker's airfare), \$500.00 (deposit for AACRL dinner) and \$106.26 (newsletter printing and postages) were issued. Disbursements total \$1,530.66. \$1.75 in interest was accrued. As of 1 April 2006, the balance in the AACRL bank account was \$5,516.50.

Secretary

Carla Waddell reported that copies of the April 20, 2005, business meeting were available in print and on the Alabama Association of College and Research Libraries' website and had been approved via e-mail by the membership following last year's meeting. (Outgoing officer)

Legislative Liaison

Eric Kidwell requested permission from the membership to respond on behalf of AACRL to changes being proposed by SACS (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools) to its criteria, as posted on its website (deadline to respond is April 28). The proposed changes include elimination of criterion 3.8.1., which will be reworded and incorporated into 2.9. The rewording removes the term "facilities" from the criteria on libraries and learning resources, but leaves references to staffing, collections, resources and services. There is concern that removal of the term "facilities" implies that it is no longer deemed necessary or important to maintain a physical library. The Alabama Commission on Higher Education, on behalf of NAAL (Network of Alabama Academic Libraries), is to respond to SACS on this issue. Eric would like to send a response on behalf of AACRL. A motion to proceed was made by Debbie Grimes, which was seconded by Betty Chancellor. The motion was approved by the membership.

Newsletter Editor

Jill Grogg – no report

Webmaster

Beth Ashmore – no report

Member-at-Large

Rosemary Arneson – no report (Outgoing officer)

ELECTION RESULTS/INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS

President	Bob Schrimsher, Samford University
Vice-President/President-Elect	Rosemary Arneson, University of Montevallo
Past President	Jennifer Long, University of Alabama at Birmingham
Secretary	Lori Northrup, Samford University
Treasurer	Bethany Skaggs, Jacksonville State University
Member-at-Large	Alyssa Martin, Troy University – Montgomery
Legislative Liaison	Eric Kidwell, Huntingdon College
Newsletter Editor	Jill Grogg, University of Alabama
Webmaster	Beth Ashmore, Samford University

Jennifer will be accepting nominations for 2007 officer openings.

At this time, she asked for business items from the floor or comments. There being none, Jennifer adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Carla T. Waddell, AACRL Secretary