Meeting Called By: Bryce Thornton
Type of Meeting: Regular
Minutes Prepared by: Michelle Wilson (ALSDE), Secretary
Call to order: 10:30 am
Adjourned: 1:07 pm
Minutes approved as official: May 16, 2018

Attendees
ACHE: Charlotte Ford, Phill Johnson, Ron Leonard
ALSDE: Dede Coe, Michelle Wilson, Susan Zana
ACCS: Renee Marty
APLS: Nancy Pack, Bryce Thornton
ASA: Eric Dorr, Rocky Milliman, LaKesha Chappell
Guests: Noelle Morin (ASA), Vicky Ohlson (ACCS/ACHE), Josh Hill (ACHE)

I. **Welcome**

The meeting began with an introduction of all members and guests present, including Vicky Ohlson and Josh Hill.

II. **Review of Minutes - Bryce Thornton**

A. **January 24, 2018**

1. Corrections
2. Approval

a) Motion made to approve by Nancy Pack, and seconded by Renee Marty.

b) Minutes approved by Council.

III. **New Business**

A. **Website Design - Eric Dorr and Noelle Morin**

Noelle and Eric presented mock-ups of the new website (including home page and one secondary page). There was opportunity to gather feedback on appearance and navigation, which was well received by the Council. Noelle and Eric also reviewed the feedback that informed the design. As the AVL continues to evolve, the site will evolve within the new framework of the website. Noelle and

Eric will move forward with the design with information from the website redesign committee and the Council as a whole.

B. **Open Education Resources (OER) - Ron Leonard**

Ron provided an overview of the OER movement and suggestions for the AVL serving as a repository for OER resources. He referenced existing consortias in other states such as Ohio, and introduced the OER expert guests.

a. **Vicky Ohlson - Enterprise State Community College**

Vicky led a presentation on the basics of OER (definition, examples, relevance, potential savings, and reasons for statewide repository).

b. [**Josh Hill**](#) **- Troy University**

Josh provided background in how Troy University - as a member of the Open Text Network (OTN) - has curated content and built courses, saving Troy students over $300,000 in the purchase of resources. He mentioned the use of Pressbooks software, which can ease the creation, editing, and publication of textbook E-Books. They are encouraging faculty to collaboratively write and publish textbooks that can be used for multiple courses. They use an OER collaborative committee to quality/peer review and approve the textbooks.

c. **Sarah Cohen - Assistant Director of Open Text Network**

By way of conference call, Sarah provided an overview of the OTN and how they support the learning community by equipping faculty to curate and provide training on licensing, and techniques and strategies for developing OER repositories. OTN offers a training (train the trainer model) to help institutions learn how OER textbooks differ from commercial textbooks. The pricing for this training varies between $10,000-$20,000.

The Council is very eager to serve as an OER repository, but have concerns about the best way to implement. The Council will continue to discuss these concerns via email, and will vote on how to spend the remaining funds at the May 16, 2018 meeting.

IV. Financial Report - Susan Zana

A. Treasurer's Report - Susan Zana

We have $46,053.53 left to spend.

Because this is not enough to purchase a database, the Council expressed interest in using this surplus to purchase resources that will support OER or a resource to support federated searching on our website. Charlotte Ford will contact EBSCO to secure a quote on the federated searching tool. Pressbooks as a method of supporting OER is another option as well.

B. Fiscal Agent Report - Dede Coe

All bills have currently been paid.

V. Unfinished Business
- A. Conferences
  - a. ALLA - ASA, Bryce Thornton, and Susan Zana
  - b. AETC - ASA
  - c. ASLA - Michelle Wilson, Dede Coe

VI. Committee Updates
- A. Training - Dede Coe
- B. By-Laws - Nancy Pack
- C. Nominating - Michelle Wilson
  - Chair - Charlotte Ford
  - Chair-Elect - Renee Marty
  - Secretary - (Michelle Wilson suggested. If anyone else would like to serve as Secretary, please let Michelle know ASAP.)
  - Treasurer - Susan Zana
- D. Database Review - Charlotte Ford
- E. Selection and Licensing - Ron Leonard
- F. Legislative - Bryce Thornton
- G. Publicity - Renee Marty

VII. Announcements
Dede Coe mentioned that there has been a spike in requests for AVL cards.

VIII. Next Meeting
- A. May 16, 2018
- B. Alabama Center for Commerce - 401 Adams Ave, Suite 764, Montgomery, AL
- C. Deadline for items to be added to the agenda: May 9, 2018

IX. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 1:07 pm.