

GLA SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES
GLA MIDWINTER PLANNING MEETING
JANUARY 13, 2006

Members present: Elizabeth Bagley (Chair), Cynthia Frost, Kathy Gallo, Susan Kendall, Adam Kubik, Rhonda Lane, Lori Lester, Joan Osborne, Carol Stanley, Dewi Wilson

Liz Bagley welcomed new and returning members and reported on duties and past activities of the committee. The 2005 COMO Raffle cleared \$3,173, covering the Hubbard award so that interest income can be rolled back into the principal for growing award funds. The committee is charged with administration of the Hubbard Scholarship (and the anticipated Beard Scholarship when it is launched). The committee coordinates publicity, reviews applications, selects scholarship winners, and awards the funds annually. The committee reviews selection criteria and recommends changes in policy, procedures, amount of grants, number of grants, etc., to the GLA Executive Board. The chair ensures that terms of the award are met by winners. The chair also acknowledges gifts to the fund.

Liz will make sure the contact name and address for applications is changed on the GLA website before her move from Georgia State University to Agnes Scott College, March 1, 2006. May 1 is the application deadline, and Liz will call a committee meeting to review the applications and select a winner around mid-May in Atlanta. Anyone who cannot attend can be mailed copies of the applications along with the evaluation sheet through which to give input to the committee. Someone asked if the May 1 deadline should be pushed back to June, but the group decided against doing so.

Valdosta State University MLIS students may apply for the scholarships. VSU's program is BOR approved and is in the ALA pipeline. VSU expects to be reviewed by ALA in Spring 2007. As you encounter people who might make good scholarship candidates, keep in mind that they must be either accepted into library school or already attending. Winners sign a contract that is notarized, pledging to work in a Georgia library for a year after completion of the degree. Otherwise, they must repay the awarded funds. The winner is honored at COMO; their conference registration and travel expenses are partially covered by GLA. Other details are on GLA's website <http://gla.georgialibraries.org/comm_scholarship.htm>.

At the May meeting we will also start planning for the September 22 Scholarship Raffle at COMO in Athens. Committee members are asked to contribute two items for the raffle, in addition to staffing the booth and promoting the event. It's never too early to look for crowd pleasers. Art photographs, goody-filled baskets, items with Georgia tie-ins, or vendor contributions are always popular and help sell tickets. Carol Stanley graciously agreed to receive any vendor donations and to bring them to Athens. Kathy Gallo thought her husband's company might be able to donate an office chair, an item very popular in 2005. It was suggested that we ask the Scholarship winner to draw names at the Raffle. Everyone thought it would be good to repeat the drawing set-up from last year, if possible. The audience enjoyed sitting and being able to see what happened.

Liz will email committee members who were not present today to determine their availability for helping select a winner in May or staffing the booth at COMO. She also will ask for official program space for the raffle drawing at COMO. Before adjourning, five prior members of the committee (Carol, Cynthia, Rhonda, Susan, and Liz) divided up thank you note writing tasks, as the database of donors for COMO 2005 had been corrupted and had to be reconstructed. We talked about text to use, and Liz will email a suggested note. Thanks, and stay tuned for a May meeting date.

Recorded by Elizabeth Bagley, Chair