

GLA SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES
GLA PLANNING MEETING
DECEMBER 1, 2006

Members present: Elizabeth Bagley (Chair), Susan Kendall, Adam Kubik, Rhonda Lane, Lori Lester, Ann Mallard, Barbara Petersohn, Emily Prather, Rita Spisak, Carol Stanley, Sarah Trowbridge, and Dewi Wilson

Unable to attend: Ben Carter, Lorene Flanders, Jane Hildebrand, Andrea Stanfield, and Joan Taylor

Liz Bagley welcomed new and returning members and reported on duties and past activities of the committee. The 2006 COMO Raffle cleared a record \$4,199, covering both the Beard and Hubbard awards so that interest income could be rolled back into the principal for growth. At present there is about \$71,000 in scholarship funds, and once we reach \$100,000, there would be enough to fund both scholarships at the \$3,000 level annually. Currently, the Beard is awarded at \$1,000 and the Hubbard at \$3,000 annually.

The committee is charged with administration of both scholarships. The committee coordinates publicity, reviews applications, selects scholarship winners, and awards the funds. The committee reviews selection criteria and recommends changes in policy, procedures, amount 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 throughout the year.

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.

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 winners are honored at the COMO GLA Banquet and they help draw names during the Raffle. Their conference registration and travel expenses are partially covered by GLA. Other details are on GLA's website <<http://gla.georgialibraries.org/scholarship.htm>>.

At the May meeting we will also plan for the October 19, 2007 Scholarship Raffle at COMO on Jekyll Island. 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.

There was a suggestion of a Thursday evening mini-drawing. The idea will have to be fleshed out and discussed with the GLA Executive Board. Some committee members thought it might appeal to conference attendees who cannot be present late Friday morning of COMO.

Liz will email committee members who were not present today to determine their availability for helping select a winner in May or for staffing the booth at COMO. She also will ask for official program space for the raffle drawing at COMO. Before adjourning, five members of the committee (Ann, Barbara, Emily, Sarah, and Liz) divided up the duty of emailing Georgia and regional library schools to promote the scholarships. We talked about text to use, and Liz will email a suggested note to the others. Stay tuned for a May meeting date.

Recorded by Elizabeth Bagley, Chair