

GLA SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES  
GLA PLANNING MEETING

JANUARY 25, 2008

Members present: Elizabeth Bagley (Chair), Laura Herndon, Adam Kubik, Rhonda Lane, Evelyn Merk, JoEllen Ostendorf, Kathy Pillatzki, Judi Repman, Joan Taylor, Edward Whatley, Dewi Wilson, Toni Zimmerman, and Christine Zuger

Liz Bagley welcomed new and returning members and reported on duties and past activities of the committee. The 2007 COMO Raffle cleared a record \$5409 - 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 \$77,000 in the Scholarship Fund. 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. (Any committee members who cannot attend that May meeting can help us with the raffle at COMO.)

As you encounter people who might make good scholarship candidates, keep in mind that they may be either accepted into library school or already attending an ALA-accredited program. 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. The application form (good for consideration for both scholarships) and other details are on GLA's website <<http://gla.georgialibraries.org/scholarship.htm>>.

At the May meeting we will also plan for the October 17, 2008 Scholarship Raffle at COMO in Athens. Committee members are asked to contribute two items for the raffle (these items need not be extravagant), 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 to sell tickets.

In discussions about ways to enhance publicity, applications, and fundraising, members suggested:

1. collaborating with the GLA Paraprofessional Division - getting a link about the scholarships on their web page and emailing their members;
2. encouraging competition among libraries or library staffs to generate more items for the Raffle;
3. raffling "Dinner with an Author," perhaps in conjunction with the Authors' Reception at COMO;
4. asking the Georgia Center for the Book about donations of autographed books for the Raffle.

Liz will pursue these good ideas.

Liz will email committee members to determine their availability for helping select a winner in May. She also will ask for official program space for the raffle drawing at COMO. Stay tuned for a May meeting date.

Recorded by Elizabeth Bagley, Chair