

Georgia Library Association Executive Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 13, 2002
Clayton College and State University

President Budlong called the meeting to order at 1:10. Present were Davis Moore, Charles Beard, Gordon Baker, Cathy Jeffrey, Eddie McLeod, Richard Horah, Lianne Keeney, Laura Burtle, Carol Stanley, Clare Auwarter, Eileen McElrath, Michael Aldrich, George Gaumond, Bob Fox, Bill Nelson, Ann Hamilton, and Fred Smith.

The agenda was approved.

The minutes of the board meeting of January 11, 2002 were approved after being amended to correct the spelling of the name of Lianne Keeney, the new President of the Trustees, Friends, and Advocates Division.

General Comments and Announcements: The Georgia Educational Technology Conference that Richard Horah mentioned at the last meeting has been scheduled for April 16-18 at the Savannah Trade Center. The Georgia Archives Week is October 6-12. Tom said that our donation for printing will be acknowledged on the Georgia Archives Week brochure. Tom has received a letter of thanks from ALA for our donation to the CIPA fund.

Treasurer's Report: Bob Fox distributed a budget for the period January 1 - February 13 showing a net income of \$3,238. The checking account balance as of January 31, 2002 is \$47,698.72. The final figures for last year's COMO Conference are still not available since there are some outstanding bills and receipts.

Membership Report: Carol Stanley noted that there is a special GLA/ALA joint membership available for grad students. For \$25 they can join both, and GLA gets \$12.50 per person. Carol has sent this information to library schools in Georgia, Alabama, Florida, and South Carolina. There are 4,000 otherwise attractive membership brochures with SOLINET listed as the address to send dues. These were originally paid for by SIRSI and it was suggested that we ask SIRSI if they would be willing to pay for a new set. It was also suggested that if we could place dark blue labels with the correct address over the SOLINET address the brochures would be usable.

Administrative Services Report: We have a total of 513 members, an increase of 93. Nine deceased Life/Honorary members were deleted. Bob and Gordon are going to do a mailing to those who have not renewed this year or were members in 2000 and have not joined. They have created a new listserv for GLA and have posted to the previous one asking members to change to the new one. Other activities of the Administrative Services team include printing and mailing Georgia Library Legislative Day registration forms and hand delivering the invitations to legislators, producing GLQ mailing labels, and mailing 270 membership cards.

GLQ Editor's Report: Tom announced that Susan Cooley has resigned as editor. He asked members of the Board to provide him with names of people they thought might make good editors and who would be willing to take on such a task. Laura Burtle, who is on the Editorial Board of GLQ, said that she did not think any of the current members would be interested. It was suggested that they be asked to make sure. Another suggestion was to ask previous editor Joanne Lincoln if she would be willing to serve either on an interim or permanent basis.

Board members were saddened by the news that Susan was stepping down. Charles emphasized what a hard job it is for a full time working librarian to edit the journal and others concurred. Charles remembered that she was always flexible when GLA was in financial difficulty and the GLQ budget was cut; she continued to get out a periodical that GLA could be proud of no matter what budget she had to work with. Bill Nelson introduced a motion that **The Board agree in concept to draft a formal resolution thanking Susan Cooley for her service as GLQ Editor.** The motion was seconded by Eileen McElrath and passed unanimously. Eddie McLeod agreed to draft the resolution. [The final wording of the resolution was as follows: The Georgia Library Association recognizes the service of Susan Cooley Whereas Susan Cooley has dedicated much time and effort to improving the quality of the Georgia Library Quarterly; and, Whereas Susan Cooley has diligently reduced the operating expenses of the Georgia Library Quarterly, and whereas Susan Cooley has actively participated in the business of the Georgia Library Association as she has capably served on the Executive Board from 1997 to 2002. Now therefore be it resolved on this first day of March 2002, that the Georgia Library Association hereby recognizes the Leadership of Susan Cooley And expresses its sincere appreciation for her dedication and hard work. Tom Budlong President]

ALA Councilor's Report: Since the last Board meeting Ann has been to ALA in New Orleans. She said the experience was fascinating, but that the meeting rooms were so spread out it was hard physically to get to meetings. One topic discussed by the councilors was ALA's changing from the IRS designation 501C3 to 501C6. Both are categories for non-profit organizations, but 501C6 organizations are allowed to participate in activities which are closer to true lobbying.

SELA Representative's Report: Bill Nelson said that the Southeastern Library Association Conference October 24-26 will be a joint conference with the South Carolina Library Association. The conference hotel information is now available on the SCLA web site. Mitch Friedman will be the keynote speaker at the conference Saturday morning.

DIVISION REPORTS

Academic Division: Vice Chair Laura Burtle said that she and Bede Mitchell, Chair of the Division, are looking for a speaker on information literacy to present at COMO.

Georgia Library Trustees, Friends and Advocates:

Lianne Keeney said this was her first meeting. She said that Lamar Veatch had promised his help and

support. She hopes to increase membership in her division. Her division plans to have table topics at COMO with a different resource person at each table. Ann suggested that she use the new GLA-L to reach academic libraries too, since some of them have recently established Friends groups.

New Members Roundtable: Eileen McElrath said that they are in the process of identifying topics of interest to new members.

Paraprofessional Division: Davis Moore said that they are planning three workshops at COMO. One is to be on reference, one on children's literature, and one on burnout in paraprofessionals.

Public Library Division: no report

School Library Media Division: Gordon has provided Richard with a list of members. The School Library Media Division wants to use the GLA website for increasing membership.

Interest Group Council and Interest Groups: The list of Interest Group officers is now up to date. Elizabeth Jackson, Chair of Collection Development, reported that they have put together a web page for their interest group. Laura Burtle said that she had spoken with Elizabeth and that the page is available through the Interest Group section on the GLA web site. Elizabeth also sent Clare an email saying that they have a listserv, unmonitored, through Mercer, but it is not active yet.

Committee Appointments: Tom has updated the committee officers and leadership lists and will put them on the GLA website. He is still looking for a chair for the Administrative Services Committee. Anyone who has someone to recommend was encouraged to tell Tom.

OLD BUSINESS

Georgia Library Legislative Day: George said we should break even on the event. He has arranged seating by geographical zone. The folders will include seating instructions. There are 100 fewer people this year than last, probably because there are no major issues and little money in the state budget is not already earmarked. George noted that the job of planning the Georgia Library Legislative Day requires a lot of hard work and each person who is in charge must learn much about how it is done. Each person who does it works closely with the person who did it the year before, but each new person learns from the experience also. After some discussion, the chair directed that the Governmental Relations Committee plus Charles Beard study the issue of Library Legislative Day arrangements and report back to the Executive Committee at a future meeting

ALA Annual Conference

Host Chapter Perks: Tom said one of the perks is the previously mentioned joint memberships. The hosts are recognized by the Local Arrangements Committee. Mailing labels for Georgia ALA members are provided. The Administrative Services person (or in our case, persons) and the President are given

complimentary registrations. We will not be charged for our booth.

Banners: Tom was asked if GLA would be willing to pay for ALA banners to be hung in Atlanta. He declined. Ann added that we will have a raffle. The GLA Centennial Exhibit will be there. Ann plans to arrange for complimentary packets of peanuts to be given out at our booth.

NEW BUSINESS

New site for GLA-L: The GLA listserv has now changed sites. Bob and Gordon will send a second reminder asking people to join the new list.

ALA- New interpretation of Library Bill of Rights on Privacy: Tom handed out a draft copy of this. Margo Crist, Chair of ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee, would like feedback on the substance (not wording) of this document by April 15. Tom will post this to GLA-L with a link to the draft.

Leadership Training and Development: An issue within GLA (and librarianship as a whole) is developing new leaders. Few of the current board members, committee chairs, etc. are young. With that in mind, the Board discussed some ideas on how to encourage and train younger association members to take on leadership roles. It was noted that Texas sends 20 people to a leadership retreat sponsored by vendors. Ann said that there is a Leadership Development session scheduled at the SELA/SCLA Conference in October, and that perhaps this topic would make a good preconference for COMO. Gordon suggested that the annual Leadership Conference be a two day event. Both the Paraprofessional Division and the New Members Roundtable chairs said they would be glad to help in any way. Tom asked for feedback on this ongoing issue.

Fundraising idea - special Georgia auto tag: Tom asked the board whether he should further pursue the idea of creating and selling automobile tags commemorating Georgia libraries. He said that according to the information he has now, we would receive thirty dollars for each one sold, but that we would have to guarantee sale of 500. Others said they had heard the number was now 1,000. Comments were favorable, so Tom will explore the possibility further.

Announcements: Charles reminded everyone that Fran Buckley, Superintendent of Documents, will be speaking at the State University of West Georgia on April 11. He will post details to GLA-L.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for 10 AM on April 12 in the board room of the Athens Regional Library. Lunch will be catered. After the meeting there will be a tour of the conference facilities.

Fred Smith
GLA Secretary

