

**Georgia Library Association
Executive Board Meeting**

**Jekyll Island Convention Center
Jekyll Island, GA**

**Wednesday, October 22, 2003
11:00a.m.**

Minutes

Present at the meeting were: Michael Aldrich (Interest Group Council), Gordon Baker (President), Tom Budlong (Immediate Past President), Laura Burtle (Academic Library Division), Debra Capponi (Paraprofessional Division), Susan Cooley (*Georgia Library Quarterly*), George Gaumond (President-Elect), Claudia Gibson (Public Library Division), Ann Hamilton (ALA Councilor), Cathy Jeffrey (Handbook Committee), Lianne Keeney (Trustees, Friends and Advocates), Callie McGinnis (Secretary), Bill Nelson (SELA Representative), Jane Richards (2nd Vice President), Fred Smith (Parliamentarian) and Lamar Veatch (Georgia Public Library Service).

➤ **Call to Order & Welcome**

President Baker welcomed the Board to Jekyll Island and called the meeting to order at 11:00a.m.

➤ **Approval of the Minutes**

Callie McGinnis distributed copies of the minutes, which were approved as read.

➤ **Treasurer's Report**

Bob Fox presented and explained the Treasurer's Report. The Hubbard Scholarship Fund has a balance of \$61,769.32, which is in an account that earns 6% interest per year (i.e., \$3245). The balance in the checking account is \$62,631.67.

➤ **Membership Report**

Jane Richards presented the membership report. GLA's membership is up 87 from the last report. The current membership count is 923.

➤ **Administrative Services Report**

Bob Fox distributed the Administrative Services Report. He noted that renewal notices were sent out to three groups of recent non-renewing members (August, September and October 2003 expiration dates). Also different letters were sent to non-renewals whose memberships had expired in June, July and August, 2003.

➤ **GLQ Editor's Report**

Susan Cooley passed out Fall issues of the *GLQ* which were right off the press. She noted that this printing was a little over budget.

➤ **ALA Councilor's Report**

Ann Hamilton announced that Keith Fields was going to be at COMO and would be leading an advocacy session.

➤ **SELA Representative's Report**

Bill Nelson reported on SELA. He announced that the firm dates for the SELA Conference are November 9-13, 2004. The conference will be held in Charlotte. SELA will be sponsoring workshops around the state.

➤ **Division Reports**

*Academic Library Division

Laura Burtle announced that the incoming vice chair of the division is Debbie Holmes. The new secretary/treasurer is Betsy Griffes. The Academic Division papers will be presented at COMO following the division's luncheon.

*Georgia Library Trustees, Friends and Advocates

Lianne announced that 1600 COMO announcements had been mailed out (using the GLA Bulk mailing permit) to trustees, friends and advocates around the state. She said that the division is currently exploring options for funding.

*New Member Roundtable

No report.

*Paraprofessional Division

Debra Capponi announced that the Paraprofessional Division was sponsoring 3 COMO programs. She said she was hopeful that the division's bylaws would be approved.

*Public Library Division

Claudia Gibson announced that St. John Flynn would be speaking at the Public Library Division's luncheon. She said that the division's constitution and bylaws would be voted on at the business session of the luncheon meeting. Newly-elected division officers are Clair Arwater, Chair; Debbie Manget, ViceChair and Sarah McGee, Secretary.

*School Library/Media Division

No report.

*Special Libraries & Information Services Division

No report.

➤ **Interest Group Council**

Michael Aldrich announced that a number of interest groups were sponsoring COMO sessions. He said that plans to establish an Instruction Interest Group were being postponed until the GLA Leadership Conference in January 2004.

➤ **Committee Reports**

*Administrative Services Committee

Tom Budlong reported that GLA's contract with Baker & Fox would end December 31, 2003. George Gaumond moved that the annual contract with Baker & Fox be renewed for 2004. Bill Nelson seconded. The motion passed (with Gordon Baker and Bob Fox abstaining).

*Awards Committee

Cathy Jeffrey announced that GLA's Advocacy Award would be presented to Charles Beard. She said that the 2004 Advocacy Award would bear his name.

*COMO Committee

Gordon Baker announced that GLA's responsibilities for the 2004 COMO would be programs. He reported that the registration count was at 811 (including vendors)—down about 200 from last year. The COMO luncheons are being held at the Clarion; about 145 people have signed up.

*Constitution & Bylaws Committee

President Baker announced that there would be a vote on the proposed changes to the constitution and bylaws at the 4:00pm GLA Business Session. The meeting will be in Room 6.

*Nominations Committee

President Baker presented the election results on behalf of the Nominating Committee. Julie Walker was elected 1st Vice President; Lynn Hopper, 2nd Vice President and Susan Morris, Secretary.

➤ **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business reported.

➤ **NEW BUSINESS**

*I Love GALILEO

Callie McGinnis, who serves as Chair of the GALILEO Steering Committee, reported that a group of concerned librarians were interested in having GLA sponsor a pro-GALILEO campaign. She said that the GALILEO budget is threatened by the Hope Scholarship problem (more

students and less lottery money). Discussion ensued on what librarians could do to help GALILEO. Ideas included:

- Get Channel 11 TV to do a short segment on GALILEO
- Get a PR firm to do *pro bono* work on a GALILEO Campaign
- Get to legislators with a grassroots campaign—letters and phone calls
- Enlist help of friends groups
- Have preprinted postcards to legislators next to GALILEO terminals
- Have GALILEO brochures next to GALILEO terminals
- Have GLA post a sample pro-GALILEO letter on its website with information in writing legislators.

Lamar Veatch stressed that time was of the essence—that we needed to get people motivated and get legislators’ attention immediately. Claudia Gibson, Debra Capponi, Mildred Aldrich and Gordon Baker volunteered to assist in the effort. Lamar offered to meet with Callie to firm up GALILEO talking points in early November. Callie will keep the Board apprised of the campaign efforts.

**2004 Leadership Conference*

George Gaumond proposed that the Leadership conference be held in Valdosta on January 23rd (beginning at 10 am). He made a motion to that effect; Bill Nelson seconded. The motion passed.

**General Session*

President Baker thanked the Board for their cooperation. He said that he had enjoyed his tenure as chair, and that GLA presented a wonderful forum for the exchange of ideas.

➤ Other Concerns

**Cathy Jeffrey brought up the subject of the Technical Institute Interest Group, whose name needs to be changed since technical institutes in Georgia are now called technical colleges. The DTAE website has its “Library Council Bylaws” posted. However, this council has no connection to GLA (i.e., these are not the bylaws of the interest group related to technical colleges). President Baker will contact the leadership of the DTAE group (Gail Roberts) to sort through these issues.*

Cathy also announced that she will do another update of the GLA Handbook after COMO.

**Lamar Veatch announced that the GPLS website now has an online calendar. He asked Board members to post library and/or literary events to the calendar.*

➤ Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Callie B. McGinnis
Secretary