

GEORGIA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION  
Executive Board Meeting Minutes  
U.S. Navy Supply Corps School, Athens  
April 24, 1998

Present: Alan Kaye (presiding), Susan White (recording), Steve Baughman, Charles Beard, Tom Budlong, Susan Cooley, Leon B. Duke, Cheska Ferguson, Ann Hamilton, Jane Hildebrand, Lyn Hopper, Susan Kendall, Richard Leach, Anne Maish, Fred Smith, and Marilyn Smith. Visitors - Magda Sossa, guest parliamentarian, and Matt Montgomery

Alan Kaye called the meeting to order at 9:30a.m. He thanked Marilyn Smith for hosting the Board Meeting and for her hospitality at her home on Thursday night. Captain Drerup, Commanding Officer, welcomed the members to the U.S. Navy Supply Corps School.

Alan asked everyone to introduce themselves. After introductions, Susan White gave credit to Ann Hamilton for her suggestions of motion sheets and written reports from chairs. Ann Hamilton announced that Ralph Russell is pursuing a musical career and that he has a CD available for purchase.

Susan White moved that the January 30, 1998 minutes be accepted as mailed. Cheska Ferguson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The positive E-mail vote was acknowledged allowing participation as fully as possible, with the exception of finances, in the Georgia Reads Project.

#### Treasurer's Report (Budlong)

Tom gave the Treasurer's Report for January 1, 1998 - March 31, 1998 showing \$96,097.15 in unencumbered funds. (Copy attached to original minutes) Ann Hamilton moved that the Treasurer's report be filed for audit. There was no second to the motion. Alan then made the statement that the Treasurer's Report would be filed for audit.

#### Georgia Reads Project (Ploeg)

There was no report in the absence of Tom Ploeg.

#### COMO (Hamilton)

Program proposals are due May 1. Twenty-seven proposals have been submitted as of this date. No preconferences have been received. The program committee and the COMO steering committee will be meeting soon.

Ann stated that she would be attending ALA Conference in Washington, D.C. and would like to attend the chapter Presidents-Elect Orientation meeting and a lobbying workshop. Registration for these two meetings is \$45.00 and she requested GLA funds to cover the registration fees.

Lyn Hopper moved to approve \$45.00 from GLA funds for Ann to attend the two ALA workshops. Jane Hildebrand seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

There was discussion on preconference sessions. The LAMA workshop on customer service was suggested, however it was rejected since Solinet was offering it this year. Workshops on filtering, customer service issues, and humor in the workplace were suggested.

Discussion on COMO financial decisions was postponed since the expenses could belong to COMO instead of GLA.

Charles Beard will contact the President of ALA and invite her to COMO. GLA will pay expenses if she accepts.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Ad Hoc Committee for Training Advocacy Trainers (Beard)

There will be fourteen trustee workshops around the state after the kickoff presentation during Trustee Day at COMO. The name of the program will be "Getting What You Want for Your Library". Active trustees around the state will be contacted for their ideas on what they want for their library and then a training manual will be completed. There will be a team of trainers to conduct these state-wide workshops. Lyn Hopper wrote a grant to finance these workshops. A brochure will be developed to emphasize these workshops for trustees, friends and library users.

### PR Committee - Logo Development Group (Montgomery)

Matt Montgomery, Public Relations Officer for DeKalb Public Library, presented four designs for consideration of a logo for GLA.

Tom Budlong moved that the open door left, combined with the lettering library reversed, be approved for the GLA logo. The motion was seconded by Ann Hamilton. The motion passed unanimously.

### Governmental Relations (Leach)

Dick Leach announced that seventeen people would be attending ALA Legislative Day in Washington on Monday and Tuesday, May 4 and 5.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

After a lengthy discussion concerning a new dues structure, Tom Budlong made the motion to recommend to the membership at COMO X that the following be accepted:

### INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS:

Professional \$35

Student/Non-Salaried \$12

Paraprofessional \$12

Trustee/Friend \$20

Retired \$25

Supporting \$75

Sustaining \$100

Benefactor \$125

### GROUP:

Corporate \$150

Organizational \$50

The motion was seconded by Lyn Hopper. The motion passed unanimously.

### Paraprofessional (Ferguson)

Cheska Ferguson stated that the paraprofessional awards would be listed in the journal. There is no procedure for filling the position of chair of SPRIG in the event of resignation or death. Cheska will bring a recommendation to the July Executive Board Meeting for approval.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont.)

Discussion on the adjustment of the Hubbard principal was postponed until a later date.

Leon Duke moved to postpone indefinitely the Professional Development Scholarship Program. Tom Budlong seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Lyn Hopper made a motion to send an additional \$300 to the Georgia First Amendment Foundation which makes the total contribution become \$500 for the year. The motion was seconded by Jane Hildebrand. The motion passed unanimously.

Alan Kaye reported that the conversations with the presidents of GLMA and GAIT revealed that GLMA is in favor of discussing a merger while GAIT is against the possibility of a merger. Anne Maish and Tom Budlong made a motion to have a delegation from GLMA and GLA meet to discuss the merger of the two associations. Jane Hildebrand seconded the motion. After discussion Ann and Tom withdrew

their motion. Leon Duke made the motion that the President of GLA continue to develop a group to merge the associations. Tom Budlong seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Charles Beard explained that there is no room at ALA in Washington, D.C. for the Centennial exhibit but that there would be room in New Orleans in 1999. Tom Budlong moved that the exhibit at ALA be postponed until 1999. Jane Hildebrand seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## NEW BUSINESS

It was decided to have a breakfast on Friday morning at COMO for the GLA business meeting. Alan Kaye and Ann Hamilton would work together to try to secure a corporate sponsor for the breakfast.

### Membership (Kendall)

Susan Kendall reported present membership figures as being less this year. The membership committee strongly endorses the merger efforts. Susan asked for suggestions as to how to reach non-GLA members with brochures. One suggestion was to have a flier or brochure specifically for new members and include it in the COMO mailing with instructions to pass it along to a non-member. Also, it was suggested that a pack of ten brochures be given to each public library director at their next meeting to be distributed to their employees. In addition, the membership form will be placed in the journal.

### ALA Councilor (Kaye for Russell)

Alan stated that Ralph wanted to be sure that budgeted money was paid to Freedom to Read and the ALA Washington office. Tom Budlong stated that both had been paid.

### SELA Representative (Baughman for Potter)

Steve stated that SELA was doing much better. Ann Hamilton and Steve represented GLA at the leadership conference in Atlanta in March. A website is under development for SELA. The conference will be in Little Rock in October.

### Administrative Services Group (Baughman)

Steve reported that Jennifer Melton left SOLINET and Debra Cuoco is now the new association coordinator. Steve stated that 286 members from 1997 have not renewed yet. When labels are sent to a member from SOLINET, a copy of what was mailed must be sent to Steve Baughman at SOLINET. They need a copy of everything that is mailed using labels that they have printed.

### Journal Editor (Cooley)

Susan presented proposed new ad rates for the journal. Tom Budlong moved to accept the recommendation of the editorial board to raise advertising amounts to those presented. (Copy attached to original minutes) Ann Maish seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There was an error in the last journal printed as to the new subscription rate. It was voted at the last Executive Board Meeting to have the new subscription price be \$20.00. Steve Baughman will try to handle the price increase with jobbers and individual subscriptions.

## DIVISION REPORTS

### Academic Library Division (Smith for Penson)

Fred stated that they are firming up COMO proposals. They have speakers for several more programs including one on Copernicus.

### Georgia Library Trustees and Friends Association (Duke)

Leon Duke showed the newsletter letterhead to be used on the trustee newsletter. Leon visited four libraries to help them with bylaws and amendments. He has been working on combining the lists of trustees in order to remove duplicates. Leon has been working with the telephone company in order to make it possible for the trustees to have as few as possible long distance phone calls. He is planning to send a letter to each candidate running in the election to ask them for their support for libraries.

### Public Library Division (Hildebrand)

Jane announced that P.T. Deutermann has agreed to be the speaker for the Public Library and Trustees/Friends Luncheon at COMO. In lieu of a speaker's fee he has asked that a donation be made to a food bank in Milledgeville. Permabound Books in Georgia have agreed to underwrite the speaker's fee.

The Georgia Council for the Humanities is planning to have a program at COMO on humanities programming in public libraries.

Jack McDevitt, a science fiction writer, has been asked to do a program on the science fiction genre and collection development.

### School Library Media (Maish)

Ann stated that she had asked Betsy Duffy, daughter of Betsy Byars to do a presentation at COMO. She heard this past week that she will not be able to come.

### Special Libraries and Information Services (Smith)

Marilyn stated that she had accepted a position in Japan and would be moving probably in July. The vice chair has submitted her resignation so Nancy Pack of Moody in Valdosta has been asked to assume responsibilities and she has agreed. Jim Eshleman will be providing a multimedia presentation at COMO. Also contact was made with Laura Martin to work on a program for COMO at the Georgia Music Hall of Fame.

### Interest Group Council and Interest Groups (Hopper)

Lyn Hopper reported that she had not heard from any of her interest groups. She would be in contact with them very soon and remind them that they needed to submit proposals for business meetings as well as programs.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

Susan E. White Alan Kaye

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(Reports of interest groups received since the April 24 meeting)

Information Technology Interest Group - Workshops set for COMO: Building a webserver, securing patron clients, server security, ethernet wiring, troubleshooting PC's, and Netscape plugins.

RSIG - Workshop for COMO on Reference Service in the Digital Age. It is not about databases but on how to keep up with everything. Plans are for a panel with a public librarian, an academic librarian and a school media specialist.

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