

## **GEORGIA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION**

### **Executive Board Meeting Minutes Macon Centreplex, Room 303, Macon October 7, 1998**

Present: Alan Kaye (presiding), Susan White (recording), Steve Baughman, Charles Beard, Tom Budlong, Leon B. Duke, Linda Floyd, Ann Hamilton, Jane Hildebrand, Lyn Hopper, Susan Kendall, Richard Leach, Anne Maish, Nancy Pack, Merryll Penson, Bill Potter, and Nora Symmers.

Alan Kaye called the meeting to order at 7:37p.m.

#### Announcements

Alan Kaye announced that there would be a joint meeting of GLMA and GLA at 9:00p.m. There would be five persons from each group. The five from GLA consisted of Anne Maish, Dick Leach, Charles Beard, Alan Kaye, and Ann Hamilton.

Alan Kaye asked for corrections to the minutes of July 24, 1998. Lyn Hopper stated that on page 5 under AD HOC COMMITTEE ON ADVOCACY TRAINING that the number eighteen be changed to ten. Susan Kendall moved that the July 24, 1998 minutes be accepted as corrected. Tom Budlong seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The positive E-mail vote was acknowledged pertaining to the ALA statement on Libraries as an American Value. There were nine yes votes with five board members not responding.

#### Treasurer's Report (Budlong)

Tom gave the Treasurer's Report for January 1, 1998 – September 30, 1998 showing \$86,200.22 in unencumbered funds. (Copy attached to original minutes) The Treasurer's Report will be filed for audit.

Tom expressed appreciation for the outside funding obtained for several programs at COMO. He also stated that there is a \$10,000 CD where the interest is used for the awards. The next time that the Hubbard Scholarship CD is renewed it will be for \$55,000. It was suggested that treasurers in the future keep these two CDs completely separate from the other funds.

Alan Kaye announced that the audit of the Treasurer's books would probably be setup for the leadership workshop at the end of the year.

### Membership (Kendall)

Susan Kendall announced that the membership increased for the year primarily to the effort by Leon Duke in obtaining Trustee memberships. The year ended with 925 members, an 8.06% gain over 1997. There were only 7 non-renewing members this year. Thanks to Steve Baughman and Debra Cuoco, everything is ready for a successful 1999 membership campaign where it is possible to pass the 1000 mark.

### Paraprofessional (Symmers)

Alan Kaye introduced Nora Symmers who is now the chair of this division. She thanked the GLA Board for their support and the award that she received at the general session on behalf of the Paraprofessional Division. She stated that the division did have programs for this COMO conference.

A round of applause was given to Susan Kendall for all of her work on membership during the year.

### SELA Representative (Potter)

Bill Potter was unable to attend the SELA Conference, however Steve Baughman and Ann Hamilton did talk with Frances Coleman, President of SELA, about a joint conference. Ann met with the COMO Steering Committee and they have agreed to pursue the possibility of a joint conference with SELA and GLA in the year 2000 to be held in Savannah.

### Journal Editor (Kaye for Cooley)

In the absence of Susan Cooley, Alan Kaye presented a concern of the journal board concerning retention of back issues of the journal. They are presently at SOLINET but must be moved. After several suggestions for placement, Leon Duke moved that the topic of retention of journal issues be postponed until the January Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Bill Potter. The motion passed unanimously.

### Administrative Services Group (Baughman)

Steve Baughman talked about the potential of doing some of the mailings by E-mail which would save money for the association. They are willing to do this if the association makes the request. A poll of the membership as to which type of mailing they wanted, E-mail or regular, could be done.

If the dues increase passes, new brochures would need to be printed. It was suggested that the website address and the new logo be placed on the new brochure.

Steve presented the proposal for SOLINET services for 1999, total \$12,000 plus direct expenses such as

postage, printing, copies. Merryll Penson moved that the SOLINET proposal be accepted. The motion was seconded by Ann Hamilton. The motion passed unanimously. It was suggested that the new budget show a line item for the direct expenses of SOLINET.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### COMO (Hamilton)

Ann Hamilton reported that the completed program was her report. Everyone gave Ann a round of applause for her hard work on the COMO Committee.

### Ad Hoc Committee on Advocacy Training (Duke, Hopper, Beard)

Charles Beard presented the advocacy manual that was put together by Lyn Hopper and Leon Duke. The Board gave Leon and Lyn a round of applause for their accomplishments. Anne Maish moved that the expense for printing the advocacy manual be paid by GLA. The motion was seconded by Jane Hildebrand. The motion passed unanimously.

Leon Duke explained the materials that he will distribute at the trustee workshop.

The advocacy manuals will only be given to those that attend the training workshops.

### Awards, Scholarship, Nominating (Kaye)

Alan Kaye distributed a sheet listing the 1998 award winners, the scholarship winner, and the 1998-99 GLA officers.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Shipping charges for the Centennial exhibit are now being handled by UPS instead of FedEx. It was suggested that \$1500 be placed as a line item in the 1998-99 budget for shipping of the exhibit.

Alan Kaye stated that he signed an agreement with the H.W. Wilson Company to put substantial articles from the "Georgia Library Quarterly" in the database of their new product. There would be royalties paid to the association and GLA can withdraw from the agreement at anytime.

A fifth name, Jane Morgan past GLA President, has been submitted to the ALA Intellectual Freedom Interest Group in addition to the four already nominated for the Intellectual Freedom Honor Roll. These names were to be persons that had been influential through the years with regard to intellectual freedom.

Handbook revisions were sent to Alan Harkness, Chair of the Handbook Committee. He then sent them

to Laura Burtle to be placed on the Web. The document was on the website throughout the month of September, so people would have the opportunity to see it and prepare to vote on changes at COMO. The handbook is presently on the website for all members to read and decide if further corrections need to be made.

## NEW BUSINESS

A list of the FAX numbers for all GLA members was sold to Gale for \$30. The comments were that FAX numbers are the same as addresses, so if addresses were sold then FAX numbers could also be sold.

Both the Georgia Council and Partnership for Public Libraries have endorsed a special new public library funding plan. Since both groups have endorsed this plan, Nancy Pack moved that GLA also endorse the plan. The motion was seconded by Jane Hildebrand. The motion passed unanimously. The Board strongly suggests that all publicity include both groups.

Merryll Penson moved the following: the view of the Georgia Library Association Executive Board is to strongly urge the two groups to come together to the support of all of Georgia's Public Libraries. The motion was seconded by Tom Budlong. The motion passed unanimously.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tom Budlong announced that any GLA check requests should be obtained from Alan Kaye and then given to Tom Budlong before Friday.

Charles Beard invited everyone to the trustee workshops on Thursday.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:00p.m.

Susan E. White

Alan Kaye

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