

Georgia Library Association Executive Board
Georgia State University
General Classroom Building, Troy Moore Room
Thurs., Jan. 20, 2000 2:20 pm

Recorder: Gayle R. Christian, Secretary

Present: Michele Behr, Tom Budlong, Gayle Christian, Susan Cooley, Linda Floyd, Ann Hamilton, Lynn S. Hunter, Mary Ellen Johnson, Nanette Kicker, Amanda Lindsay, Eddie McLeod, Mike Seigler

Introductions: All persons introduced themselves.

Announcements (M. Seigler) The Treasurer was unable to attend the meeting, and he sent the reports to the meeting.

GLA has been invited to nominate candidates to participate in the Library Leadership Institute at Snowbird, which will be held from July 27 to August 1, 2000. The Institute was initiated in 1990 to identify, train, and network the library leaders. This is a tremendous opportunity for young librarians in the state. A substantial portion of the instructional costs, accommodations for five nights and group meals (\$2000-\$3000) will be paid through sponsorship. The deadline for applications are April 5, 2000. Anyone who is interested in being nominated should contact Mike Seigler for more details. (Just so everyone will know - GLA cannot afford to pay the nominee's expenses.) Information will be distributed via e-mail and GLA-L.

The criteria for nomination are:

1. The nominee should be an outstanding graduate in librarianship and/or information science from an ALA-accredited library education program.
2. The nominee's record should indicate superior academic performance, successful employment experience, and clearly demonstrated leadership ability.
3. The nominee should be able to attend a five-day leadership training conference to be held from Thursday evening July 27 to noon Tuesday, August 1, 2000. The nominee is responsible for transportation expenses to and from Snowbird, Utah, a registration fee of \$950 and any personal or incidental expenses. Nominees may be sponsored by the nominating agency or their employer to help defray the costs.
4. The nominee should have been professionally employed for approximately 3 to 6 years.

Richard Leach will coordinate the GLA participation in National Legislative Day in Washington, D.C., to be held May 1-2, 2000.

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of the December 13, 1999 meeting were distributed. Corrections were made as follows: Sharon Self is this year's coordinator of the Georgia Legislative Day, and not the National Legislative Day. In the discussion of potential Georgia Library Advocates, Barabara Loar's name was misspelled. The minutes were approved as corrected.

ALA Councilor: Unable to attend. R. Russell will send a report.

SELA Councilor: Unable to Attend. Ann Hamilton reported briefly on behalf of Bill Potter.

Awards Committee: (Tom Budlong represented and reported for Susan Kendall)
The Paraprofessional Division would like to have a Paraprofessional Of the Year Award which would be in addition to their existing awards. This award would have a monetary prize. The Paraprofessionals Divison would select the nominees and the Awards Committee would make the final selection. Procedures are under development.

The Awards Committee recommended that the McJenkin-Rheay Award criteria be modified to eliminate age and to base the criteria on completion of the MLS within the last 10 years. The award was established to honor young librarians of achievement. Currently the criteria are that the winner has not reached the 35th birthday. This excludes those who enter the profession later in life. last 10 years.

Motion: Ann Hamilton moved that: "McJenkin-Rheay Award criteria be changed from their current requirement that the recipient has not reached their 35th birthday to a librarian has completed their professional library degree within the last 10 years." The motion was approved and the new criteria are adopted.

Bob Richardson Award: In recognition of the dedication of Bob Richardson to the Georgia Library Association, the Association in 1999 created an award in his memory. The criteria recommended by the Awards Committee are:

- GLA member
- The award would be given for GLA involvement of their personal time and effort for the organization.
- The award would not be limited to professional librarians, or even library employees, but would have to be for GLA members.
- Previous GLA award winners can be considered for the Richardson Award
- The nomination for the award can come from a GLA Division, Committee, or an individual member. All nominations would be considered with equal weight.

It was suggested that the word “personal” be removed from the second item in the criteria regarding “personal time and effort.” The criteria must be established and a budget will need to be discussed and approved. It was agreed that a plaque might be an adequate award due to the honor of being selected and remembered in this way. The final version of the proposal will be returned to the April 14 meeting in Conyers for approval.

The Paraprofessional Division award is in the development stage.

Communications received by M. Seigler:

The Georgia Historical Records Education Board (GHREB) will have an informational booth at the capitol in March. They are asking information groups to participate by providing information on themselves. There is no cost and it provides some good publicity. Notify Mike Seigler if you are interested in serving. He will route the information to the Board.

Membership (Manget) - There were 150 renewals after the end of December mailing of membership renewals forms. Information sheets and a letter will go out to those renewing and as well as a welcome message to go to the 24 new members who had joined. She will revise the membership brochure before having new ones printed. SIRSI donated \$2300 to cover printing and postage of the brochure. Membership members have all the members volunteered to be actively involved. SOLINET will develop a database for each of the types of libraries. D. Manget will mail the brochure to each library when updated. The new Circulation Group is being referred to in the welcoming letter. The letter will also include Board Members’ names and email addresses for contact.

ALA Councilor - RER will send written report.

SELA Council - Bill Potter expresses regrets- no report

GLQ (Cooley) – Cooley recently sent out a total of 773 copies of GLQ. It cost \$1400 for printing and bulk mailing. Mike expressed appreciation for GLQ and the entire Board’s work on lowering expenses.

NMRT (L. Hunter) - Newly appointed to Chair NMRT and working with Manget, L. Hunter is getting a letter ready to send to new members. SOLINET will provide the list. She is looking at possible changes in the new members reception. Ideas include: Board members as greeters and mentors and having ribbons to distinguish new members. D. Manget says the Membership Committee might handle getting the ribbons or stickers. Since M. Seigler is Chair of COMO, he will propose to COMO at the Feb. 12 meeting the idea of having stickers or ribbons for organizational affiliation for new members, possibly adding this to the badges. M. Behr said SOLINET may have ribbons for the Executive Board.

SCHOOL MEDIA (No report. G. Baker not present)

Interest Group Council: (M. E. Johnson)

PACE (PROFESSIONAL & CONTINUING EDUCATION INTEREST GROUP (M. Pereira) has found a member to work with her on projects and programs.

Handicapped Interest Group - is to be revived. They want to expand it to include focus on the disabled.

M.E. Johnson is hoping the Distance Education Interest Group will be revived. She suggested contacting Valdosta State to get involvement. Mike will check on the person who expressed interest at the 12/13 Leadership Conference. M. E. Johnson will send a message to the listserve to distribute the list of Interest Groups and express the need for folks interested in distance education to get active in this group.

Public Library Division: (L. Floyd) They are working on programs for COMO and wondered when the request for programs would come out. L. Floyd and D. Manget volunteered to represent GLA for public library interests, but academic persons are needed. Funding for the conference is all COMO, except for luncheons. M. Seigler suggests we not let costs deter programs.

SOLINET (M. Behr) There were 24 new members. Two large mailings went out, member renewal and Georgia Legislative Day. Freedom to Read membership renewal came due. Jekyll Island has sent a proposal for the 2002 conference and wants a response, but COMO deals with that, not GLA. Cooley needs new member list for mailing newsletter by 3/1.

Old Business – none

New Business

Approval of 2000 Budget. Treasurer G. Baker was unable to attend and sent his report. It is still necessary to make cuts as the budget remains tight. COMO expenses are still being paid, so we do not know the total profit to go into the GLA treasury. Since membership dues went up \$10, that line of the budget is higher. Last year there was a negative balance of some \$3000. GLA did stop the excess outflow and it is hoped to show a positive cash flow at the end of this year. There

is \$10,000 which are from CD's, etc. that cover the scholarship account monies which are dedicated funds. The awards and grants given out should be commensurate with the amounts taken in.

E. McLeod reported that the Leadership Conference could be held at Macon Tech for free, and that we should not need the \$1000 budgeted for Leadership Conference. However, that amount gets repaid by registrations. The facility has one meeting room and 4 break-out rooms. Cost of attending could go down and it might bring in more people.

Question on grants – Hubbard scholarship amount doubled for centennial anniversary and expenses carried over to last year, but it was back to one award last year. The Richardson award is estimated to cost \$250 to cover expenses, since the award will probably be a plaque rather than a cash prize. GLA sales should increase, but we need to put out money to get money, and now know what items to bring for sale. It was suggested that we approve the budget as it currently stands and the budget can be revised in April, after COMO figures and the GA Legislative Day balance are known. It was moved, seconded, and approved to accept the budget.

Ann Hamilton – ALA Chapters Relations Council wants items to sell at their table at ALA. Items such as a GLA t-shirt and donated items would be taken by R. Russell for the table. MOTION: A. Hamilton moved that GLA items be sent to ALA for the Chapters Relations Table. It was seconded and approved.

The Next Meeting will be held: Friday, April 14, 2000 at Conyers-Rockdale Library, located at: 8 Green Street, Conyers.

Adjourned at 4:17 pm.