

**GLA Executive Board Meeting
Minutes, April 14, 2000
Conyers- Rockdale Library, Conyers, GA**

NEXT GLA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING: FRIDAY JULY 21, 2000

Coffee at 9:30; Meeting 10-3

Place: Clayton State College (G. Baker hosting)

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Present: Gordon Baker, Steve Baughman, Michele Behr, Gayle Christian, Mary Ellen Johnson, Nanette Kicker, Pam Link, Eddie McLeod, Debbie Manget, Bill Nelson, Michael Seigler

Introductory Remarks and Welcome were provided by President M. Seigler. Appreciation was expressed to Host Debbie Manget

General comments/announcements:

David Singleton, Acting Director of the Georgia Office of Public Library Services, is leaving for a new job in London. To show appreciation for his excellent service a motion was passed :

Motion: "Move that David Singleton be appropriately recognized by the GLA Executive Board for his outstanding service with OPLS." (Motion introduced by B. Nelson, seconded by D. Manget) The motion passed unanimously. It was decided to prepare a certificate of appreciation. B. Nelson will print out the Certificate, M. Seigler will get it framed and S. Baughman will deliver it.

The free supply of back issues of GLQ was delivered to James Dorsey, who plans to write a history of GLA. This was approved through an e-mail vote of the GLA Executive Board.

There was a brief discussion about the new law which changed responsibility of the Office of Public Library Services from the Department of Technical and Adult Education to the Board of Regents.

Minutes of 1/20/00: Corrections: Need to correct the January correction to the December Minutes where the name of Barbara Loar was again misspelled. On page 3 under Membership it was clarified that all of the members of the Membership Committee have been actively participating in the work of the committee. The Minutes were accepted as corrected

TREASURERS REPORT (G. Baker) The Treasurer's report was distributed. The GLA portion of the COMO profits was \$16,482.06

The Scholarship funds need to be reinvested. Therefore, the Treasurer moved that:

Motion: (G. Baker) “The Dean Witter money be placed in CD’s for 1 year. By the end of the year a plan will be in place to determine how the scholarship money will be distributed.” The motion was passed by a unanimous vote.

The Treasurer explained that the scholarship funds with Dean Witter need to be reinvested. Since GLA is not taking out the interest for scholarships now, the proceeds for paying the scholarship comes from GLA’s general account. As background, E. McLeod reported that she remembered the decision made some years back to increase the principal in this way. It was requested that the Secretary check the minutes for the details on past financial decisions relating to the Scholarship funds issue. It was also decided that the Long Range Planning Committee should study the scholarship funds issue this year.

The Treasurer also presented a **Motion:** “Move that \$4000 of the checkbook balance be moved to the Liquid Assets Account.” It was seconded by D. Manget and passed unanimously. This will provide a cushion for paying bills. G. Baker will check with Dean Witter on check-writing options to get the best financial arrangements.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE (D. Manget, M. Behr)

A draft of the Membership brochure was distributed for suggestions and corrections. There were questions about the format of the name of TEENS SERVICES and they will check on the format before printing it. The Handicapped ... and the Technical Institutes ...Interest Groups will have name changes after the brochure is printed, however, D. Manget said they wanted to get the brochure distributed, so they will proceed with printing as many as funds would cover, probably about 6000 brochures.

The initial mailout of membership renewal notices got low response at the holiday season. The Membership Committee had SOLINET send renewal reminder cards to 650 non-renewing members from the last 2 years, with some positive responses. At meeting time there were 509 current members with 71 responses to add; about 400 were added since January 2000. A letter was sent to Library Directors asking them to renew and to encourage their staffs to join. The COMO/SELA Conference will likely bring more renewals, since members get a discount if they join before or at the beginning of the conference.

The Committee will be sending out membership brochures to each library in Georgia. Carol Stanley provided the GALILEO mailing list. This mailing will cost about \$910, covered by the SIRSI grant. The committee could also send brochures to the 300 some public libraries. Glenda Anderson, who is working to get special libraries into GALILEO, is supplying that list of addresses. Another group to target with the brochure is the GACOMO exhibit vendor lists, with a suggestion for corporate membership. Other potential target groups are genealogy libraries, library schools and school media programs and regional library groups. D. Manget will also put a notice of availability of the brochure on the GLA listserv and web page. **Motion:** “The Membership Committee recommends that the new membership brochure be mailed to all GALILEO members and the COMO vendor list for postage up to \$1,000.” The motion was passed with unanimous approval.

11:30 -11:50 a.m. Break

GLQ – S. Cooley sent a report – everything is fine and GLQ is under budget.

ALA Councilor: R. Russell was ill and unable to attend. May 1-2 is ALA Legislative Day. R. Leach sent a report that there is low registration – 20 people where usually 40-50 sign up. There is room for more folks to attend and there are still hotel rooms available in the block.

SELA Representative. Not in Attendance. No Report.

Division Reports

Academic Libraries (B. Nelson). Brief report on COMO programming and luncheon plans.

Georgia Library Trustees & Friends (Not in attendance. No Report)

New Members Roundtable (Not in attendance. No Report)

Paraprofessional Division (P. Link)

The Paraprofessional Division has been working on a Paraprofessional Certification program through the Technical Institutes with a pilot project in planning. They are concerned that the change of public libraries to the Board of Regents may derail this project.

Motion (Presented by D. Manget): “Move that the GLA Executive Board supports the library paraprofessional certification program and that we wish to express that support to, and solicit support from, Commission Ken Breedon for continuing the planning and implementation of the Paraprofessional certification program through the state’s technical colleges.” The motion passed unanimously.

Public Library Division (Not in attendance. No Report)

School Library Media Division (G. Baker) Reported on COMO program. Also the successful GAMA judging.

Special Libraries (Not in attendance. No Report)

Interest Group Council (M. E. Johnson)

The Distance Education Interest Group has 2 persons interested in chairing. They are Carol Goodson and Bob Fernekes. They may serve as Co-Chairs. The Collection Development Interest Group is trying to locate a copy of its Constitution, probably from 1996. The GLA Secretary will look for it in the GLA Archives.

Committee Reports

COMO report. SELA has sent out a mailing to its members about the conference and also has it on their webpage.

Due to the larger combined conference, adequate space for meetings and transportation from the Jacksonville airport were discussed.

Awards Committee/Richardson Award (M. Seigler) The one email comment received on the proposed Richardson Award criteria was from R. Russell to include the phrase "contribution". The phrase was changed to: "The award will be given for GLA involvement of their time, effort and contribution to the organization." This change will be forwarded to the Awards Committee so they can proceed with setting up the award.

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SOLINET mailed out the Program Proposal forms for COMO/SELA and ordered ribbons for GLA members, speakers, officers, etc. for the conference.

Old Business:

GLA Legislative Day – The event went well and made a profit of over \$3,000.

Advocacy Training at ALA Annual. M. Seigler is looking for volunteers to participate in the ALA workshop. The trainee would commit to bring the training back to the state of Georgia.

New Business

M Seigler reported on the Uniform Computer Information Transactions Act (UCITA). He referred to the details on the ALA webpage: <http://www.ala.org/washoff/ucita.html>. This will require attention at the state level, as Georgia, like many states, will very likely be considering adoption of this UCC as law in the next session. It would negatively impact the GALILEO database projects. To quote ALAWON, "On July 29 the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws (NCCUSL) ... passed the proposed....UCITA....[It] ... would have a negative impact on libraries, consumers, and state educational institutions by allowing vendors to exert greater control over licensing terms in contracts for software and information products.

Next meeting: Will be held Friday, July 21, 2000 at Clayton College and State University to be hosted by G. Baker.

Recorded by: Gayle Christian, Secretary

Introductions:

Adjourned 2:30 p.m.