

GLA Executive Board Meeting  
Minutes, Friday, July 21, 2000  
Clayton College and State University, Morrow, GA  
Hosted by Gordon Baker and Robert Fox

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**NEXT GLA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS:**

Location: GA-COMO/SELA Conference at Jekyll Island, GA.

\* Wednesday, October 11, 2000, 8 pm (Outgoing Executive Board); At Jekyll Island Club

\* Friday October 13, 2000, 1:00-2:00 pm (Old and New executive Boards); At Conference Center, Room to be announced.

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**Present:**  
Gordon Baker, Steve Baughman, C. Beard, Michele Behr, Gayle Christian, Susan Cooley, Linda Floyd, Ann Hamilton, Robert Hulshof, Lynn Hunter, Mary Ellen Johnson, Nanette Kicker, Eddie McLeod, Debbie Manget, Bill Nelson, Bill Potter, Mike Seigler.

**General comments/announcements:** Welcome and Introduction were presented by President M. Seigler.

**Minutes:** A correction was made on the July 21<sup>st</sup> hosting institution to read: Clayton College and State University. The minutes were approved as submitted with editorial corrections.

**Treasurers' Report.** (G. Baker) The financial report was distributed and shows that GLA is currently in good financial shape. Following up on questions about how the Hubbard Scholarship funds are handled, G. Baker reported that for 1996-2000 the Dean Witter Cash Fund for the Hubbard Scholarship includes the dollars contributed, plus interest, and the interest equals the scholarship funds distributed. Donations go into the principal and the principal is not touched.

**Motion:** It was moved by Debbie Manget and seconded by Lynn Hunter that: "The Hubbard Scholarship will be funded with the interest earned on the principal amount. The principal will include all donations given to the scholarship fund, and each year the Executive Board of GLA will consider whether additional general funds will be used toward the scholarship(s)." Motion passed.

**Membership:** (D. Manget) The membership brochure is due back from the printer next week. M. Behr will mail out brochures to the GALILEO list of libraries. SOLINET prepared 2,756 mailing labels, including labels to go to directors with stack of brochures for public and academic

libraries. These should go out in next couple weeks – about the time of the COMO mailing. They still need to get the vendor list for COMO for membership solicitations. The brochure cost \$630 for printing which is less than expected so more brochures will be printed with the remaining funds.

At GA-COMO there will be a manned GLA Membership booth. Membership dues paid before the conference will be applied to the current year. There were 678 paid memberships and 168 members have paid since April. To increase this number they will send brochures to non-renewing members. S. Cooley reported that the mailing GLQ list includes current members plus the previous year's members.

S. Cooley expressed concern about the GLA membership drop. There was discussion on improving the membership numbers. One suggestion was to consider changing from calendar year to fiscal year or to have both January and July memberships. M. Seigler stated that the Constitution/Bylaws says nothing about what the dues year is, so we might think about the change. G. Baker reported that the other state organizations changed to our membership year a few years back to conform to us, so they would need to be considered in any changes. Credit card renewal online is a problem since both Georgia State University (the GLA website page) and SOLINET hesitate to do e-commerce with credit cards. It was also mentioned that a service bureau could do VISA registration for us for a fee. We might go back to including return envelopes in the mailings to make it easier to renew. M. Behr mailed GLA Interest Group lists to new members. D. Manget suggested seeing what the renewal results is from the conference before making changes. Ann Hamilton will send a query to ALA Chapter Relations about state association dues policies.

As incoming President, E. McLeod plans for committee chair assignments to include former committee members to insure a smooth transition for each committee's ongoing plans and projects. She will also try to select a cross-section of members to serve on committees so that all types of libraries are represented.

There are a lot of good ideas for membership. Another potential source are the 50-75 subscribers to GLQ who are not members, including regional library schools, etc. Use COMO to draw on experience. She plans for committee assignments to include previous members as chairs.

**GLQ** (S. Cooley) This edition of GLQ is at the printers. It was due out on July 5, but it is still at the printers due to printer problems with administrative changes. They will place the labels on in the last part of July.

The GLQ Editorial Board met the end of June. They expressed concern for the lack of articles. There are 11 paper proposals for COMO which will provide articles. They want more articles

from public libraries and paraprofessionals as well as more diversity in the range of articles, and would also like an article on GIL. They may send out notice to library schools asking for excellent student papers. The editorial group needs feedback and is considering an informal survey form asking what readers want out of the journal. The **deadlines for submitting articles** are early August and October 1 (which is too early for COMO news and articles). Suggested topics include 5<sup>th</sup> Year GALILEO anniversary on September 21 which is GALILEO Day; new academic library buildings and groundbreaking, such as the Georgia Perimeter College's new Dunwoody campus library and illustrations are also desired, especially for the cover. What about an article on the transfer of public libraries to the academic Board of Regents group?

**ALA Advocacy Committee:** Report delayed until later in meeting.

**Chapter Relations:** (A. Hamilton) Their ALA program was on leadership building. They published "Best Practices" (where the GLA web site was highlighted). To deal with issues on UCITA, ALA is doing regional programs on this proposed Uniform Commercial Code. During National Library Week the ALA Washington Office will sponsor Thank You Day on April 2, 2001, which is a time to say thank you to the community. For example GLA could thank you the Georgia Legislature for GALILEO. Then April 30 through May 1 is National Legislative Day. Totes were taken to the Chapter Relations booth and there was interest in purchasing them. GLA needs to provide totes and t-shirts for ALA 2002 in Atlanta. A. Hamilton also shared promotional material with D. Manget for the Membership Committee.

Other issues included the new ALA Campaign for American Libraries. The new logo is: @ **your library .com** as it was discovered that ".org" already taken by another library. ALA events included a High Tea and an ALA Forum. Also in November 2000 in Chicago there will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> COPE conference (Congress on Professional Education).

At this point there was a brief discussion on UCITA concerns in Georgia. So far 28 state Attorney Generals have come out against it, however states are adopting it as legislation. While Georgia has not yet considered this issue, B. Potter suggested considering contacting chairs of committees proactively. M. Seigler suggested keeping up with state legislation and working with legislators if something arises.

**SELA** (B. Potter) Reported that \$500 is given to SEFLA beginning members to attend their conference. He missed the spring leadership meeting, but reported that the Nominating Committee is working on the slate of officers. The joint COMO/SELA meeting is generating great interest among SELA members. Hotels are expected to sell out and many programs were submitted from SELA.

**Academic Libraries:** (Bill Nelson) Most of their work is focused on the COMO programs

where they are also working with SELA's Academic Division. There were 11-12 proposals; (? ACRL – grant funds for GA-low on totem pole.?) Mary Reichel, the incoming ACRL Chair, is coming from North Carolina and will represent ACRL.

**Trustees and Friends:** (D. Manget) The Division is sponsoring the COMO luncheon with the Public Library Division. She also reported on a new person who is interested in getting involved with the Friends.

**New Members Round Table:** (L. Hunter) Plans for COMO include ribbons for new members. The New Members reception will be preceded by a letter to NMRT members encouraging attendance. She will coordinate activities with other the COMO/SELA organization new member groups. All Board members are invited to attend, and she hopes for interaction/mentoring with everyone taking a new member under wing to help orient them.. There will be a 3 minute talk from each president on its organization's activities. The NMRT COMO New Attendees Reception is on Wednesday from 4-5pm. Signage should come as part of the contract with the Clarks.

**Paraprofessional Division** - No report; not present. See Old Business for related issue.

**Public Library Division** (L. Floyd) The COMO program will include Celestine Sibley's granddaughter (a recent author) as a speaker at the Public Library Luncheon. They are also working on the Grant for Library Advocacy program.

**School Library Media Division** ( G. Baker) The COMO program will be their luncheon.

**Special Library Division** (R. Hulshof ) They hope the COMO program, "60 Websites in 60 Minutes" will help gin up interest in Special Library Division membership.

**Interest Groups** (M. E. Johnson) A wide range of interesting COMO programs are being planned. Distance Education co-chair Ferneke has accepted a position at Georgia. Southern. Beth Hedrick is the new chair of Technical.Colleges Interest Group)  
The Collection Development Interest Group is still working on finding its Bylaws.

Break for Lunch ran from 11:45-12:25.

**COMO** (E. McLeod reported that here are a number of fine keynote speakers scheduled. M. Seigler reported that COMO planning is going well with the greatest number of programs ever and a number of different and unusual events. C. Beard mentioned the Silent Auction to benefit the Hubbard scholarship, which Debbie Meyers is coordinating. They are open to any contributions for auction items, including arts, crafts, regional goodies, etc.

G. Christian voiced concern that the Government Documents Interest Group did not get its program approved. E. McLeod explained that the Government Documents Interest Group COMO Program Proposal was submitted incomplete. Without speaker names, program expenditures, etc. the COMO Program Committee did not approve the initial program proposal. With additional information the COMO Program Committee may approve the program. It was explained that due to the large number of programs and limited space, the COMO Program Committee chose program proposals which included essential information such as potential costs and speaker names on the program proposal form.

National Advocacy Honor Roll (M. Seigler) Congratulations to Charles Beard and Ralph Russell who were honored with ALA's National Advocates Awards!

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**COMO Exhibits** (B. Fox) The exhibitor booth rates were raised by \$25 with 86 booths taken and they hope to get about 45 more vendors.

**Advocacy** (D. Manget) OPLS won the Libraries for the Future grant this year. Last year GLA received the grant and presented four programs in economically deprived areas. While state funding is good, local funding tends not to be so good. Lyn Hopper and Leon Duke wrote the workbooks on advocacy used for the programs. The project goal is to increase the local funding.

**Administrative Services Group/SOLINET.** M. Behr reported that there are 678 dues paying members, including 13 student members and 13 organizations. Last year there were 972 total members for the year. M. Behr was congratulated on the recent birth of her child and welcomed back to work and to GLA

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**GLA Support of Paraprofessional Certification.** D. Manget reviewed the delays in progress towards the proposed paraprofessional training program (ending in either a degree or a certificate). With the recent changes and shift of public libraries from DTAE, the program at Macon Tech was stalled. D. Manget feels it is now time to send a letter of support to Tom Ploeg, the acting director of OPLS. C. Beard mentioned considering possibly eventually adding this program to the state certification process.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Joint GLA/ALA Student Membership Program** (A. Hamilton) GLA is one of 6 states approved to be part of ALA's model program for joint association memberships for library school students from instate and nearby accredited library schools. A motion was made by Anne Hamilton and seconded by Bill Nelson. The **Motion:** "Moved that we offer joint ALA and GLA student memberships." The motion was approved.

**GLA Archives** (G. Christian). On a recent visit to use the GLA Archives at Emory, she did not find any recent material in the files. It was suggested that a call be put on the GLA listserv for materials. Also M. Seigler will contact previous records officer Bill Richards and G. Christian will contact Rene Shoemaker and Pat Johnston who have worked with the archival materials to see if they can assist with this.

**ALA Council** (C. Beard reported for R. Russell) – Action moves more quickly with more work done through the listserv and in council work groups. Nancy Kranich will come to COMO to present information on information literacy. The Library Bill of Rights manual is being update. There will be a COMO program on UCITA which will present more problems for smaller libraries and organizations. The hottest issue was the "Core Values" statement which was defeated due lack of content. Ms. Kranich will call together another task force to reconsider the Core Values.

Raising organization membership dues from \$990 to \$1400 was defeated, while they passed: and raised the ceiling to \$20,000 for members to be eligible for lower dues.

The outsourcing study on commercial operations running the local libraries looked at how well they are doing today? The report indicated they are doing well due to better funding and providing better service. The motion on socially responsible investment of ALA's funds was defeated.

**Childrens Services Section of the Public Library Division** (D. Manget) - They continue to work on a new annual award for Excellence in children's programming for a library or individual. They are revising the criteria to be more specific and have gotten sponsorship. S. Kendall Chair of the Awards Committee gave advice on the wording. They will decide on whether it will be for public libraries or also include school libraries. Ongoing funding is one concern. Also the format for presentation is under discussion. The proposal will be presented to the Executive Board for approval possibly at the Executive Board meeting at Jekyll.

**Next Meetings of the GLA Executive Board.**

First Board Meeting: At COMO on Wednesday evening and is likely to be a dinner meeting after

the 5-6:30 pm. General Session – details to be announced.

Second Meeting. At COMO on Friday at noon – directly after the conference activities.

**Nominating Committee** - The report is in. Ballots will go out soon. M. Behr had not received the report, so it would be supplied to her.

**Leadership Conference 2000** (E. McLeod) Will be held on Friday, Dec. 1, 2000 at Macon Tech.

Adjourned 2:30 pm.

Recorded by Gayle Christian, Secretary