

GEORGIA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION Executive Board Meeting

November 2, 2001 - 12:45 p.m.
COMO, Jekyll Island Conference Center, Georgia

The Executive Board of the Georgia Library Association met November 2, 2001 in the Jekyll Island Conference Center immediately following the closing session of COMO 2001. This meeting was held for both old and new members of the board, transitioning from 2001 to 2002.

Newly-installed President Tom Budlong called the meeting to order at 12:45 p.m. Present were Sarah Auwater, Gordon Baker, Charles Beard, Mary Beachum, Tom Budlong, Barbara Durham, Bob Fox, Ann Hamilton, Richard Horah, Eddie McLeod, Debbie Manget, Bede Mitchell, Carol Stanley, Susan Morris, Bill Nelson, Nancy Ray, Fred Smith, and Terri Townsend.

After introductions all around, President Budlong called for conference evaluation and feedback. Many positive commendations were reported, and the following highlights were mentioned:

- *Everyone enjoyed the Awards Banquet, and compliments were given to Eddie McLeod for arranging and leading this event. It was agreed that GLA should do this again next year. Some of the vendors had mentioned that they would like to attend in the future, so a mail-out will need to be sent to them so they can register for the dinner.
- *The Exhibits Grand Opening went well this year; the Vendors' Reception was excellent.
- *It was suggested that the organization's table be in a more visible location next year.

President Budlong announced for anyone who might not have heard that GLA Administrative Services will be handled by Gordon Baker and Bob Fox beginning with the year 2002. The Baker/Fox team was selected by the GLA Executive Board following a thorough search process. SOLINET had notified GLA that they would no longer be available to do administrative services for organizations such as GLA, and our contract with them ends as of December 31, 2001.

President Budlong conducted discussion to determine the best time and place for the upcoming GLA Leadership Conference. After hearing suggestions from board members, he decided that the conference will be held on Friday, January 11, 2002. Several possible locations will be considered

after suitability and availability are checked:

Central Georgia Technical College -- Eddie McLeod will check
Clayton State College - Bob Fox will check

McDonough area - Gordon Baker will check

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In December SOLINET will send out the registration forms for the Leadership Conference. When forms are returned, they will be given to Tom for his use in appointing committees. It was mentioned that box lunches will probably need to be arranged for the conference.

Carol Stanley reported that the Hubbard Scholarship Raffle brought in \$1,573.00, which was commended by the group as a popular project. Charles Beard pointed out that the raffle can be even bigger next year when COMO is held in Athens. Several people have already mentioned that they would like to donate things for next year's raffle.

President Budlong gave compliments to Eddie McLeod for presiding as president over a good year for GLA. President Budlong gave out his e-mail address to the board: tbudlong@bellsouth.net.

The board discussed the best times and locations for Executive Board meetings in 2002. It was agreed to meet on the following dates, with locations and other details to be confirmed:

- January 11, 2002 - Immediately following the Leadership Conference
- February 13, 2002 - At Clayton State College, time to be announced
- April 12, 2002 - In Athens, time to be announced
- July 19, 2002 - In Carrollton, time to be announced

Bob Fox will get further information about Clayton State for the February meeting. Carol Stanley and Sarah Auwater will check on accommodations for the April meeting in Athens. It was noted that perhaps the group could see the Classic Conference Center while there. Charles Beard invited the group to come for casual supper by the pool at his house on the evening before the July meeting in Carrollton.

GLA's responsibility at COMO 2002 in Athens will be the Registration Desk. As GLA Vice-President/President Elect, Gordon Baker will handle this, and he will call on people for assistance when he makes plans. Praise was voiced for the smooth way registration was handled this year, and also for the signage for the meeting rooms.

Debbie Manget reported that Barry Mumford will provide original art prints for Legislative Day again this year. Debbie inquired what subject the board would like to see the artist draw this time. Suggestions included the Little Grand Canyon, a mountain scene, or a river scene. Since the prints are given as favors to the legislators, it was mentioned that the drawings could focus on locations that are familiar and special to a legislator's district in order to catch attention. Debbie

would like to encourage the artist to include something in the drawing that depicts a reading theme. It has been agreed that the word "Public" will be dropped from the print heading, which will now read "Georgia Libraries." The artist will be given some ideas and asked to "take it from there" in creating the new drawing.

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In thinking about COMO programs, it has been suggested that the Public Library Division sponsor a forum-type conference event, similar to the Academic Library division Research Forum, in which librarians prepare papers that summarize research projects. Selected papers are then presented at the conference, and cash prizes are awarded. The prizes can be used to help offset the cost of attending the conference. Debbie Manget, new chair of the Public Library Division, will work with Mary Beachum, outgoing chair, to see about developing this idea for public libraries. As with the academic papers, some of the public library papers might lead to articles for GLQ.

President Budlong brought up that when donations are given to the Hubbard Scholarship Fund in honor of or in memory of someone, there should be appropriate letters of recognition written to the individual and/or the family, as well a thank-you note to the person making the donation. This effort needs to be coordinated by the Scholarship Committee Chairman, who typically does the thank-you's, the GLA Treasurer, and the GLA President, to be sure that such a donation doesn't go unrecognized.

President Budlong handed out the new check request form which is to be used by board members who incur expenses on behalf of the organization and wish to claim re-imbusement. However, any reimbursements still needed for COMO 2001 should be sent on the old form to Eddie McLeod.

Discussion was held about the new law that requires public librarians to update their state certifications with 10 contact hours of job-related training every two years. Many of the programs at COMO will qualify as appropriate training opportunities, so this should encourage public librarians to attend the conferences. Debbie Manget said that special efforts will be made to communicate fully about this with public librarians before next year's conference.

Susan Morris thanked Charles Beard and Ann Hamilton for arranging a substitute speaker for the Academic Division Luncheon at the eleventh hour. Michael Gorman, who had been scheduled to speak, was delayed at the Chicago airport, so William Gordon agreed to fill in, saving the day for the academic librarians. Ann Hamilton suggested that the public and academic library divisions consider having a joint luncheon next year, with Bill Gordon as their speaker.

President Budlong said that the luncheon served just before the board meeting, plus the Jekyll

Island coffee mugs on the table, were compliments of the Conference Center to board members.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy C. Ray
GLA Past Secretary

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