

Georgia Library Association Executive Board Meeting
Friday, April 12, 2002
Athens Regional Library

President Budlong called the meeting to order at 10:15. Present were Davis Moore, Charles Beard, Gordon Baker, Cathy Jeffrey, Eddie McLeod, Lianne Keeney, Carol Stanley, Clare Auwarter, Eileen McElrath, Michael Aldrich, Bob Fox, Ann Hamilton, Rene Shoemaker, Sheila Devaney, Lyn Hopper, Debbie Manget, and Fred Smith.

The agenda was approved with the addition of an item concerning co-sponsorship of a copyright workshop with the Society of Georgia Archivists.

The minutes of the board meeting of February 13, 2002 were approved.

General Comments and Announcements: Tom introduced Rene Shoemaker and Sheila Devaney who have agreed to be Co-Chairs of the Special Libraries and Information Services Division.

Treasurer's Report: Bob Fox distributed a budget for the period January 1 - April 11 showing a net income of \$20,772.50. The checking account balance as of March 31, 2002 is \$63,380. The proceeds from last year's COMO Conference are \$15,150.86, considerably more than the \$12,000 projected. The Morgan Stanley #1 Savings Account showed a balance of \$15,861 and Morgan Stanley #2 had a balance of \$57,993.29. There was a request that we add the wording "General Awards" to the first one and "Hubbard Awards" to the second one to avoid confusion as to which is which.

Previously the Board had agreed that it was a good idea to establish an emergency fund in an interest bearing account. Gordon introduced a motion "**that the GLA Board allocate \$4,000 to establish a GLA Savings Account with Morgan Stanley.**" The motion passed unanimously.

Membership Report: Membership Report: Carol reported that there are 764 members, an increase of 251 since the February 13 meeting. She has drafted a membership letter that along with 3 membership forms, Bob and Gordon will send out to academic and public library directors, and school media coordinators. She asked the board if they thought a mailing should also go out to the public library branches, and everyone agreed that it should. Bob and Gordon said the mailing will go out next week. Carol also asked about mailing individual school library media specialists. Tom asked Gordon if there was a school library listserv to post the membership form to, and Gordon said he will ask Richard about doing this.

GLQ Editor's Report: Susan Cooley was not able to attend the meeting, but Tom noted that he was glad she had been willing to stay on as co-editor with Julie Walker. He said that Susan did not want to continue in that capacity for very long, so he encouraged everyone to continue to submit names of potential editors. Tom also encouraged everyone to send Susan news of their libraries for inclusion in the journal.

ALA Councilor's Report: Ann said that she has posted a number of things on GLA-L. She is working with Helena Rodriguez on our booth at ALA. Since it is not easy to staff the booth the whole time, so we will have a "self staffing" arrangement part of the time. She will need membership brochures and past issues of the *GLQ* for this.

SELA Representative Report: In Bill Nelson's absence Ann reported that Elliot Engle, Dori Sanders, and Mitch Friedman are scheduled to speak at the joint SELA/SCLA Conference in Charleston. Engle will speak on Thursday, October 24; Sanders on Friday, October 25; and Friedman on Saturday, October 26.

DIVISION REPORTS:

Academic Library Division: Bede Mitchell was not able to attend but sent this report: The Academic Library Division is beginning to build its program proposals for COMO. Bill Potter is offering to do a presentation about and tour of UGA's new Student Learning Center, and Bill Nelson will discuss the new SACS accreditation criteria and their implications for academic libraries. Tom Cetwinski has agreed to again coordinate the forum for research papers.

A quick poll of RACL library directors indicated some interest in a joint luncheon with the Public Library Division, although some questions were raised about how we would be able to do our business meeting, present research papers awards, etc. The PLD probably has similar business matters that they handle at their luncheon, and trying to do both might make things run long. As for a speaker, PLD has already made arrangements with Sally Reed of FOLUSA, and the RACL folks were more divided about how much a friends of the library topic would interest academic librarians. We would like to explore our options further. Meanwhile, we would certainly like to explore other joint programming possibilities with the PLD.

Georgia Library Trustees, Friends and Advocates: Lianne has sent a letter to potential division members from a mailing list compiled by Lamar Veatch. She also has contacted library directors and asked them to pass the information along to potential members. They are sponsoring a preconference by Pat Fisher and Ellen Miller entitled "Grassroots Library Advocacy." Lamar Veatch's office has agreed to finance half of the cost. Lianne reported 18 new members of her Division.

New Members Roundtable: Eileen said that her group is working on conference matters.

Paraprofessional Division: Davis said they are working on their preconference and promoting

membership in their division. They are interested in seeing the results of the paraprofessional survey.

Public Library Division: Debbie said that they are also planning conference matters. One idea they would like to try is an authors track of programs at COMO. She mentioned that the Public Library Division was considering Janisse Ray as a speaker. Ann mentioned that she was probably the first choice of the Academic Division. Tom and others who have heard her speak added that she was one of the best speakers they had ever heard. At that point many suggested that she be asked to be a keynote speaker.

Special Libraries and Information Services Division: Sheila and Rene will approach the Special Libraries Association to see if they would be interested in being a co-chapter, similar to the way the Academic Division is an ACRL state chapter. Since Sheila and Rene are based in Athens, they may be able to do some sort of Athens tour at COMO.

INTEREST GROUP COUNCIL: Clare said that they are working on COMO matters.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Awards Committee: Tom said that Katherine Calhoun has resigned as Awards Committee Chair. Cathy Jeffrey has experience in this and agreed to serve as chair for the rest of the year. The nominations will go out on the listserv. If it is not too late, they will also go out in the next issue of the *Georgia Library Quarterly*. If it is too late, we will send the ballots out by mail. Tom will work with her on arrangements for the Awards Banquet.

Handbook Committee: Cathy showed the Board a page from the old directory which is out of date. She also handed out a page from the GALILEO User Committee directory from their website. Her suggestion was that we link to that directory, and the Board agreed. It was also suggested that we link to the national Special Libraries directory as a way to include special libraries.

ALA 2002 Planning Committee: Ann passed around a sample needle point and cross stitch she had designed. She suggested selling them for \$5 each or \$8 for both. It would only take eight sales to cover our expenses.

Scholarship Committee: Tom said the GLA Constitution indicates that Hubbard Scholarship applicants must be enrolled in an ALA accredited school of library science. The Valdosta State University library program is not yet ALA accredited, but prevailing sentiment is not to exclude the VSU program. Ann noted that the directors of the libraries of the University System of Georgia, had very recently passed a resolution to treat VSU graduates as they would those graduating from accredited programs. Based partially on their wording, Ann moved **that we recommend a change to the GLA Constitution to include students enrolling in a University System of Georgia approved program in Library and Information Science as qualified to apply for a Hubbard Scholarship.** Gordon seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Changing the Constitution requires a vote of

the membership, so it will not apply to this year's applicants. The vote will be taken at a business meeting at COMO.

Administrative Services Committee: Tom asked for possible names to serve as chair. He will also post this to the listserv.

Administrative Services Report: Bob and Gordon have been processing new and lapsed members, maintaining the database, sending membership cards, creating mailing labels for *GLQ*, manually subscribing new members, and correcting errors in email addresses of listserv members.

OLD BUSINESS

Special auto tags for fund raising: Tom reported on the matter of the library car tags. If we went forward with this and fewer than 500 were sold, GLA would be responsible for the remainder. Debbie mentioned that the Department of Public Library Services has recently hired a marketing person. Tom said he would talk to that person about the possibility of sharing responsibility for this program.

ALA - New interpretation of Library Bill of Rights on Privacy: Clare moved **that the Georgia Library Association Executive Board endorse ALA's new interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights regarding privacy, and notify ALA of our support.** Debbie seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

COMO: Discussion of joint Academic Public Luncheon: Bede noted in his report that there was concern from the Academic Division that a joint meeting might last too long. There was also concern that speakers of interest to one group might not be suitable for the other. It was decided that while the joint luncheon idea was worth considering in the future, it would not be a good idea this year.

Also concerning COMO, it was noted that the conference facility has a large room which could be split in half and would still be big enough to accommodate the School Library Media and Public Library Divisions. The Academic Library Division is scheduled for the fire hall which was said to hold 125.

The contingent from Athens Regional would like to host tours of their facility. They will try to host something very early in the morning Thursday or submit a program proposal for a concurrent session.

The Executive Board will meet the Wednesday morning of the conference at 10 AM. There will also be a business meeting of the membership Wednesday from 4 - 4:30.

ALA - Allied Professional Organization: Charles explained that this matter is driven by an Internal Revenue Service regulation which says that a 501 C3 organization, the current designation for ALA, cannot provide specialized certifications. The Allied Professional Organization would have an IRS

designation of 501 C6. An underlying consideration is that we are not attracting enough new people into the field at least partially because library salaries are low. If we were able to have specialized certification in areas within librarianship, higher salaries would be justified. The APO would have no negative effect on ALA in general, and would be overseen by an ALA board. Ann moved **that the GLA Executive Board approve the concept of the establishment of an Allied Professional Organization with ALA.** Gordon seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Letter to Governor Barnes on library materials cuts: Tom handed out a copy of a letter he had sent the Governor about this and Governor Barnes' response.

Georgia Library History Project: Debbie showed the Board a bibliography of articles on library history appearing in the *Georgia Library Quarterly* and its previous titles. The bibliography was compiled jointly by the Ocmulgee Regional Library System and the University of South Carolina College of Library and Information Science as part of the Georgia Library History Project. They wanted to know whether they could have permission to link the full text of the articles to a web page. The discussion was cut short when Carol noticed that the *GLQ* policy states that the authors own the copyright on *GLQ* articles.

Society of Georgia Archivists Co-Sponsorship Question: Tom said that he had been asked by that Society if GLA would be willing to provide \$500 to co-sponsor a workshop on copyright. After some discussion, consensus emerged that spending GLA money to co-sponsor another organization's workshop not connected to COMO had not been done in the past and was a bad precedent to start. Debbie moved that the Board **decline the request to financially co-sponsor the workshop with the Georgia Archivists organization.** Eddie seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held at the State University of West Georgia on July 19th at 10 am. Charles will host a pool side part at his house for those who arrive the night before. He will provide details closer to the day of the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 1:35, at which time roughly half the group went to tour the conference facility.

Fred Smith
GLA Secretary

