

Georgia Library Association Executive Board Meeting
Wednesday, October 9, 2002
Athens, GA

President Budlong called the meeting to order at 10:20. Present were Charles Beard, Eddie McLeod, Carol Stanley, Clare Auwarter, Michael Aldrich, Bob Fox, Debbie Manget, Gordon Baker, Ann Hamilton, Bede Mitchell, Rene Shoemaker, Eileen McElrath, Susan Cooley, and Fred Smith.

The agenda was amended to include the issue of the current terms of office of the officers and approved. The minutes of the Executive Board Meeting of July 19 were approved.

General Comments and Announcements: Tom welcomed everyone to COMO XIV. During general discussion of Athens and the Classic Center as a conference site, it was mentioned that preliminary figures showed 30 more people registered this year than last year at Jekyll, but that the site is a little more expensive than Jekyll. Gordon pointed out that last year's Jekyll numbers were lower than usual because of the September 11 crisis.

Treasurer's Report: Bob distributed a report showing a net income of \$3,590 for the year to date. The checking account showed a sum of \$49,685.25, Hubbard Scholarship at \$57,809.55, Other Awards at \$15,391.78, and Savings at \$4,118.50. Bob's report showed estimated annual income from these investments, and Bob explained that the Hubbard Scholarship is an unusual investment drawing much better interest than most current interest bearing investments. The principal fluctuates, but if you hold it to the end of its term, the principal is guaranteed. Bob also reported that ALA had refunded the money for our furniture rental for our booth at the Atlanta ALA conference.

Eddie asked if there was a way we could take advantage of the large sum we have in checking to generate some income while keeping enough liquid operating funds to conduct our business. After discussion of various ideas on this, Bob said he would research the possibilities and present a proposal to the Board at a future meeting.

Membership Report: Carol received a hearty round of applause when she distributed her reports showing that membership was at 1,021, an increase of 121 members from October 2001. Membership was up in almost all categories. Carol said she thought the letters from Bede and Debbie to potential members were an essential part of this success.

GLQ Editor's Report: Susan handed out the most recent issue for the Board to review. She said that the current publication procedure includes proofing by three different people and that this issue is nearly flawless as a result. Susan distributed a budget report and noted that *GLQ* is under budget for the year. She said that Bob and Gordon have been great to work with.

ALA Councilor's Report: Ann did not have a report, but she did show the Board pictures of our booth at the Atlanta ALA conference.

SELA Representative Report: Bill was not able to attend, but Charles reminded everyone of the upcoming SELA/SCLA Conference October 23-26 in Charleston.

DIVISION REPORTS:

Academic Library Division: Bede announced the new slate of officers for the Division. Laura Burtle from Georgia State University will be the incoming Chair. Carole Taylor from Ft. Valley State University will be Vice-Chair, Carol Goodson of State University of West Georgia will be Secretary-Treasurer, and Bill Nelson of Augusta State University will be ACRL Chapter representative.

Georgia Library Trustees, Friends, and Advocates Division: Lianne had a conflict and was not able to attend. There was a miscommunication concerning funding for the mailing of a newsletter. The overage will be taken from the surplus in the *GLQ* budget.

New Members Roundtable: Eileen reported that there are 40 new members. 105 requested tickets to attend the reception for new members.

Paraprofessional Division: No report.

Public Library Division: Debbie reported that Claudia Gibson will be the incoming Chair. Clare Auwarter was elected Vice Chair and Patricia Dollisch will be the new Secretary. Debbie said she is very interested in finding out how the new Author's track will be received. Tom thanked Debbie for her assistance in arranging for Philip Lee Williams to speak at the banquet.

School Library Division: no report.

Special Libraries and Information Services: On the matter of transferring the GLA Archives from Emory University to Valdosta State University, Rene reported that VSU's written Archives Usage Policy states that they will respond to requests in 3-5 days. Rene handed out a copy of their policy. Generally, the policy seemed quite acceptable. Since the Board had approved the transfer previously pending Rene's report, no further action was necessary to approve the transfer. Tom asked Rene to find out what funding would be required for the transfer. Charles said that George Gaumond may be able to find a way to make the transfer with University System vehicles or funding.

Interest Group Council and Interest Groups: Clare said that the Interest Group Council would get their officers squared away at the meeting the next morning. She also said that there was room for more at the breakfast that the Athens-Clarke County Library was hosting the next morning and encouraged everyone to come.

Administrative Services Report: Bob and Gordon distributed a report outlining their activities. They pointed out that Carol had really kept them busy with membership-related matters. Many Board members complimented them on the excellent work they did this year.

OLD BUSINESS:

COMO Status report: Gordon said that some good programs had been turned down due to the great number submitted. He said many had told him they would like to hold their business meetings later in the day, but that once again the only way to fit them into the program was to schedule them at 7:30AM. Debbie and others mentioned how poorly attended these early meetings are. Some alternatives were suggested. In particular, the idea of having the business meeting either as part of a luncheon or part of another meeting which would be well attended was well received.

Paraprofessional Task Force report: Eddie said that there is going to be a meeting on this Thursday at 8:30 and encouraged everyone to attend. She is working with Lamar Veatch. SOLINET is developing a distance learning program for certification of paraprofessionals. The state certification costs \$75 to \$100 dollars, which is a lot for staff to have to pay. Personnel costs are the main reason the fee is so high. Eddie would like to find another body to review certification requests which would not be so expensive. Tom commended Eddie and the Task Force for their good work.

NEW BUSINESS:

ALA Councilor term: This matter is on the business meeting agenda. The idea is to ensure that the GLA term of office coincides with the ALA term.

Review of RFP for Administrative Services: Everyone was very enthusiastic about asking Bob and Gordon to continue in the Administrative Service capacity. There will be some minor adjustments next time, including having Tom continue to sign checks when the matter deals with Administrative Services business during Gordon's term of office to avoid the appearance of any impropriety. Gordon will sign check request forms for all other business. Clare made a motion that **the GLA Executive Board renew the Administrative Service agreement with Baker and Fox for 2003 recognizing their outstanding and flexible service to our organization.** Debbie seconded. The vote was 11 yes, 0 no, 2 abstentions. (Bob and Gordon abstained).

Hubbard Scholarship Eligibility criteria and Scholarship Committee authority:

According to their by-laws, the Chair of the Scholarship Committee can approve the changing of the eligibility requirements. In this case it was the will of the Board that we take advantage of this loophole in the bylaws, since the Board had agreed at a previous meeting on the desirability of having Valdosta State University library school students eligible for the scholarship as soon as possible. But the Board also agreed that in the future the Executive Board should have final authority over such decisions. Tom said he would ask that the Constitution and Bylaws Committee amend this so that the Executive Board would have to approve any changes in eligibility.

Funding strategies toward offering a second Hubbard scholarship: Eileen said that Barnes and Noble will give libraries a fee for each item purchased through their web site. We might be able to generate some income by making use of this.

Future of the GLA Centennial Exhibit: Charles pointed out that the exhibit had not been updated since 1997. Debbie said she would be willing to chair a committee to update it.

Joint GLA/GAIT Sponsorship of Georgia Media Festival: Gordon explained that this is a student media festival started in 1976. GLMA is no longer willing to co-sponsoring it with GAIT. GAIT is prepared to sponsor it alone in 2003. Gordon asked if GLA would be willing to co-sponsor the festival with GAIT in 2004. Co-sponsorship is expected to cost about \$1,400. It was noted that this would be a good way to introduce media students to GLA. Eddie moved **that GLA agree to co-sponsor the student media festival in 2004**. Debbie seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Terms of office of current officers: Later at the Business Meeting it was expected that the terms of office would be changed by vote of the membership to the calendar year, but assuming that took place, it would not resolve the issue of when the current officers' terms are over. Tom asked Mike Seigler for an opinion on this, but he was not able to resolve the issue. After discussion, Debbie moved **that the terms for the new officers (2003) begin December 1, 2002 pending passage of the change in the bylaws at the Business Meeting**. Michael seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 12:40.

Fred Smith
GLA Secretary