

Georgia Library Association Executive Board Meeting
Thursday, February 13, 2003
Georgia State University Pullen Library

President Baker called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Present were Charles Beard, Michael Aldrich, Bob Fox, Ann Hamilton, Jane Richards, Bill Nelson, Lyn Hopper, Lianne Keeney, Claudia Gibson, George Gaumont, Eileen McElrath, Cathy Jeffrey, Debra Capponi, Laura Burtle, Tom Budlong, Susan Cooley, Linda Floyd, Fred Smith and Callie McGinnis.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the meeting of December 6 were approved, with one typographical mistake corrected.

Treasure's Report: Bob reported that there was a \$2000 net loss for the first few weeks of the new year. This was due in large part to the fact that GLA has implemented rolling dues notices. The COMO proceeds have not yet been received; this will be a major boost for income. The checking account has a balance of \$48,715.47; the Morgan Stanley account's balance is \$80,680.30.

Membership Report: Jane's report showed a slight decrease in membership--due to implementation of the rolling dues invoicing.

GLQ Editor's Report: Susan distributed a handout showing the costs associated with the *GLQ*. She announced that the *GLQ* needs two new board members; the board usually meets online. They will have a face-to-face meeting in May. Deadline for the next issue is March 1.

ALA Councillor's Report: Ann distributed a copy of the ALA Resolution against the U.S. Patriot Act. She said that ALA will be joining forces with the Allied Professional Association in order to address library salary issues.

SELA Representative's Report: Bill reported that the next SELA conference would be held jointly with the North Carolina Library Association's meeting. He said the conference would be held in either Charlotte or Winston-Salem. The SELA Leadership Conference will be on May 16 at the Colony Square Hotel in Atlanta. He asked that news releases be sent to him and reminded the Board that the *Southeastern Librarian* is a peer-reviewed publication.

DIVISION REPORTS:

Academic Division: Laura announced that the division is investigating the possibility of a mid-year workshop. She also mentioned the possibility of regional workshops, and asked the Board to forward ideas and suggestions on this matter to her.

Georgia Library Trustees, Friends and Advocates: Lianne reported that the main focus of the division is to recruit members. The division is doing a newsletter and is considering regional workshops. Lianne announced that she and Dr. Wallace Eberhard, Trustees Vice-President, had testified before a joint hearing of the Senate and House Appropriations Committee on January 8.

This was at the request of Dr. Lamar Veatch, and they testified on behalf of public libraries, although they were introduced as representing GLA.

New Members Roundtable: Eileen reported that her division is contacting new members to get ideas for COMO sessions. They are also beginning to plan their COMO reception.

Paraprofessional Division: Debra mentioned that her division had received a query from a library employee in Georgia asking if GLA had a grievance procedure. She had responded "no," but also told him that she would inquire about grievance procedures at the GLA Board meeting. Meanwhile, she advised him to go through his library. Board members affirmed that GLA does not have grievance procedures. Comments by the Board included the fact that as a professional organization, GLA would probably not want to get involved in grievance proceedings; it was also mentioned that ALA does not have a grievance procedure.

Public Library Division: Claudia reported that the division is working on the reception and author track for COMO. She had questions regarding the financing of the division events at COMO. Gordon asked that she turn in a request for the COMO planning meeting, set for March 15. Tom added that the author's luncheon usually requires about \$500 for the speaker. Ann suggested that the division attempt to solicit monetary donations from vendors in order to afford more expensive speakers.

School Library Media Division: No report.

Special Libraries & Information Services Division: In Sheila's absence it was reported that she is working on a listserv and a website for the division.

Interest Group Council and Interest Groups: Michael reported that the call for proposals for COMO sessions would be out in March; they will be due in May. He also said that there is interest in starting an Instruction Interest Group. The name of the Handicapped and Libraries Services Interest Group has been changed to Services for People with Disabilities Interest Group.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COMO: Gordon reported that there was a COMO Board meeting in January. George is in charge of lining up keynote speakers. The proposal form will be sent out in February. The next Board meeting is scheduled for March 15 at 10 am at Clayton State. The Board will also be meeting with the Georgia Department of Education to explore the possibility of a joint meeting with that agency.

Handbook: Cathy's report was postponed for discussion under Old Business.

Administrative Service Report: Bob reported that there was a written report included in everyone's packet.

OLD BUSINESS

Georgia Library Day: Gordon began the discussion by thanking Linda and Debbie for their great work in organizing and carrying out Georgia Library Day. Linda reported that the public

libraries think that this event is too expensive--that they are more interested in regional programming for legislators. A lengthy discussion ensued, with the following points made:

- Library Day is a COMO function.
- This is a complex event. We should probably leave it as is for 2004, but use this year to discuss ideas for changing the format.
- The caliber of speakers we have drawn to the briefings is impressive.
- Costs could be cut by omitting the breakfast.
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- 400 people registered this year--as compared to 340 last year.
- Other groups within COMO need to be involved in the planning.
- COMO profits could be used to offset the cost of the day.
- COMO monies could be used to finance the participation of more trustees and friends.
- Library Day needs a supply budget to cover the costs of folders, printing, etc.
- A Library Day Committee could be established to delegate the planning responsibilities and devise a budget.
- Perhaps more trustees would come if their ticket price did not include the cost of a legislator's lunch.
- The Georgia Council of Public Libraries sent a letter to GLA stating its preference for regional legislative-related events.

After the discussion, George made the following motion, which was seconded by Bill:

Library Day will be held in 2004. During 2003 we will study the Georgia Council of Public Libraries' proposal and discuss with our COMO partners. Additionally, we will discuss alternative funding models.

The motion passed.

Handbook: Cathy passed out copies of revisions to the handbook draft that she had sent out. She said we need an amendment that says if a division/unit changes its name, it would automatically change in the GLA Constitution. Mike Seigler will need to write this up. Several people will send Cathy corrections; she will bring these to the next meeting. Cathy said that the person in charge of the Handbook has to be very involved with GLA in order to keep up with the changes. Lianne made the following motion to insure involvement of the Handbook chair:

The group recommended that the Handbook chair be a non-voting member of the GLA Executive Committee. This will need to be passed as a constitutional amendment. The motion passed. Cathy further recommended that we mount the revised Handbook on the web and that the Records Committee take on the responsibility of uncovering the history of GLA (names of officers, etc.)

GLA Centennial Exhibit: Charles encouraged libraries to host the Centennial Exhibit.

ILL Code: Fred distributed copies of the ILL Code for Georgia Libraries which was approved by the ILL Interest Group at COMO. Bill Nelson moved acceptance of the code by GLA. The Board approved. Cathy asked if the code should be included in the Handbook. She will check first to see if the earlier version of the code is already in the Handbook.

NEW BUSINESS

What Do Your Dues Buy?: Bob distributed a handout of library association membership dues

in a number of southern states. GLA was the only state on the handout that does not assess dues based on salary. Bob suggested that a committee be appointed to study the dues structure. Gordon will appoint such a committee. A suggestion was made that GLA look at allowing payment by credit card. One Board member had heard of a library association whose members were allowed to pay their dues via PayPal.

Patriot Act: Charles, Tom and Ann reported on ALA's Patriot Act Resolution. The question was asked whether or not GLA wanted to endorse this act and/or create a GLA version. Ann moved that:

GLA endorse the ALA resolution and propose our own resolution by substituting our name and sending a copy to our congressional delegation.

The motion passed. We will need to let ALA know that we've done this. Ann will make the necessary changes and send out the copy.

Constitutional Changes: This topic was covered under the Handbook discussion.

Other Concerns: Laura asked that the minutes be posted on the website. It was decided to keep the most recent minutes on the website.

The next meeting will be held on April 18 at the State University of West Georgia.

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Callie McGinnis
GLA Secretary