

Georgia Library Association Executive Board Meeting
State University of West Georgia
Ingram Library
Friday, April 18, 2003
10:00 a.m.

President Gordon Baker called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Present were Charles Beard, Michael Aldrich, Bob Fox, Ann Hamilton, Jane Richards, Bill Nelson, Lianne Keeney, Claudia Gibson, George Gaumond, Cathy Jeffrey, Debra Capponi, Laura Burtle, Tom Budlong, Susan Cooley, Richard Horah, Lisa Ennis, Rhonda Boozer and Callie McGinnis.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the meeting of February 13 were approved as corrected.

Treasure's Report: Bob reported that GLA had received its share of the COMO proceeds, and that the amount was more than had been expected. GLA netted 48% of the COMO profits for a total of \$23,556.16. The Association's checking account has a balance of \$76,129.96. The Hubbard account's balance is \$61,618.86.

Membership Report: Jane's report showed the total membership count at 843, which is down 21 from the February 2003 count.

GLQ Editor's Report: Susan distributed a handout showing the costs associated with the last two printings (1300 copies each) of the *GLQ*. The next deadlines are June 1, September 1, and December 1. She announced that she would be looking for a new printer. Also, Kathy Helms will be writing a legal column for every other issue of the *GLQ*.

ALA Councilor's Report: Ann reported that there were problems with the ALA ballot and new web page. The ballot was not in alphabetical order. The new web page is missing some of the information that was formerly available. Board members were asked to report problems related to the web page to Ann.

There was discussion of the term of GLA's ALA councilor. At the GLA Board meeting in October 2002, the term of the ALA councilor was changed to three years, as noted on page 11 of the GLA Handbook:

The Nominating Committee shall present the nominee(s) for Councilor every three years along with its regular slate of officers commensurate with the American Library Association's constitution and bylaws. This provision shall become effective upon the expiration of the current term of ALA Councilor.

Bill Nelson moved to strike the last sentence from above section; Ann Hamilton seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed. Because Ann was elected to this position before October 2002 (when the length of the term changed), she will remain as ALA Councilor for four years.

SELA Representative's Report: Bill reported that Ann Hamilton is the new SELA president. He announced that the SELA conference would be held in North Carolina in 2004. He asked that news releases be sent to him, and noted that some notices sent in last time were being held because the last issues was too long.

DIVISION REPORTS:

Academic Division: Laura announced that she would need some help with COMO since the vice-chair of the division is ill.

Georgia Library Trustees, Friends and Advocates: Lianne reported that the main focus of the division is to build

their membership. Activity has been slowed by the illness of some board members. They plan to co-sponsor a luncheon speaker for COMO with the Public Library Division. They will probably have Kathy Helms again, speaking on legal issues. The division will be searching for a new chair.

New Members Roundtable: In the absence of the chair, Gordon Baker reported that Roundtable members are working on the COMO reception.

Paraprofessional Division: Debra reported that she had had three proposals for programs. She asked if program descriptions could be changed. Tom Budlong responded that changes could be made up until the time the program goes to the printer. Debra also announced that a draft of the division's constitution/bylaws had been sent out to the members.

Public Library Division: Claudia announced that the division would ask Georgia Public Radio's St. John Flynn to speak at COMO. They are working on invitations to the reception. Claudia is working on the author track; and Debbie Manget is contacting TRS for COMO. The division's bylaws will be sent out shortly.

School Library Media Division: Richard reported that based on the results of the School Library Division Interest Survey, a letter was mailed to each of the Instructional Technology Coordinators in each of the Georgia school systems. The letter outlined the top ten areas of interest for some form of training/programming. It was suggested that the best way to implement these programs would be to provide them at COMO, 2003. The coordinators were asked to pass this information to their system media specialists and encourage them to conduct a training session around one of these areas of need. The letter also noted that information about COMO programming would be available on the Georgia Library Association web site by late March or early April, 2003.

Special Libraries & Information Services Division: No report.

Interest Group Council and Interest Groups: Michael reported there was interest in forming an Instruction Interest Group. The Interest Group Council will need to vote on this. Mike suggested that the Council could have an informational meeting at COMO; they could have a business meeting prior to their program.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COMO: Gordon reported that George Gaumont would be handling the keynote speakers. George is still negotiating with Clark Howard. An author list is being prepared. A COMO planning meeting is scheduled for March 15. Academic, public and school representatives are needed on the program committee. Exhibit packets will be mailed out on May 1 to vendors. The exhibit fee was not increased.

Charles suggested that board members who were interested in staying at the Jekyll Island Club make their reservations now.

Gordon emailed EBSCO about providing bags for COMO. They declined because they contribute money to the academic papers competition. Charles will pursue this further.

Charles asked if board members were interested in having Keith Fiels, Executive Director of ALA, do a program at COMO. COMO would have to pay. The board approved the idea that Charles explore this possibility.

Gordon clarified that the awards ceremony would be incorporated into the banquet.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Committee Appointments: The Georgia Library Day Committee will meet on June 6. Charles will attend as a consultant; Gordon will also attend. The Dues Structure Committee will meet shortly.

Georgia Library Day: Bob Fox reminded the Board that they had agreed to continue Library Day in 2004 in order to have a legislative presence. He explained that some public libraries would rather pursue other, more individualized activities because of cost and effectiveness. The facilities have already been booked. The Georgia Library Day Committee will be looking at other possibilities:

- Still have briefing and function in the Capitol, but no lunch
- Scaled-back version
- Regional meetings

Charles spoke about the effectiveness of Library Day, saying it brings us all together. He said that regional events could be problematic in some regions.

The committee, which will be chaired by Debbie, will work on the big plan.

Handbook: Cathy received information from Bill about Academic Division past officers. Ann submitted information on the ALA Councilor. The statement about the ALA Councilor writing a report each year on the state of libraries in Georgia was removed; that report is no longer compiled. Ann also noted that on page 23 of the Handbook there were three instances that mention the councilor's term as being a four-year position. This needs to be edited to reflect the change to a three-year term, which became effective in October 2002.

Tom suggested that changes be highlighted so that readers could see the most recent changes. George suggested that there be a notification of changes. Ann recommended that the web copy be the official copy. Another idea was to give print copies to Board members every year and let them make changes on their copies.

Cathy recommended mounting the handbook on the web as a PDF. Laura made that into a motion; Bill seconded. The motion passed. Further, Cathy recommended that groups have ownership of their respective sections in the handbook and revise those sections every year. Tom pointed out that it is the duty of all division/committee chairs to review and change their handbook sections. George suggested that it be made an annual agenda item. Cathy said that she would be mounting the handbook on the web within the next few months.

Patriot Act Resolution: Gordon announced that copies of the GLA Patriot Act Resolution had been sent to ALA and legislators and had been well received,

Paraprofessional Certification: Rhonda announced that Joellen Ostendorf had completed a report on certification for paraprofessionals. She is attempting to set up a grant with SOLINET to provide coursework for paraprofessionals. Joellen would like for the GLA Board to be a certifying body for the program--to provide GLA certification. She is hoping to obtain LSTA funding and to begin the program in fall of this year.

Charles pointed out that GLA has the wrong tax-exempt status for certifying programs. Organizations that certify lose their 501C3 status and go to 501C6. He said that we could change to the C6 status. It was suggested that GLA set up an APA group just for certification. It was also suggested to investigate GPLS certifying the program. Rhonda agreed to take all of these ideas back to Joellen and Eddie McLeod. Tom said that the Board consensus should approve any arrangement that made the program viable.

NEW BUSINESS

Membership Directory: Gordon explained that it would be difficult to compile a membership directory now that GLA utilizes rolling membership dues. Laura suggested the possibility of a database-driven directory. Questions involving this set-up are: 1) Is it open or pass-warded? 2) Where does the database reside? 3) Who updates it? Gordon agreed to see what other state organizations were doing with their membership lists and report back to the group.

OTHER CONCERNS

A motion was made by Lianne and approved to have the head of GPLS attend GLA board meetings as a non-voting member. Lamar Veatch will be invited to the July meeting.

Charles brought up the need of having more library trustees. Lianne added that the trustees group relies heavily on

directors for support.

Mention was made of the fact the attendance at the COMO conference can count as C.E.U.'s for public librarians. This information needs to get out to librarians across the state.

The next meeting will be held on July 25 in Dawsonville, Georgia.

Lunch was served at 12:00 noon.

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Callie McGinnis
GLA Secretary