

**Georgia Library Association
Executive Board Meeting**

**Dawson County Library
Dawsonville, GA**

**Friday, July 11, 2003
10:00 AM**

“Together, We Can: Libraries and Media Centers United for Excellence”

Minutes

Present at the meeting were:

Ann Hamilton, ALA Councilor; Debbie Holmes, Library Day Committee; Claudia Gibson, Public Library Division; Lianne Keeney, Trustees; Debra Capponi, Paraprofessional Division; Carole Taylor, Academic Library Division; Tom Budlong, Immediate Past President; Michael Aldrich, Interest Group Council; Charles Beard, Advisor to the President; Susan Cooley, Georgia Library Quarterly; Bill Nelson, SELA Rep.; Cathy Jeffrey, Handbook Committee; Jane Richards, 2nd Vice President for Membership; Bob Fox, Treasurer; Gordon Baker, President.

- **Welcome**

Claudia Gibson welcomed the Group to Chestatee Regional Library.

- **General Comments & Announcement**

Gordon Baker opened the meeting and sent around a get-well card for George Gaumond who is recovering from surgery.

- **Approval of the Minutes**

The minutes of the last meeting were approved with changes.

- **Treasurer’s Report**

Bob Fox presented and explained the treasurer’s report. The balance in the checking account is \$72,594.98; the Hubbard account's balance is \$62,205.22

- **Membership Report**

Jane Richards presented the membership report. She summarized that 339 people who should have renewed by now have not. She indicated that these people would be encouraged to rejoin by the incentives offered for COMO attendance. The current membership count is 836.

- **GLQ Editor’s Report**

Susan Cooley reported on the next issue of the *GLQ*. The new printer has not been used for this issue due in part to personal issues experienced by staff. The next issue will be picked up by the editor the week of July 16 and mailed the next week. Sept. 1st is the dead line for the Fall issue. The cover of this issue will be the 1 millionth patron registered on PINES. Please let the editor know if you have an idea for a timely cover picture.

- **ALA Councilor’s Report**

Ann Hamilton presented the ALA Councilor’s report.

- **SELA Representative’s Report**

Bill Nelson reported on SELA. He said that the SELA leadership workshop May 16 in Atlanta was very successful. He encouraged Georgia librarians to contribute more news

to the SELA Newsletter. The next SELA meeting will probably be in Charlotte, NC in the fall 2004.

- **Division Reports**

- **Academic Library Division**

- Carole Taylor presented the report for Laura Burtle. She said that Ralph Russell has agreed to speak at the Academic Division luncheon. His topic is likely to be on the impact of the new SACS criteria on Academic Libraries. She mentioned other possible speakers who had declined. The Division has 7 program proposals for COMO that they hope will be approved as well as the paper presentations and the award for the papers. Monetary awards for papers are sponsored by EBSCO and Blackwell. Charles Beard will make an attempt to raise the Award amounts.

- **Ga. Library Trustees, Friends & Advocates**

- Lianne Keeney presented the report. She has an article in the upcoming *GLQ*. Programs for COMO include Table Talks and Law and Libraries and perhaps a legislative update. She hopes to be able to encourage Trustees to attend COMO. Charles Beard responded to Lianne's concern that a mailing about COMO to the Trustees would be difficult to afford. He asked if GLA could underwrite this cost. There was discussion of various methods for distributing COMO information to the trustees. Susan Cooley volunteered to handle a bulk mailing to the trustees if the flier and labels could be sent to her. Lianne moved that the Board cover the cost of a flier to be mailed using the GLA Bulk mailing permit to the Trustees. That motion was approved

- **New Members Roundtable**

- No report.

- **Paraprofessional Division**

- Debra Capponi reported that the paraprofessional awards deadline is next week and board members were asked to encourage participation in this awards process. COMO programs include a panel discussion on ways to enhance a good working relationship between professional and paraprofessional library staff.

- **Public Library Division**

- Claudia Gibson reported for the Public Library Division. The Public Library Division is sponsoring several programs at COMO including one on copyright. The author track will include 7 authors. St. John Flynn will be there and will be the speaker for the Public Library Luncheon. Claudia is working on the Constitution and Bylaws of the Public Library Division. She is concerned that the Constitution/Bylaws will be difficult to change because they require a 1/5 vote of the membership. Claudia read the changes that need to be made in the Public Library Division Constitution and Bylaws and moved that they be accepted by the Executive Board. That motion was approved. These changes will be mailed to the Public Library Division membership as an announcement for the vote that will occur at COMO.

- **School Library Division**

- Richard Horah was not at the meeting. The speaker for the School Division luncheon is being chosen by GLMA.

- **Special Libraries & Information Services Division**

- Gordon Baker gave the report. The Special Libraries Division has been working on a listserv, updating the division's web page and developing possible programs for COMO.

- **Interest Group Council & Interest Groups**

Michael Aldrich described the Interest Group schedules and program proposals. There is a vacancy in the position of Vice Chair of the Interest Group Council that will have to be resolved before or during COMO. Michael inquired about the process for creating a new Interest Group. He asked if the Executive Board needs to approve the Interest Group ByLaws. The answer was no.

- **Committee Reports**

- **Auditing**

- Tom Budlong presented the Auditing Committee Report. The Committee found that all transactions were accounted for and that the books were in order.

- **Awards**

- Cathy Jeffrey reported for Debbie Meyer.

- The Awards Committee will soon be meeting in person or via email to review nominees. The Committee plans on submitting its decisions to the Executive Board via email by the first week of August.

Nominations have been received for the Nix-Jones Award, Bob Richardson Award, Library Advocacy Award, and Nora Symmers Paraprofessional Award. There were no nominees this year for the McJenkin-Rheay Award or for Honorary Memberships.

- **COMO**

- Gordon Baker reported for the COMO Committee. There has been a Como Committee meeting. The Conference registration form is going to be in the form of a brochure. Online registration will be available and registration can be charged on a credit card. 40% of the exhibit space has been sold. George has booked Carmen Deedy, Terry Kay, Sharyn McCrumb as speakers. Gordon is still looking for a dinner speaker. Discussion of possible dinner speakers followed. Keith Fields will be attending and presenting a session. Claudia asked about luncheon menus and was told that the Divisions do not have to select a menu. All of the menus will be approved by the COMO Committee. The Executive Board meeting at COMO will be at 11:00 am on Wed. The meeting will include lunch. The GLA business meeting will be at 4:00 pm on Wed. afternoon. Dates for COMO 16 have not been firmed up but GLA will be giving a deadline to Ga. Dept. of Education in order to come up with a date that is agreeable to both to allow a joint conference.

- **Constitution/Bylaws**

- Mike Seigler could not be at the meeting. Gordon presented the proposed changes to the GLA Constitution and Bylaws. In addition there was discussion regarding other offices that should be included as non-voting members of the Board. The Board moved that the suggested amendments as further amended by the Board be approved. The Board approved the amendments.

- **Nominations**

- Carol Stanley was not present. Gordon presented the slate of nominees.

- **Administrative Services Report**

- Bob Fox presented the Administrative services report.

- **Old Business**

- **Library Day**

- Debbie Holmes reported on a committee meeting that discussed Library Day. Concerns discussed at the meeting included a desire of the Public Libraries to hold regional meetings and concerns of other libraries to continue a central meeting. Participants from different libraries described their different methods of lobbying and the different groups that they address when they lobby. The committee is working on how preparing regional meetings will work and how such meetings will be coordinated.

The next Library Day will be Feb. 12, 2004. The meeting will start in the morning at around 10 am and will include breakfast. There will not be a lunch included in the meeting. A packet will be prepared for COMO that will help advise librarians on how to lobby.

- **Handbook**

Cathy Jeffrey reported that the revised handbook has been mounted on the GLA web site. She indicated that she would update it again after COMO.

- **Membership Directory**

Bob Fox reported on the methods used by other Associations to provide membership directories. Most states no longer provide membership directories either in print or on-line. Discussion of possibilities for providing a membership directory followed. It was decided that GLA would not provide a membership directory. It was pointed out that there is a link on the GLA Web page to Georgia Libraries.

- **New Business**

No new business.

- **Other Concerns**

No other concerns.

- **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Jeffrey
(substituting for Callie McGinnis, Secretary)