

**Georgia Library Association
Executive Board Meeting
Trinity Conference Room, Board of Regents
270 Washington Street, Atlanta, GA**

**2:00 P.M.—4:00 P.M.
Thursday, February 12, 2004**

Present: Michael Aldrich (Interest Group Chair), Clare Auwarter (Public Library Division), Gordon Baker (Immediate Past President), Susan Cooley (GLQ Editor), Bob Fox (Treasurer), George Gaumond (President), Claudia Gibson (New Members Round Table), Ravonne Green (Special Libraries/IS Division), Andrea Heisel (Paraprofessional Division), Lyn Hopper (2nd Vice President), Wallace Koehler (Parliamentarian), Susan Morris (Secretary), Julie Walker (1st Vice President/President Elect), Elaine Yontz (Interest Group Vice Chair).

Also Attending: Debbie Holmes and Debbie Manget

Call to order and welcome:

President Gaumond welcomed the Board to the meeting, held immediately after the activities of Library Day at the Capitol.

Approval of minutes:

Minutes of the last Executive Board meeting, 11:00 AM October 22, 2003, and the last Membership/Business Meeting, 4:00 PM October 22, 2003, were distributed and approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Bob Fox presented the current Treasurer's Report. The checking account balance for January 2004 shows \$76,239.76. While it appears that there is a large surplus and we are anticipating a large number of membership renewals in January-February, there are bills still expected in conjunction with COMO, so the next treasurer's report may look quite different. Bob also reminded us that he is in his third year as treasurer and the group should be giving serious consideration to a replacement.

Membership Report:

Lyn Hopper said that she will do a personalized second notice in letter form since it appears that many members may not have gotten their first renewal notice. She said that a third contact will be planned as well. She suggested that GLA publicize the benefits of joining, perhaps on the first page of the GLA website—*GLQ*; organized training, especially for paraprofessionals on a regional basis; etc. Julie Walker suggested looking at the North Carolina Library Association website for ideas. Lyn will bring back a proposal later for ways to encourage people to join.

Administrative Services Report:

Gordon Baker and Bob Fox referred us to the first page of the GLA 2004 Budget for administrative services costs. There was a discussion of the 864 member GLA listserv. The list is supposed to be closed, but in reality it is not. This leaves open the possibility of vendors joining, of commercial postings, and of spam. For the present time, we will leave the status of the list as is

GLQ Editor's Report:

Susan Cooley reported that *GQL* expenses for vol. 40, no. 4 totaled \$2727.14. Nine hundred thirty-two issues were sent out. There were many favorable comments on the colored cover. The next deadline is March 1. There is one vacant slot on the editorial board. Most board business is conducted by e-mail, with one in-person meeting in the spring.

ALA Councilor's Report:

Ann Hamilton could not attend, but e-mailed a report which George will post to the list. George also handed out the *Highlights and actions at ALA Council 2004 Midwinter meeting* which Ann sent.

SELA Representative's Report:

George reported for Bill Nelson, who could not attend. SELA and the Florida Chapter of ACRL are cosponsoring Bill Nelson's and Bob Fernekes' assessment workshop at ALA in Orlando this summer. George passed around copies of the registration fliers.

Division Reports:

- Academic Library Division. Debbie Holmes, in reporting for Carol Taylor, confirmed that incoming ACRL President Frances Malloy, of Emory University, will be the ALD's luncheon speaker at COMO this fall.
- GA Library Trustees, Friends and Advocates Association. The chair is vacant at present. Lyn confirmed that there are 61 members in that division. A discussion followed concerning the newly formed Friends of Georgia Libraries and how it differs from this GLA division. The Friends group, which wants to be able to raise funds for newsletters and other projects, is not to be a replacement for the GLA division, which is a professional division, whose strong point is training for trustees. Of our 61 members, it was suggested to find out how many are trustees. For now GLA will wait and watch to see how the two groups coexist. Lyn will report back to the Executive Board with any developments.
- New Members Roundtable. Claudia Gibson is working with Lyn and asked for a list of new members to begin making contact with them. She will contact last year's chair to find out what is still relevant in the by-laws. The question was asked whether the NMRT is still necessary, especially if the trend of mentoring is being encouraged. It was recommended that if the NMRT continues, membership should be limited for five years to match ALA standards for new members.

- Paraprofessional Division. Andrea Heisel reported that the group met at COMO. They will meet in March to discuss upcoming COMO activities. They are investigating SOLINET's work on a career track for paraprofessionals. Andrea is to work with SOLINET concerning a survey among paraprofessionals. The question came up concerning why the Paraprofessional Award does not follow the same procedure as the Nix-Jones, McJenkin-Rheay and other GLA sponsored awards. Andrea will consult with Rhonda Boozer and report back.
- Public Library Division. Clare Auwarter reported that Patricia Dollisch at the DeKalb County Library has worked diligently on the constitution and by-laws for the Children's Section. This has been approved by the Constitution and By-Laws Committee. The question arose concerning the naming of the Eason Association Programming Excellence Award; what if Eason ceases to sponsor it? It was decided to table approval of the constitution and by-laws by the Executive Board, to study it, and to decide at the next meeting under Old Business. Clare reported that the Teen Services and Correctional Libraries Services do not have chairs and are currently inactive. The Executive Board verified that the Public Library Division will have a \$500 cap for their COMO luncheon speaker. Also concerning COMO, PLD is asking directors if they have been doing any staff training sessions which they would be willing to present at COMO, giving more options for public library attendees. The Children's Services Section is also considering a children's track in the program for this same reason.
- School Library Division. Richard Horah was absent; no report.
- Special Libraries/IS Division. Ravonne Green said that there is nothing new to report at present.

Interest Group Council:

- Michael Aldrich reported that there is still the need to fill positions in both the Interest Groups and some Committees. It was suggested that if we change the name of the post-COMO gathering from "Leadership Conference" to something else, we might attract more participants and therefore have an easier time filling vacancies. The current name of the meeting may suggest that GLA members either already have to be a chair to attend or that it is an exclusive, rather than inclusive, meeting. George will investigate the process to change the name and attract more participants.

Committee Reports:

- Conference. Gordon Baker, Bob Fox and George Gaumond. Expenses for COMO XV have been closed out with revenues at \$15,213, which is down from last year. COMO XV was much more expensive than last year. After COMO XVI in Athens, Fall 2004, Bob and Gordon recommend that we consider somewhere other than Jekyll Island for COMO XVII. Vendors felt that having sessions at the Holiday Inn at Jekyll prevented visits to exhibits. Also, technology issues such as

Internet access and equipment were most undesirable in terms of both the costs and quality. Gordon announced that the theme of this fall's conference is $L=A^4$, subtitled *Leadership=Academic, Achievement, Access, Athens*.

- **Governmental Relations.** Debbie Holmes and Debbie Manget received hearty thank-yous from the group for the success of today's Library Day at the Capitol. They said that they had been mandated to make it different from past years. The box lunches worked out very well, saving time and money; the legislators were also most appreciative of having lunches delivered to them. At issue is next year's Library Day. A deposit will be required soon for the Floyd Room at Twin Towers. Also, Debbie Holmes has been in charge for several years and would like someone else to take over next year's planning. We will look for a new chair for next year. Meanwhile, Gordon suggested that we follow the same format next year with some tweaking.

Discuss Chair appointments:

George discussed chair appointments in general at this point. Fewer people volunteered to be chairs when renewing memberships. The state of the economy and lack of travel money and the economy may be big reasons. George will work on filling vacancies and report back to the group by the next meeting.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- **Budget.** George reported that the overall amount is lower than last year. Conference revenues were lower and the pass-through revenue of Legislative Day was lower. All budget categories, however, have been funded at levels similar to last year. He discussed the check request forms which were handed out earlier today. Please send any check request to him first and he will pass them on to the Treasurer.
- **EBSCO/GLQ.** Bob Fox said that GLA has been contacted by EBSCO which wants to mount the contents of *GLQ* full text on their website at no charge to us. The upside is that *GLQ* will get fuller exposure; the downside is that there could be some subscription loss. He will forward complete information to us for review before a final decision is made.
- **GLA Exhibit.** Lyn Hopper showed a mock-up of an exhibit to replace the original GLA exhibit, which is huge, cumbersome, and showing major signs of aging. The mockup is in a self-contained carrying case with up to 4 panels. The case would cost about \$200.00. Claudia Gibson made a motion to scrap the old exhibit and replace it with one similar to Lyn's mockup. The motion was seconded and approved by acclamation.
- **Georgia Peach Awards.** Gordon Baker reported that Bobbie Morgan of the Georgia Public Library Service has obtained a grant to establish an award for children's books for ages 9-12. This is very exciting, but intense—Gordon, who is on the committee, has 19 books to read by March. The first award will be given at COMO 2005.

- Sherry Jackson of the Coca Cola Corporation sent Tom Budlong an email asking for a GLA member to represent the organization for the Georgia Archives Week Committee. The next meeting is February 10 at the Coca Cola Headquarters at 1:30. Bob said he would see if someone from the GLA Records Committee will represent us.

The next meeting was set for 10:00 AM Friday, April 30, 2004, at Clayton State College and University.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan D. Morris
Secretary