

**Georgia Library Association
Executive Board Meeting
Library Conference Room
Clayton College and State University
10:00 A.M.—2:00 P.M.
Friday, April 30, 2004**

Present: Michael Aldrich (Interest Group Chair), Clare Auwarter (Public Library Division), Gordon Baker (Immediate Past President), George Gaumond (President), Claudia Gibson (New Members Round Table), Ravonne Green (Special Libraries/IS Division), Ann Hamilton (ALA Councilor), Lyn Hopper (2nd Vice President), Susan Morris (Secretary), Bill Nelson (SELA Representative), Carol Taylor (Academic Library Division), Lamar Veatch (Ex Officio), Julie Walker (1st Vice President/President Elect), Elaine Yontz (Interest Group Vice Chair).

Call to order and welcome:

President Gaumond welcomed the Board to the meeting at 10:00 AM.

Approval of minutes:

Minutes of the February 12, 2004 Executive Board meeting were distributed and approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Gordon Baker presented the current Treasurer's Report in Bob Fox's absence. The checking account balance \$78,209.55. Hubbard donations are coming in; Ann Hamilton noted as an example that SGAL voted to donate \$500.00 to Hubbard at their meeting last week.

Membership Report:

Lyn Hopper has sent a personalized second notice in letter form to members who have not responded to the initial notice. She announced that a change has been made to the GLA website which publicizes the benefits of GLA membership. She will begin soon working on the idea of workshops for paraprofessionals soon.

Administrative Services Report:

Gordon Baker said that we are at a routine period in the cycle with nothing noteworthy to report.

GLQ Editor's Report:

In Susan Cooley's absence, George handed out copies of a report citing figures on *GLQ*, vol. 4, no. 4, and vol. 41, no. 1 this year. The next deadline is June 1.

ALA Councilor's Report:

Ann Hamilton described the results of ALA's foray into electronic voting for the national election. She said that there were many complaints—especially concerning the toggling necessary for biographical information—but that there was a 20% increase in voting. One of the current issues being discussed by ALA is voter registration via @ *your library*. Georgia Southern University is putting up an @ *your library* site in a drive to get students to register. Laura Burtle has offered to put up a link on the GLA website.

SELA Representative's Report:

Bill reminded us that the next biennial meeting of SELA will be November 9-13 in Charlotte, NC. There is more detailed information in the inside cover of the current issue of the *Southeastern Librarian*. He also said that the Florida Library Association and SELA are cosponsoring his and Bob Ferneke's workshop on assessment prior to ALA in Orlando, making the cost much more affordable than a general ALA preconference.

Division Reports:

- Academic Library Division. Carol Taylor reported that Frances Maloy, incoming president of ACRL, has been confirmed to be the ALD luncheon speaker. Carol will consult with Debbie Holmes, incoming chair of the ALD concerning ALD programs for COMO.
- New Members Roundtable. Claudia Gibson needs a list of new members. The roundtable is working on a reception for COMO, with the idea of having executive board members attend. They want to provide ribbons for new GLA members and first-time attendees. Gordon and George will consult with Jim Clark concerning the logistics of doing this.
- Paraprofessional Division. Chris Gabriel and Rhonda Boozer attended in the absence of Andrea Heisel. Rhonda gave background information explaining why the Paraprofessional Award is currently outside the process followed by other GLA sponsored awards. Rhonda noted that the only differences in the past have been that paraprofessionals can self-nominate, with the recommendation of their supervisor, and that this is a "grant" rather than an "award." She said that the Division feels that whatever the Board decides about procedures is fine; the only concern of the group is that the members of the Paraprofessional Division continue to choose the winner. The Board decided to let the current process remain as is; the Paraprofessional Division will choose the winner, but will contact the chair of the GLA Awards Committee with information on winners and work with that committee.
- Public Library Division. Clare Auwarter reported on activities in the Children's Section. Chair Patricia Dollisch has agreed that the "Eason Association Programming Excellence Award" should be renamed the "Children's Services Programming Excellence Award," "since it is a system award and should not be tied to a potentially changeable sponsor. The Children's Services section will need to approve this at their next meeting. A motion made by Lyn Hopper was seconded and carried to approve the constitution and by-laws of this section as

requested by Patricia and Claire. Also, the Division has confirmed Judith Ortiz Cofer as their luncheon speaker for COMO. Athens Regional is planning to sponsor a breakfast at GLA; George said to let the Clarks know to add it to the registration information. Claire also mentioned that ALA is sponsoring an invitation-only PLA preconference on the Library SmartCard Program, but budgetary woes have prevented any Georgia public librarians from signing up. There is a May 7 deadline; Lamar Veatch and Julie Walker said that they will see that someone from Georgia attends.

- School Library Division. Gordon gave a report in Richard Horah's absence. A letter has been sent to school media coordinators encouraging membership. Richard will be contacted about the possibility of a School Media luncheon. There are plans for a display to take to COMO.
- Special Libraries/IS Division. Ravonne Green said that there is nothing new to report at present.

Interest Group Council:

- Michael Aldrich reported that thirteen COMO program proposals have been received thus far as well as a few preconference proposals, including one on TRS.

Committee Reports:

- Conference. Gordon Baker and George Gaumond. The COMO Steering Committee met April 17th. There was a discussion of Internet access and cost issues. The parking situation at the Classic Center in Athens will be fine, now that the parking deck is open. Gordon reminded everyone that in addition to program plans, business meeting plans must be submitted as well. Some groups incorporate their business meetings into a program, which may help. COMO for 2005 will be in Columbus.
- Constitution. No report.
- Handbook. No report.
- **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:

- Budget. The budget is stable at present. George urged us to let him know right away if any group foresees any unbudgeted expenses.
- EBSCO/GLQ. Mike Seigler has reviewed the proposal by which EBSCO would mount the *Georgia Library Quarterly* full text on their website. Negotiations are still under way and a final decision will be made later.
- GLA Website Name. It is still unclear who owns gla.org. Bill reminded us that if we do try to move the GLA website to that domain, we should aim for ownership, and not opt to rent it from another owner. Investigation will continue.

New Business:

- National Library Legislative Day is next week. Several librarians from Georgia including Lamar Veatch and Bede Mitchell are attending. No public library directors are going due to budget constraints; Lamar's office is putting together materials to show the impact of LSTA funds by district. Security checks in Washington may put a damper on attendance this year and it is expected that it will be more difficult to see many of the legislators. GLA sent a \$250.00 check to the Washington Office of ALA to support National Library Day.
- Insurance. George has received a brochure concerning long term care insurance. If this interest in our pursuing this for GLA members, please let him know.
- Other new business: Mike announced that Charles Beard is retiring. There will be a party given in his honor on May 28 from 3-5 PM at Honors House on the West Georgia campus. No R.S.V.P. is required. His last day will be toward the end of May/June 1st.

The next meeting was set for 10:00 AM Friday, July 23 in Macon. The exact location will be announced near the date of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan D. Morris
Secretary