

Georgia Library Association Executive Board Meeting

Strickland Room, Wesleyan College

July 16, 2004

Members in attendance included: Michael Aldrich, Clare Auwarter, Gordon Baker, Susan Cooley, Bob Fox, George Gaumond, Claudia Gibson, Ravonne Green, Ann Hamilton, Andrea Heisel, Lyn Hopper, Bill Nelson, Carole Taylor, and Elaine Yontz.

The meeting was called to order by president, George Gaumond at 10:03.

Secretary Susan Morris was not present. Minutes from the April meeting will be approved at the next meeting of the Board. Gordon Baker offered to take the minutes.

Treasurer's Report

Bob Fox reported the following totals:

Checking Account Balance:	\$73,427.94
Morgan Stanley – Hubbard:	\$63,492.44
Morgan Stanley – Savings:	\$20,930.69

Bill Nelson reminded the Board that the SELA dues for Georgia needed to be paid. The dues are \$150.00.

Membership

Lyn Hopper reported that our membership currently stands at 791. Bob Fox stated that approximately 30-40 new members had been gained from the membership mailing sent to 2003 members who had not renewed.

Lynn also reported that the Membership Committee had met and had discussed ways to recruit members for GLA. One way was to provide training at no or low cost to members. Everyone recognizes the need for training and that this would be an appropriate role for GLA, but not for the Membership Committee to oversee. It was suggested that maybe GLA could partner with other groups or agencies, such as SOLINET or GPLS, and could sponsor sessions at COMO or other places around the state.

Susan Cooley suggested that a task force be appointed to explore this idea. It was also suggested that the task force be comprised of a representative from each type of library/area and a paraprofessional representative. President Gaumond appointed Julie Walker to serve as chair of the task force.

Administrative Services

Bob Fox presented the Administrative Services report.

Susan Cooley asked about the acquisition of the GLA domain name. President Gaumond said that the search will begin again. A hosting agency will need to be found. Members suggested GPLS and Clayton State.

Bob Fox brought up the inquiry from EBSCO concerning the electronic content of the GLQ. EBSCO will be glad to provide sample documents for the release of articles contained in GLQ. Bob will forward the email to Susan Cooley. Ann Hamilton stated that Frank Allen, editor of the *Southeastern Librarian*, would be a good source for information.

GLQ

Susan Cooley reported that the GLQ Editorial Board met in June at Georgia Perimeter College. This issue of the GLQ is running late due to items that needed to be included. The issue will be 60 pages. The next issue is due out hopefully prior to COMO. The deadline is September 1 for the next issue. A portrait of Charles Beard will be on the cover.

ALA Councilor

Ann Hamilton reported that ALA Council, ACRL, LAMA, and GAIT approved the resolution in Charles' memory that GLA/SELA proposed. Ann requested that the resolution be placed on the web page and also that it include a biography of Charles.

Ann reported that 186 individuals in Georgia had taken advantage of the joint ALA/GLA Student Membership since the program began.

Ann also brought to our attention that the dues for the Freedom to Read Foundation had not been paid. She will submit a voucher for payment of the dues.

SELA Representative

Bill Nelson reminded everyone of the upcoming SELA/NCLA Conference in Charlotte, November 9-13, 2004. The conference planning committee has had a very good response for programs and pre-conferences.

Bill reported that SELA and FL/ACRL co-sponsored a pre-conference workshop on library assessment at ALA/Orlando.

Division Reports

Academic Division: George reported for Carole Taylor that the division was hard at work recruiting a slate of officers for the COMO Business Meeting. The ACRL President, France Malloy of Emory University, would be the luncheon speaker.

NMRT: Claudia Gibson has sent an email to all members. The email included a letter of introduction. It also included information about COMO and the First Timers Reception. Claudia plans to send a second letter about COMO and seeking potential leaders for NMRT. It was also suggested that First Timers at COMO be identified with either a ribbon or sticker.

Paraprofessional Division: Andrea Heisel clarified the misunderstanding concerning the free membership used as a membership recruitment incentive. She asked for clarification about the correct procedure for this type of recruitment.

Public Library Division: Clare Auwarter reported that a letter would go out next week to potential authors for the Authors Reception. She stated that she had been updating the database passed on to her by Claudia Gibson. Clare passed out copies of the database and asked the Board to review it and add other names omitted. She further reported that Barnes & Noble and Borders are willing to handle two books for the authors.

School Library Division: George reported that chair, Richard Horah was having to step down due to new work related responsibility. Chair-elect Pam Nutt from the Griffin-Spalding County Schools will begin her term early as Chair.

Special Libraries/IT Division: Ravonne stated that Bob Fox had sent her a list of members and that she in turn sent letters to all members regarding COMO.

Interest Groups Council

Michael Aldrich reported that a flurry of activity occurred when the COMO Call for Presentations was posted. He requested that George check to see if all Interest Groups had requested a time for a business meeting.

Committee Reports

Conference: George reported that a record 154 programs/proposals had been submitted and accepted.

Audit: Gordon reported that the audit of the Association's books during his term had been completed and certified as accurate. Carolyn Fuller, Director, and Deb Morris, Bookkeeper, for the Henry County Library System audited the books.

Nominating: George reviewed the slate of officers for the coming year:

1 st Vice-President/President-Elect:	Bob Fox and Callie McGinnis
2 nd Vice-President:	Patty Phipps and Kate Stirk
Secretary:	Jeff Heck and Laura Burtle
Treasurer:	Ravonne Green and Carol Stanley
SELA Representative:	Bill Nelson and Jim Cooper

Chair Appointments: George called to the Board's attention the need to appoint a new Advisor to the President. This appointment will be for the remainder of his term. After much positive discussion, he appointed Eddie McLeod.

Library Day: A brief update was given concerning Library Day 2005. Debbie Holmes has done most of the preliminary work on the event. Kathy Ames at the Athens Regional Library is now working on the finishing touches. Library Day is planned for Monday, January 31, 2005.

Old Business

LSTA/Paraprofessional Grant: George reported that the grant process had been completed and that the paper work had been submitted to GPLS. This grant, if funded, will assist GLA in providing statewide training for paraprofessionals, leading to a specific program of study.

New Business

Ann Hamilton asked if funds received in the memory of Charles Beard and funds generated at the Scholarship Silent Auction at COMO could be used to form the corpus of a second GLA scholarship, named for Charles Beard. A motion was made, seconded and approved for discussion to be started by Ann with the Scholarship Committee to explore this possibility. It was pointed out that the GLA Constitution and Bylaws would need to be checked for wording, etc.

Board members asked if there would be a presentation about Charles during COMO. George will check at the next COMO Steering Committee Meeting on August 21 at CCSU.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:44.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Gordon Baker
GLA Immediate Past President

