

**Georgia Library Association
Executive Board Meeting
Athena Room H, Classic Center
COMO XVI Athens
11:00 A.M.—1:00 P.M.
Wednesday, October 13, 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 Member Round Table), Ravonne Green (Special Libraries/IS Division), Ann Hamilton (ALA Councilor), Andrea Heisel (Paraprofessional Division), Lyn Hopper (2nd Vice President), Eddie McLeod (Advisor to the President), Susan Morris (Secretary), Bill Nelson (SELA Representative), Patty Phipps (incoming 2nd Vice President), Carol Stanley (incoming Treasurer), Carol Taylor (Academic Library Division), Lamar Veatch (Ex Officio), Julie Walker (1st Vice President/President Elect).

Call to order and welcome: The meeting was called to order by President Gaumond at 11:00 AM. George welcomed incoming officers Carol Stanley and Patty Phipps to the meeting. Bob Fox, incoming President Elect is already here; Laura Burtle, incoming Secretary, was unable to arrive at COMO in time for the meeting.

Approval of minutes: Susan Morris distributed the minutes of the April 30, 2004 and July 16, 2004 meetings, which were approved with a minor correction to each set.

Treasurer's Report: Bob Fox distributed the Income/Expense Report for January 1-October 8. There is currently a surplus of \$506.45. Hearing no questions, he reported on the September 30 balances for the checking account (\$62,517.87) and the Morgan Stanley account (\$ 65,732.00 for Hubbard and \$21,722.00 in savings).

Membership Report: Lyn Hopper reported that there was a small flurry of new memberships with the COMO registration. However, membership is down from last year. In October 2003 there were 923 members; this month the number is 852. Bob remarked that this drop appears to be due to non-renewals rather than a lack of new members. It was suggested that maybe a targeted mailing to non-renewers might be in order for next year.

Administrative Services Report: Gordon and Bob reported that Academic Library Division ballots were piggybacked to the mailing of GLA ballots. Bill Nelson won an election in SELA and cannot hold two posts; he is therefore resigning his GLA post as SELA representative. When joint GLA/SELA members are determined, a ballot will be sent to them. We also discussed the recent burst of exchanges on the GLA listserv which some list members deemed offensive. The question was raised whether the list should remain open or be closed. It was decided to keep the list open; members can always delete unwanted messages without replying to them. Bob said that he is in the process of removing defunct addresses and the list currently has 905 members. George reminded us that it is time to renew our administrative services contract. The group voted to unanimously retain Baker/Fox.

GLQ Editor's Report: Susan Cooley submitted a written report of its finances and said that the *GLQ* budget is in crisis: the cost of layout varies, colored covers are more expensive, and postage has gone up. There is one more issue of 30 pages due out soon. There will be black-and-white artwork on the cover and no internal photos. Even so, cost for production and distribution will be approximately \$1500.00. Gordon reminded the group that when the GLA budget was tight in the past, *GLQ* sacrificed to help balance it. The group agreed that money should be provided to cover the cost of the forthcoming issue. David Evans does not wish to continue as *GLQ* Advertising Manager. Some companies which have ads currently running have not yet paid for the ads. Lyn suggested that we post to the GLA

list for someone to take over as advertising manager. We also discussed whether to begin publishing *GLQ* on the GLA website in PDF format only. Susan will contact Laura Burtle about this possibility.

ALA Councilor's Report: Ann Hamilton suggested we send Patty Phipps, as incoming 2nd Vice President, to fill one of two slots available to Georgia at a membership preconference at ALA next summer in Chicago. Ann also updated us on efforts to save Clark Atlanta University's library school. Carol Brey-Casiano, president of ALA, is coming to meet with CAU's board.

SELA Representative's Report: Bill Nelson reminded us that the upcoming SELA conference is in Charlotte November 9-13. It will coincide with the 100th anniversary of the North Carolina Library Association, so there will be lots of special programs. Bill and Bob Ferneke's half-day preconference on accreditation will be presented; one need not be registered for the conference to attend the preconference.

Division Reports

- Academic Library Division: Carol Taylor said that the Academic Division luncheon is on target with 114 registered. Results of the election are: Liz Bagley, Chair Elect; Bill Nelson, Chapters Council Representative; and Ginny Moreland, Secretary. Catherine Lee and Bill Nelson will preside over the "Best Papers" program; five papers will be presented.
- New Members Roundtable. Claudia Gibson reported that she got no responses to the email she sent.
- Paraprofessional Division: Andrea Heisel said the division selected two people for free membership.
- Public Library Division; Clare Auwarter said their luncheon is set, as well as the Author Wine and Cheese Reception. She reported that Idella Moore, who is leading an effort to revive interest in the ERA in Georgia, has contacted her. Ms. Moore has support from the AAUW, the League of Women Voters, and asked Clare to ask if GLA would endorse her efforts. Clare suggested that we may want to invite Ms. Moore to give a brief presentation at our Winter Planning Meeting. Everyone agreed to examine the website she gave Clare, www.4ERA.org, and let Julie know what we think. Lamar also pointed out that knowing if she has any legislative contacts would also be helpful. Further discussion will take place at the next board meeting.
- School Library Division: Pam Nutt was absent from the meeting, so there was no report.
- Special Libraries/IS Division: Ravonne Green said she sent an email to members reminding them of tomorrow's 7:30 AM meeting.

Interest Group Council: Michael Aldrich said that most business meetings are scheduled for 7:30 tomorrow (Thursday) morning. There will be a Council meeting on Friday morning and he expects to get feedback then.

Committee Reports

- Conference: Baker/Fox/Gaumond. Everything is on track. There are 128 exhibitors this year, an increase from last year. Concerning the Awards Banquet, the CD for the tribute to Charles Beard is now on Bill's computer and a conference attendee from West Georgia will provide the narrative. Ann will install the new GLA officers. Awards to be given are the McJenkins-Rhea to Laura Burtle and the Charles Beard Award to Leann Keaney. There will be no Nix-Jones or Bob Richardson awards given this year.
- Nominating Committee: Eddie McLeod, Chair of the Nominating Committee, asked that it be noted in the minutes that she and Debbie Holmes counted ballots for the GLA election to prevent a conflict of interest, since Bob Fox, half of the Administrative Services team, was also a candidate for GLA First Vice President.

Old Business:

GLA domain name: Julie will take up investigating this.

Library Day: Plans are underway for January 31.

Leadership Conference: The name has been changed to Winter Planning Day to reflect more accurately the inclusive nature of the meeting. Julie will post an announcement/explanation on the GLA list. The date is set for February 4, 2005 at Clayton State.

Scholarship monies: Gordon said that money is arriving designated for the Charles Beard Scholarship. Items at the raffle have been donated in Charles' honor. Therefore, the question arises on how to divide the money between the Hubbard Scholarship and the Beard Scholarship. Carol Stanley said that the raffle committee has not discussed how to divide the proceeds. Lyn suggested that we collect until there is an amount adequate for two scholarships. The Hubbard Scholarship has been funded in recent years entirely by proceeds from the raffle without touching the Morgan Stanley account. Eddie suggested that the committee be renamed from "Hubbard Scholarship Committee" to "Scholarship Committee." Julie will check to see what ramifications renaming will have with the GLA Constitution and By-Laws.

New Business: Potential support for the ERA and changes to the Hubbard Scholarship were already discussed; there was no other new business.

Other:

Lyn announced that the Friends of Georgia Libraries (FOGL) is busy building membership from libraries of all types. Dues are \$10.00. There was a series of very successful kickoff workshops in various parts of the state with 150 attendees from 61 libraries. Lamar pointed out that it would be most helpful to all types of libraries to have a group with a deep understanding of public funding. Bill suggested that we need to publicize the existence of FOGL to academic libraries. Lyn asked him to see that the RACL list gets a notice and that maybe it would be helpful to put an notice in GLQ as well. Bill then asked about the status of plans for a special driver's license plate. Lyn said that the Georgia Council of Public Libraries has two designs ready to submit to the legislature and that there is a legislator sponsoring the move.

Next Meeting: Will be on Winter Planning Day, February 4.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan D. Morris, Secretary