

Georgia Library Association  
Executive Committee Meeting  
February 4, 2005

## Minutes

Present: Cathy Jeffrey, Susan Cooley, Patty Phipps, Debbie Manget, Debra Skinner, Elaine Yontz, Jack Fisher, Chris Gabriel, Carol Stanley, Jim Cooper, Debbie Holmes, George Gaumond, Katherine Gregory, Gordon Baker, Bob Fox, Laura Burtle

### **Call to order and welcome**

First Vice-President Bob Fox called the meeting to order at 2:15. President Julie Walker is ill and unable to attend the meeting. Attendees introduced themselves to the group.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes on the October 13, 2004 executive committee meeting were approved as distributed.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The Stanley Morgan CDs were called – Bob Fox is working on re-investing that money. Scholarship Money – There is one account for the Hubbard and the Beard scholarships. We have been paying the Hubbard scholarship directly out of the money raised at the raffle (in checking) rather than from the interest earned on the account (Stanley Morgan) in order to re-invest the interest in the principle. Bob proposed moving the \$2000 currently in “Other Revenue” to the Stanley Morgan scholarship fund.

Deborah Manget moved that the “Other Revenue” \$2000 be moved to the Stanley Morgan Scholarship fund. Jim Cooper seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

A question was raised as to when the Beard scholarship could be awarded. Bob said that approximately \$100,000 in the principle would be needed. With the \$2000 added, the principle will be at \$70,000 so a partial scholarship is an option. The full scholarship can probably be awarded in a year or two.

There was a recommendation to the Scholarship Committee that it recommend new guidelines for the Beard Scholarship. A possibility is taking the top two in the current application process.

Manget asked if the scholarship fund's interest combined with the raffle money could be used to provide a Beard scholarship sooner. Bob and George Gaumond expressed the need to continue building the principle.

A review of the scholarship provisions in the bylaws and handbook is needed.

GLA has not yet received the 2004 COMO revenue. The proposed budget presented by Bob is generally a carry forward from 2004.

George asked about funding this year two items that remain as “possibles” from last year. Those are the Georgia 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment Foundation and the Georgia Archives Week.

George made a motion to fund sponsorships of the Georgia 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment Foundation and the Georgia Archives Week contingent on higher 2004 COMO revenue than the current projection. The motion was approved.

The budget was approved, as amended.

### **Membership Report**

Patty Phipps presented ideas about outreach, and asked people to send her ideas. She handed out membership brochures for distribution. We need to know what the membership is composed of, and target directors of low-supporting libraries. What are institutional and corporate support levels? Patty will be going to the children’s services annual meeting as an exhibitor for GLA. Please let her know of other events. There will be a membership committee meeting at COMO. Patty will submit a form to Bob for funding to attend an ALA preconference on membership. There was a discussion of whether new members get thank you letters. They do not now. Sometimes lists of new members run in the GLQ. Administrative Services will see what they can do, and will send the list to the membership chair when they send it to Susan Cooley for the GLQ. Laura Burtle suggested using PayPal to allow credit card payment of membership dues. She will look into that and send the information to interested parties.

### **Administrative Services Report**

Gordon Baker reported that they are in the process of “weeding” the GLA listserv of non-GLA members.

### **GLQ Editor’s Report**

Susan Cooley reported that the GLQ was over budget last year by approximately \$2500, and thanked the board for allowing that over-expenditure. The next issue is running late due to trouble getting critical parts and a delay on layout. It is now printed, and will go out next week. The next deadline is March 1.

There was some discussion of future content. Librarian profiles were suggested. Someone would need to create a ‘template’ and guidelines, and then identify librarians to profile and people to write the profiles. Volunteers could be solicited on the GLA listserv. Susan will present the idea to the GLQ Editorial Board. Another suggestion was to include profiles of scholarship winners. These could be written by the Scholarship Committee.

### **ALA Councilor’s Report**

Ann Hamilton was not able to attend the meeting. She submitted a report.

### **SELA Representative’s Report**

Jim Cooper introduced himself as the new representative. The next SELA conference is in Memphis in 2006. There is a SELA leadership meeting May 13 in Decatur.

## **Division Reports**

### **Academic Library Division**

Debbie Holmes reported that the division members are discussing COMO program ideas.

### **New Members Roundtable**

Katherine Gregory reported that she was the only person present at the meeting today, and that she will be looking and the ALA NMRT for ideas.

### **Paraprofessional Division**

Chris Gabriel reported that there will be a membership drive this year. They are also working on ideas for future COMO programs, and looking at potential partnerships for the programs.

### **Public Library Division**

Deborah Manget reported that the Children's Section got an award approved last year, and they are looking at doing a promotion to get people to apply for "Outstanding Children's Program." The members discussed program ideas, including an Author Track, and are working with the Columbus Public Library on events for COMO. There was discussion of 7:30am programs and that they are not working. George explained that scheduling at 7:30 is the only way to accommodate all of the programs. Elaine Yontz said that school library media programs are okay at 7:30 am, but that others are not.

### **School Library Division**

No report.

### **Special Library Division**

No report.

### **Interest Group Council**

Elaine Yontz reported that the co-chairs of the Interest Group Council visited each group and that there are some good program ideas. They are looking for advice for conference programming – how can groups with multiple programs avoid having those programs scheduled at the same time? They are also seeking suggestions for what to do about Interest Groups with no leadership.

### **Trustees, Friends, and Advocates Division**

Gordon Baker reported that they currently have 39 members, and they are looking at what they can do to increase membership. Members of the Division will attend the FOGL meetings and hope to act as a "bridge" between FOGL and the GLA Board.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Conference Committee**

The first COMO Steering Committee meeting was postponed. They will be working on a theme, and on keynote speakers. Send ideas to Bob, George, or Gordon. GLMA is in charge of programming this year. Possible changes for COMO include eliminating the Wednesday evening exhibitor's reception. This may be better as a breakfast reception on Thursday.

### **Old Business**

From the October 2004 agenda – support the 4ERA group working with the legislature? The decision was made to take no action now and table the item.

Support of the Georgia Archives Week was acted on by the budget amendment approved today.

**New Business**

Many Voices One Nation – ALA Program. ALA asks each chapter to submit two book selections – one adult and one children’s book or young adult book. GLA will submit *Ecology of a Cracker Childhood*, currently recommended by the Georgia Center for the Book, and the most recent winner of the Georgia Book Award [*Skeleton Man*].

There is a request to co-sponsor the Taxonomy Community of Practice. There was no further information about this, and the item was tabled.

**Next Meetings**

Tentative dates are:

April 29, 10:00 in Macon (location TBD)

July 8, 10:00 in Rome (public library)

October – at COMO

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laura Burtle, Secretary.