

Georgia Library Association Executive Board Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2005
Columbus, GA

Present: Julie Walker, Patty Phipps, Bob Fox, Gordon Baker, Chris Gabriel, Eddie McCloud, Laura Burtle, George Gaumond, Ann Hamilton, Debbie Manget, Elaine Yontz, Gene Ruffin,

The meeting was called to order at 11:10 by Julie Walker, and the minutes of the July 8 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report - Carol Stanley presented the treasurer's report, and it was approved.

Membership Report (Phipps)

Since October 2004, the membership has only increased by 2. The membership is 854 now, compared to 852 last October. Four new members joined during the summer/fall membership drive this year. Before the end of the year personalized letters will be sent to non-renewals for 2004 through June 2005 and to new members who joined in 2005. The letter to new members will be coordinated with Katherine Gregory.

Administrative Services Report - Gordon Baker presented the administrative services report. For GLA Administrative Services, Gordon is the first point of contact.

GLQ Editor's Report – Susan Cooley reported that there will be new column on personal libraries, and people will be solicited to write. There are several new advertisers which will bring in some new revenue. She is seeking an advertising manager for GLQ. Ad rate sheets will be distributed to vendors at COMO. The Editorial Board met in July at GPC Dunwoody.

ALA Councilor's Report (Hamilton) – Report on hurricane damage and relief efforts. The Annual Convention is still set for New Orleans. Ann distributed ALA RFID guidelines via email. ALA is seeking input.

SELA Representative's Report (Cooper) – Jim reminded everyone that the SELA/Tenn. Lib. Association convention is April 6-7 in Memphis. Oct. 20 is the deadline for program proposals. There is a SELA/ALA/GLA exhibit at COMO.

Nominaating Committee – Gordon reported a low election turnout – 200 of 800 ballots were returned. Elected were Jo Ellen Ostendorf – VP/President-Elect, Elaine Yontz – 2nd VP, Carolyn Fuller – Secretary, and Ann Hamilton – ALA Councilor.

Division Reports

Academic Library Division – no report

New Members Roundtable (Gregory) – will prepare a letter inviting new members to

attend the winter planning meeting. Planning a pub crawl for the conference in Athens next year, perhaps with the executive board. The NMRT COMO session is “Looking at the Library from Outside.”

Paraprofessional Division – no report

Public Library Division – (*Manget*) – there will be 45 authors for the reception. Barnes and Nobel will be in the exhibit selling author’s books. 20% of sales go to COMO. The question of when officers’ terms start was asked – Jan. 1. Jane Hildebrand is the incoming chair.

School Library Division – no report

Special Libraries / IS Division – no report

Friends, Trustees, Advocates (Baker) – Looking into getting merchandise for friends store. ALTA supportive of effort to get the Georgia group going.

Interest Group Council (Yontz) – leadership is needed for all groups – Leadership has been found for all of the groups. Most are having business meetings or programs at COMO.

Committee Reports

Conference (Baker) – all booth space is sold; there are new vendors. Hours are Thurs. 7:30 – 5:00 and Friday 8-10:30. The conference is moving to September next year. Sept. 20-22 in Athens. The Awards banquet is at the Coca Cola Space & Science center Thurs. evening at 8:00. Casual.

Long-Range Planning (Ruffin) – the committee is updating the 2002 plan. Gene Ruffin distributed a new draft strategic plan. For action item – charge the relevant committees. Julie noted that we need to review the various groups to see if there needs to be changes – i.e. groups to do actions are missing. *Patty* – amend to encourage member to subscribe to GLA list. *The exec. Bd.* Was supportive of the plan. *Patty* – what about a member directory? Gordon – could be on the web with a password. Printing is expensive and always out of date. Discussion of options, including moving it to administrative services and remove “accessible” to make it not generally public. The LRPL was asked to make a recommendation for an implementation plan. A motion to accept the plan as amended passed.

Old Business - none

New Business

Debbie Manget commented on Friends of Georgia Libraries – FOGL will be incorporated in such a way as to be able to solicit corporate donations, etc.

Winter Planning Meeting will be January 13 at Clayton State

Library Legislative Day is Jan 24. Ron Leonard from Solinet is organizing. GPLS is sponsoring a speaker (Jim Johnson?). Library day is a COMO event, but only GLA participates in planning. Should the other two organizations (GLMA, GAIT) be approached about rotating? After discussion, the decision was that each organization will be asked to appoint a member to a GLA led planning committee.

Julie raised the idea of a one day conference/symposium on a special topic in the spring to keep GLA active all year.

Julie Walker thanked everyone for a good year.

Next Meeting is January 13, 2006 at Clayton State University

Meeting adjourned at noon.