

## **GEORGIA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION**

### **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

Georgia Southern University – Zach S. Henderson Library

Statesboro, Georgia

Friday, July 11, 2008

Present: Betty Paulk (presiding), Elizabeth Bagley (by phone), Gordon Baker, Jim Cooper, Lorene Flanders, Bob Fox, Ann Hamilton, Jane Hildebrand, Jeff Heck, Cathy Jeffrey, Susan Morris, Bill Nelson, JoEllen Ostendorf, Mike Seigler, Sarah Steiner

#### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Betty Paulk at 11:00 am. Those present were asked to introduce themselves including their role in GLA.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved without corrections.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Ray Calvert was unable to attend, so Gordon Baker distributed the Treasurer's report and offered explanations regarding it. Baker stated that the report reflected spending for the quarter. It does not reflect the overall state of GLA's finances.

Jim Cooper asked a question about the status of the cash balance in our account compared to past years. Bob Fox explained the method used to transfer money from checking to savings.

#### **Membership Report**

Jane Hildebrand reported that there was no word from Elaine Yontz regarding printing of membership brochures. Gordon Baker reported that the membership deposit was made July 10, so the membership report is up-to-date as of then.

#### **Administrative Services Report**

Administrative Services is in a lull at the moment. Gordon Baker noted that GLA hopes to implement the Capwiz software in the future. Capwiz is advocacy software furnished by ALA to the state associations to enable their members to know about related state and federal legislation.

## **GLQ Report**

Susan Cooley was not present at the meeting. She had passed along information that there were delays in preparing the most recent issue.

## **ALA Councilor's Report**

Ann Hamilton reported that the Cuba question was addressed by the Council. The issue had been presented by a group that wanted ALA to express support for librarians in prison; however, the people in question are not librarians but dissidents. Council members were relieved that the motion was withdrawn.

There is a movement to compress dates for the conference so that Councilors do not have to stay over.

Ann missed the membership meeting but she indicated that consideration is being given to allowing e-member participation in the Council. A task force is investigating the possibility of using electronic participation by ALA Councilors so that serving on the Council will be open to librarians who cannot attend all of the meetings.

Bill Nelson asked what was the latest on opening listservs. Ann indicated that topic was not discussed.

## **SELA Representative's Report**

Mike Seigler reported that all activity is centered around the conference which will include a reception at the Muhammad Ali Center. The theme of the conference is diversity.

## **Division Reports**

### **◆ Academic Library Division**

Cathy Jeffrey reported that the Academic Division has secured a luncheon speaker for COMO and that the division will be well represented with COMO programs. She also stated that the division has received 7 proposals for papers for the Academic Presented Papers program.

### **◆ Public Library Division**

Carolyn Fuller was not present. Betty Paulk reported that planning for the Author's Reception is well underway.

### **◆ School Library Division**

No report

◆ **New Members Round Table**

Sarah Steiner indicated that she has a welcome letter and a letter describing the purpose of the New Members Round Table that she will be distributing to new members and to the established membership. She hopes that established members will participate in the New Members Round Table to help mentor new members.

She also indicated that the bylaws of the group have been rewritten to remove language that would restrict membership in the New Members Round Table thus allowing established librarians to participate.

Steiner reported that there has been excellent response to the upcoming Emerging Librarians meeting. This meeting has been targeted at library students, new graduates and new librarians who may be in a new job or looking for a job.

The Wiki resource center was redeveloped with web paint. It is new but it does have all the main sections. She plans to inaugurate it July 12.

There was some additional discussion about the need to find ways to include new librarians in GLA. Cathy Jeffrey mentioned that this topic came up during the Academic Division meeting at the Leadership Conference in January.

◆ **Paraprofessional Division**

Karen Manning reported that there were 15 applicants for the COMO paraprofessional grants. Most of the applicants were from public libraries. The Paraprofessional Division Awards committee has selected 5 winners.

Karen reported that the Paraprofessional Division is sponsoring three COMO programs.

◆ **Trustees and Friends**

Gordon Baker reported that last year the national trustees and friends group lost their director. Two groups are merging to form Association of Library Trustees, Advocates Friends, and Foundations (ALTAFF). Gordon thinks that if this merger takes place, GLA will need to consider merging the two Trustee groups in Georgia: FOGL and the GLA Trustees Division. Gordon reported that it may be necessary to reduce dues for these members to keep them in GLA and make them active participants.

## **Interest Group Council Report**

Susan Morris reported that the Assessment Group which was approved earlier this year is running full tilt.

The Chair of PACE has left the state. Susan has put out a call to fill the position; 15-16 people responded to that call. Angela Megaw and Lynn Seaman were elected as co-chairs of the group.

Susan has had no contact with several groups including the Intellectual Freedom Interest Group. She is looking for ways to keep the interest groups going and to make sure that there is leadership. The plan is to make sure that active groups remain active and that those that are not active are removed from the list of available interest groups so that members will have a better idea of which organizations are actually available.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Awards**

Lorene Flanders reported the results of the review of 2008 Award Nominees. The Awards committee recommends the following award recipients:

**Nix-Jones Award:** Robert E. Fox, Jr.

**McJenkin-Rheay Award:** Lori Lester

**Nora Symmers Award:** Karen Manning

**Honorary Memberships:** Katherine B. Gallo and Betsy Griffies (Sara E. Griffies)

The Executive Board approved the Award Winners recommended.

Lorene then presented a proposal to establish a new award, the Library Support Services Award. This award would be given to an individual who provides outstanding support to further library development or who has made outstanding contributions to Georgia libraries as part of his or her job or business. The award winner could be a vendor employee, an employee of an office or department that supports library services, or an employee of an individual institution.

Qualifications for the award:

- Must have provided outstanding support to further library development or made outstanding contributions to Georgia libraries.

- Must be employed in a library support service profession or be a library vendor employee.
- Must NOT be a practicing librarian.
- GLA membership is NOT required.

After discussion of the award including the naming of the award, the Support Services Award was approved by the Executive Board.

Lorene Flanders presented an additional proposal to give this award for the first time to Phil Williams. The Executive Board approved.

Lorene Flanders presented a proposal to change the requirement for honorary memberships to require that people receiving honorary memberships should be members when they retire. That proposal was approved.

### **Conference**

Betty Paulk reported about the Conference proposals

### **Handbook**

Jeff Heck presented in final form the Handbook information approved at the last board meeting of April 18, 2008.

**Nominating** No report

### **Scholarship**

Liz Bagley reported on scholarship awardees for the year. The 2009 application deadline has been shifted to May 21 from May 1. Plans for the COMO Raffle are in progress. It will be in the Fire Hall this year.

### **Old Business**

ALA Emerging Leaders Program 2009 - Ann Hamilton is chairing the selection committee. Sarah Steiner (past participant) and Gordon Baker are also serving on the committee.

### **New Business**

Jim Cooper suggested that the Leadership Conference be moved from January to the first week of December, maybe the 5th.

Library Day was discussed. Bob Fox will send a message to the GLA list when he has available dates, likely late February.

COMO 2009 dates and location are unknown at this time.

The meeting was adjourned by Betty Paulk at 12:25pm. Next meeting is the Wednesday of COMO (Oct. 15) at 11am in Athens.