

**GEORGIA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
MINUTES**

Athens, Georgia
Wednesday, October 15, 2008

Present: Betty Paulk (presiding), Elizabeth Bagley, Gordon Baker, Ray Calvert, Jim Cooper, Jack Fisher, Lorene Flanders, Bob Fox, Carolyn Fuller, Ann Hamilton, Jane Hildebrand, Jeff Heck, Cathy Jeffrey, Karen Manning, Susan Morris, Bill Nelson, Joan Osborne, Mike Seigler, Sarah Steiner, Julie Walker

Call to Order and Welcome

Paulk

At 11:08am Betty Paulk convened the meeting with a round of introductions.

Approval of Minutes

Bagley

Liz Bagley presented the minutes of the July 11, 2008 meeting with two minor edits. Jim Cooper moved for approval and Carolyn Fuller seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as edited.

Treasurer's Report

Calvert

Ray Calvert distributed a report covering January 1-October 13, 2008. Income was \$52,811.62, expenses were \$42,613.85, leaving net income of \$10,197.77. The checking balance was \$63,263.37. Morgan Stanley balances for the Scholarship Fund: \$81,249.09, and savings, \$40,946.15.

Membership Report

Hildebrand

Elaine Yontz arranged for new brochures to be printed. Jane thanked Sarah Steiner for her work with new members. The report distributed showed 780 members as of October 15, but renewals roll throughout the year. Some have not yet been processed, so the reported number is down.

Administrative Services Report

Baker/Fox

Various activities were reflected in the report distributed. Important upcoming dates: the GLA Midwinter Conference will happen Friday, December 5 at Clayton State. Library Day is on the Georgia Capital calendar for Thursday, February 26, 2009.

GLQ Editor's Report

Cooley absent – Walker reported

Susan was out of the country in Scotland. Julie Walker announced that the GLQ Board would be recognized the GLA Banquet. They met once in person this year and otherwise conducted business online. The GLQ board is very pleased with the new printer and also appreciative of David Baker's contributions. Bulk mail permit, printing and mailing costs were \$10,453.72. The upcoming construction issue will be published in conjunction with Library Day.

ALA Councilor's Report

Hamilton

Ann had sent news to the GLA list serv periodically. The big news was that ALA President Jim Rettig will be at COMO and speaking at the GLA Banquet.

SELA Representative's Report

Seigler

Mike had to miss the conference but it went well. Overall attendance was somewhat small but good from Georgia. Jim Cooper and Gordon Baker went and enjoyed it. Bill Nelson is the outgoing Treasurer. SELA's finances are tight, so GLA Board members were urged to support it. Bill noted that its journal is refereed, for any librarians on our staffs who are looking to publish. Candidates running for SELA office for next year include 3 Georgia librarians.

Division Reports

- Academic Library Division Jeffrey
Cathy reported that the division lunch speaker is ready – with some anxiety about planned technology. Some interesting presented papers are also on the schedule.
- Public Library Division Fuller
Patricia Sprinkle will be speaking at lunch. About 48 authors are expected for the reception from all genres. Carolyn was pleased with author response this year. Betty thanked Carolyn for her efforts.
- School Library Division Wojcik absent, sent report
Tim sent a report updating the board on the K-16 initiative, GLA liaison, and a program at COMO.
- New Members Round Table Steiner
An on-site resume review will be offered tomorrow; 9 people also emailed resumes for review. The Emerging Librarians group had its third meeting recently with 43 attending during gas crunch weekend in Atlanta. The next meeting in January will be aimed at offering attendees a chance to meet local library administrators. Sarah is trying to get a corporate sponsor. Jim commended Sarah's dedicated and creative efforts.
- Paraprofessional Division Manning
The division is presenting awards at the banquet. Karen is working with a person at GPLS to brainstorm and promote membership for the division.
- Trustees and Friends Baker
Gordon said the merger of ALTA and FOLUSA is under review. Wally and Elaine at VSU are expected to be incoming officers.

Interest Group Council Report

Morris

Susan's report was distributed. As of today all interest groups are active. Pat Ball and Rhonda Lane taking over endangered groups. Assessment (new) needs to be added to the printed GLA Membership Form; the paper form was just reprinted so that will take a while. Gordon will change the online one. Library Services to Persons with Disabilities needs a name update. The Technical College IG is led by Jane Summey; their members have funding issues for

attendance at COMO but can meet at other meetings. Joan Osborne will become Interest Group Council Chair; Tessa Minchew was elected Vice Chair/Chair Elect.

Committee Reports

- Awards

Flanders

Lorene recapped awards to be presented at the GLA Banquet. The new Library Support Services Award will go to Phil Williams. Lorene thanked Cathy Jeffrey for suggesting creation of such an award. This is the first time in a decade that honorary memberships will be given. Lorene encouraged everyone to begin thinking of nominations for next year.

- Conference

Paulk

COMO has 1,017 registered with 130 vendor booths sold (though not quite that many vendors attending) – more booths than ever.

- Handbook

Heck

No significant changes – updates are online.

- Records

Fisher

Jack reiterated that the Archives at VSU is accepting documents. Spread the word to changing chairs to send old files to Jack. He also will attend the Midwinter Conference and collect materials then. Archives processing is going well. A new location is planned. The student who has been helping is graduating, so Jack hopes to add a new student in the spring.

- Scholarship

Bagley

Liz reported that the number of pre-alerted donations to the raffle is down this year but the committee is still hopeful for earnings. Erika Farr, the Hubbard winner, will be at the drawing on Friday and Chris Warren, the Beard awardee, as well as Erika will be honored at the banquet. Information on the new application deadline (May 21) has been updated on the GLA website and with ALA's scholarship section. A list of past scholarship recipients also was added to the GLA website. Lastly, 8 contributions to the scholarship fund totaling \$175 have been acknowledged.

Old Business

- ALA Emerging Leaders Program Award 2009

Hamilton

Diane Fulkerson from the University of West Georgia won this year. Georgia is one of the few states that support a candidate through the state library association. ALA has posted an announcement this week. Two other Georgians are participating.

New Business

- GLA Logo - Paulk

The current logo dates from 1998. Should we revise it? Thoughts? Ask the Public Relations Committee to update it? Many thought we should freshen it to reflect technology. Julie Walker offered to have a GPLS staff member (David Baker) work on it. Jim Cooper mentioned that SELA updated their logo recently. Jim made a motion to refer the matter to PR with a mention that GPLS resources have been offered. The motion was seconded and carried. Anita Ondrusek is the Chair of the PR Committee.

- GLA COMO Store

Gordon, Bob and Ann are seeking new ideas. Gordon had polled other ALA chapters. West Virginia sent some sample items (passed around the room then donated to the Scholarship Raffle). Gordon proposed an ad hoc committee for Midwinter to come up with ideas. The motion was seconded and carried. Gordon also asked the board to sign up to work at the store during COMO.

- Drexel University Partnership Proposal

Betty got a call from representative at Drexel offering GLA members 10% discounted courses online if GLA would verify membership for Drexel. The university has a marketing plan and claims to have joint partnerships with 30 state associations. Courses are expensive so the offered 10% discount would not go far. The board's consensus was that we should work with our state universities. Sarah Steiner asked if Drexel offered a Ph. D. program; not online if so. Mike Seigler voiced concern that Drexel would profit and GLA would not, so the idea was dropped.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:48am.