

Georgia Library Association
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Carrollton, Georgia
Friday, July 17, 2009, 11 a.m.

Present: Liz Bagley, Susan Cooley, Jim Cooper, Lorene Flanders, Bob Fox, Carolyn Fuller, Ann Hamilton, Jeff Heck, Lori Lester, William Nelson, Betty Paulk, Barbara Petersohn, Shelley Rogers, Carol Stanley, Sarah Steiner, Tim Wojcik

Call to Order and Welcome – Jim Cooper
The meeting was called to order at 11 a.m.

Approval of Minutes – Jeff Heck
Susan noted that a name was misreported in the minutes. The name is Diana Very rather than Diana Berry. Jeff also noted that the location of the July 17 meeting had been corrected from the University of West Georgia to West Georgia Regional. Tim moved to accept the minutes as amended. Liz seconded.

Vote – all ayes

Treasurer's Report – Cathy Jeffrey
Jim Cooper appointed Cathy Jeffrey as a replacement for Ray Calvert through the end of his third year of office. Ray accepted a job transfer to a library in Florida. Cathy is on the ballot for next term. Current account figures were provided from a June 23, 2009, balance sheet. The checking account stands at an \$83,309.12 balance; Morgan Stanley holds two accounts of \$41,610.67 and \$84,086.93; total assets are \$209,006.72.

Bob Fox noted that the signature cards had not yet been switched to the name of the new treasurer, as the bank requires minutes of a meeting reflecting the change. Bill Nelson and Jim Cooper noted similar difficulties in having other accounts changed over. Susan Cooley asked that the updated check request form be sent out as soon as possible after the signature cards are done, as she will soon have bills related to GLQ. Jim Cooper will send Susan an Acrobat PDF version of the updated form. Liz Bagley asked if the form was on or could be placed on the web site. Bob Fox replied that it had been discussed before but not implemented because of the public nature of the site. Jim Cooper noted the normal route of the form is for it to go to the treasurer first, then to him for an approval signature.

Motion – Ann Hamilton moved to approve the treasurer's report; Shelley Rogers seconded.

Vote – all ayes

Membership Report – Bill Richards

Bill Richards could not attend the meeting, but Bob Fox distributed the membership numbers. He noted that this is the lower point in our cycle for numbers of members.

Administrative Services – Bob Fox

Bob also distributed the report for Administrative Services. The 2010 Midwinter Conference will be held January 29, at Clayton State University. The contract has been set and the date for our next Library Day will be February 25, 2010. Chris Huff will repeat as coordinator of the event.

GLQ Editor's Report – Susan Cooley

Susan distributed the minutes from the board's June 5 meeting at Georgia State University and provided copies of the just-published GLQ for summer 2009. She does not yet have the printing bill. Sarah McGhee resigned from her position as co-editor of the book reviews as her job demands increased. Brijin Boddy from the Chattahoochee Valley Regional Library is filling her spot, and will be helping Karen Odom with the reviews. The next issue deadline is September 1, and the one following that is December 1 for the construction issue, which has been popular each year. The board continues to have difficulty with obtaining books from publishers for review. Susan asked for reviews and covered the geographic and topic requirements for the books to be covered. Reviews covering books that focus on the southeast region, that are written by Georgia authors, or that focus on librarianship are welcome. Jim Cooper noted that the latest GLQ's cover is a photo of the new library in Heard County, about which the local town of Ephesus is excited.

ALA Councilor's Report – Ann Hamilton

Ann Hamilton attended the American Library Association meeting in Chicago this year, at which there were 28,941 in attendance, including exhibitors, which were 500 more than in D.C. the previous year. There was a memorial for Judith Krug the Friday night of the conference. Every state passed a resolution in her memory, and her husband and family attended the memorial. Ann thanked the board for passage of the Georgia version of the resolution. The ALA Council covered a variety of topics, including making a decision that the organization should arrange a meeting with President Obama to discuss the condition of libraries in the nation. The council passed a resolution naming Sunday, October 4, 2009, as Intergeneration Day, with a theme of "Intergeneration Day Means Libraries." A web site is available at intergenerationday.org. The council also resolved to expand electronic access of council materials for newer members, as that group has more of an online emphasis. Ann noted that ten ALA employees were let go this year due to the economy. The council resolved to increase access for physically challenged users. A measure before the council concerning the Iraq war was defeated. Ann noted a fundraiser that was used in Illinois that included an image of President Obama on automobile license plates. Ann will travel to South Africa after COMO this year as part of a people-to-people program.

SELA Representative – Bill Nelson

Bill noted that the SELA board has met by conference call, with a good meeting on May 22. Kathleen Imhoff from Lexington Public Library is the current president of SELA. The 2010 SELA conference will be in Little Rock, Arkansas. Bill noted that Georgia was the state with highest membership, 42 members, while Kentucky was second with 24. He encouraged all board members to join.

The SELA Executive Board meeting will be held at the COMO conference on the Friday of the conference. Details will follow. Jim Cooper noted the SELA 2012 conference will be a joint conference with Georgia. Bill added that a possible 2011 conference is under discussion, as a test to change from a biennial to an annual conference. Ann noted that SELA also provided a resolution concerning the remarkable work of Judith Krug, and Jim distributed a copy of the resolution to the board in order to insure it made it into the minutes.

Division Reports

Academic Library Division – Gene Ruffin / Lorene Flanders

Lorene Flanders reported that the division has merged its traditional lunch with the all-conference lunch for COMO this year. She reported from Eva Lautemann that there are a sufficient number of papers for the conference, and that reviewers have been arranged for them. Gene Ruffin and Lorene are working to document the mechanics of how this division prepares the events for which it is responsible at COMO each year.

Public Library Division – Carolyn Fuller

Carolyn reported that she is working on inviting authors for COMO. She has found two or three previously unknown Georgia authors, and she has a total of about 40 signed up. She asked for the names of any additional Georgia authors that board members might know. Carolyn wants to place the authors' names in the COMO program. The authors' reception will be Thursday night, the 8th, at the conference. Bob Fox recommended sending the authors' names to Jim about a month prior to the event, as the printer needs the material that far in advance to prepare the program. Carolyn will send the names to Jim.

School Library Division – Tim Wojcik

Tim drove to an ALA preconference done by American Association of School Librarians (AASL) that had a focus on Learning for Life. Most states were represented at the all-day workshop. No GMLA members attended, so Tim represented Georgia. Tim mentioned materials made available, titled *On Empowering Learners*, and *Standards for the 21st Century Learner in Action*. Tim continues to work as the liaison between GMLA and GLA.

New Members Round Table – Shelley Rogers

At the past GLA Executive Board meeting, Shelley said she would send greetings to new GLA members, and she has sent out greeting emails to all new members to date. She noted three NMRT proposals for sessions at COMO were accepted and added the status of a fourth is not yet known. Shelley noted board member involvement, including work by Sarah Steiner, Lorene Flanders, and Chris Huff who are all directly involved. Jim Cooper asked if the NMRT might hold the résumé review again, and if it could extend through the entire morning. Shelley replied that they had been asked to host two sessions, one before and one after lunch on Thursday, Oct. 8. Bill Nelson asked if Shelley would be sending emails out requesting reviewers for the process. Shelley said she welcomed all who would like to participate in helping the résumé holders. Tim asked how many had attended the résumé sessions last year. Shelley replied that there were enough participants to keep the reviewers busy. Shelley and Chris Huff also will do a program on library jobs in tough times.

Paraprofessional Division – Heidi Benford

Heidi sent in a report, included in the packet for the meeting.

Trustees and Friends – Wallace Koehler

No report.

Interest Group Council Report – Joan Osborne/Tessa Minchew

No report.

Committee Reports

Awards – Lori Lester

Lori reported extensive work by the committee, including three calls for award nominations. The committee developed a list of recommendations for four awards from nine respondents. Jim Cooper noted that since this was a recommendation from a committee, no second was necessary.

Vote - Unanimously in favor of approval.

Lori noted that checks will need to be drawn by the treasurer and plaques will need to be purchased. Bob Fox said he would follow up on this. Lori asked for help with doing paper work so recipients and guests may attend, because they should register but not pay for themselves or their one guest each. Bob Fox said she should notify the recipients of the awards in advance that they each may attend without charge and bring one guest for whom there is no charge. He also asked that Lori let him know the names of these attendees and guests so Administrative Services can be alerted as to how to handle the registrations. Shelley Rogers asked if a motion was needed to approve funding. Bob said no, that the bylaws mandate funding.

Conference – Jim Cooper

After a number of meetings, three keynotes have been selected, though the contracts are not yet completed. Patt Digh, author of *Life is a Verb*; Steven Bell, known for *Designing the Future-Proof Library*; and Toni Buzzeo, an author of children's books, such as *Adventure Annie Goes to Work*. All three are shown in the current issue of the GLQ. The committee also met in June to review proposals. Susan Grigsby with GMLA is in charge of that work this year. The group will have a conference call in two weeks, in which Jim Clark will need to be involved. The next GLA Executive Board meeting will be at 11 a.m. on Wednesday at the Iron Works (conference center); the conference will run from October 7-9, 2009.

COMO Store – Rhonda Boozer

Bob Fox reported that the group will be meeting next week. Ann Hamilton, a member of the committee, said they met via Skype and will meet again to finalize store contents. Ann said the store sold out last meeting, so new items will be available this time, probably including library-related clothing.

Constitution/Bylaws – Mike Seigler

No report.

Governmental Relations – Chris Huff

Chris could not attend. Library Day has been set for February 25, 2010.

Handbook – Jeff Heck

No report.

Membership – Bob Richards

Reported previously in the meeting by Bob Fox.

Nominating – Liz Bagley

Liz thanked Eva Lautemann at Georgia Perimeter College and Stella Richardson at Georgia Tech for their work with the nominations. Susan Cooley noted Liz had done an outstanding job in handling the nomination process. Liz thanked her

team and David Baker. Bob Fox noted that the academic division ballot usually is sent out at the same time as this ballot, so the slate needs to be prepared and sent to Bob for inclusion.

Public Relations – Sarah Steiner

Sarah noted that Laura Choyce from the Atlanta Emerging Librarians group developed the logo, which has now been published on the web site. The committee will be doing a preconference at COMO. Chris Warren, who received a scholarship last year, and Sarah are conducting a marketing campaign; the campaign will not focus on special and school media libraries for now, but it seeks to draw attendees to the conference, with a focus on residents of the Columbus area. The committee requested \$150 for mailings. There was no discussion.

Vote – all in favor

Scholarship – Barbara Petersohn

The committee met online, using Google Groups for asynchronous discussion. In general, committee members thought the approach worked. They liked the interactivity; all were able to participate, all voted. Barbara will try to arrange a face-to-face next year if the economy allows, but the documents will still be scanned and placed online. Jim Cooper noted that GPLS can set up a conference call for the committee meetings, using an 800 phone number, which might further help with the interaction. Barbara reported there was a small pool of seven completed applications. She reviewed the award winners and their backgrounds. She also requested donations for this year's raffle, to be sent by mail to Georgia State.

Jim Cooper noted that at the most recent COMO in Columbus, the registration desk was at the back of the venue. He wants to place the desk at the entrance this year and give what was the room for registration to the raffle effort. The room is next to the lobby where the raffle was located last time. Liz requested use of the auditorium in order to better control who picks up each gift. There have sometimes been problems with matching the winner of the item with the item. Cooper will speak with Susan about this. Bob Fox asked that a blurb on conference vendors be sent to him.

Carol Stanley noted vendors had had their raffle contribution at their booth at prior conferences so participants could see what the vendor was donating. Bob recommended that a sign be placed at the booth. Liz recalled that another method is to have the vendor's card placed on display at the raffle piece. Bob said we could have sign at the raffle item pointing to the vendor table where the contribution is kept.

Student Assistants – Bob Fox

No report.

Student Media Festival – Bob Fox

Carolyn noted she attended the group's meeting July 2; the group worked to plan the festival. Unfortunately, Georgia Public Broadcasting, which normally hosts the event, had to rent out the space normally used, so the group is looking at an alternative location. They hope to have that set next meeting, and the festival date will depend on the site chosen, but it probably will be the end of March or beginning of April. GPB continues to support the festival.

Old Business

Carol Stanley thanked the board for sponsoring her attendance at the Chapter Leaders Orientation Workshop at ALA. Attendees had great ideas. Best practices of Missouri were shared, as well as the Texas Library Association's discussion of membership ideas, such as making members feel like family by sending them birthday cards. Michigan has reorganized and no longer has divisions, only a board. Carol also attended the ALA Council meeting.

New Business

Jim Cooper requested the board's approval of his appointment of Cathy Jeffrey as treasurer following Ray Calvert's job transfer. Bill Nelson so moved, and Carolyn Fuller seconded.

Vote – all in favor

Tim reminded the board of the discussion last meeting about the name of the school division. At the membership meeting at COMO, the division will discuss a name change.

Jim Cooper reminded the board to mark their calendars for 11 a.m., October 7, as the time and date of the next board meeting.

Adjournment at 12:19 p.m., moved by Bill Nelson, seconded by Carol Stanley.