

**Georgia Library Association
Executive Board Meeting
April 18, 2017
Kennesaw State University
Kennesaw, Georgia**

Present: Kathryn Greer, Tamika Barnes, Amy Eklund, Rita Spisak, Fred Smith, Elizabeth McKinney, Eli Arnold, Mary Young, Mack Freeman, Kimberly Boyd, Ariel Tuner, Cathy Jeffrey, Emily Williams, Carol Stanley, Sofia Slutszkaya, Li Chen, Casey Long, Amanda Densmore, Ashley Dupuy, Darian Hailes, Rachael Johnson, Carolyn Stanley, Virginia Feher, Kara Mullen, Karen Manning, Sarah Causey, Wendy Cornelisen, and Geri Lynn Mullis.

- I. Call to Order, Welcome, and Introductions:** **Elizabeth McKinney**
The meeting was called to order. Introductions of the attendees were made. It was proposed to add the "Nominating Committee" to the agenda.
MOTION: Eli Arnold made the motion to add "Nominating Committee" under "New Business" on the agenda. Mack Freeman seconded. The motion passed.
- II. Approval of Minutes:** **Geri Mullis**
MOTION: Eli Arnold moved to approve the minutes from the December 15, 2016 meeting with the amended corrections to the members present at the meeting. Kimberly Boyd seconded the motion with the corrections. The motion passed.
- III. Web Design Task Force Report:** **Sofia Slutszkaya and Rich Benevento**
Rich Benevento from Heck Yeah! presented the new proposed GLA website. After a discussion, members of the Executive Board will be given 1 week to review the presented material and give any feedback to Sofia Slutszkaya.
- IV. Treasurer's Report:** **Eli Arnold**
The profit and loss statement was discussed. An audit was recently conducted, and found a duplicate deposit. Everything else was excellent. Updates have been made to the financials. The 2017 Budget was voted and approved online. A transfer from the General Fund was made to balance the 2017 Budget.
- V. Administrative Services Report:** **Kara Mullen**
Membership notices are now given out through email vs. postal mailings. This was decided through the Membership Committee.
- VI. ALA Councilor's Report:** **Amy Eklund**
The ALA Councilor's report was given. Items to note are that it was voted to continue the requirement of a MLS for the ALA Director, ALA Midwinter attendance was down by 2,000, and that the ALA Strategic Plan has a new Equality, Diversity, & Inclusion (EDI) direction. Amy Eklund thanked all those that helped at the GLA booth at Mid-Winter. The booth was a big success.
- VII. Membership Report:** **Mack Freeman**
The Membership Report was given. There were a total of 712 members. Membership is up from April 2017.
- VIII. New Members Round Table:** **Kathryn Greer**
In January, the annual Meet with Admins was successfully held. Coastal Georgia Library

Collaborative held a meeting at Savannah State. New planning committee hosting networking meeting for North Georgia, and are trying to form a North Georgia group this year. Overall encouraging new members to be more active in GLA.

IX. Conference Committee Reports:

- Briefing from Conference Committee Meeting:
The Authors Reception will be separate from the reception for Awards. The old conference website will be kept and changed to the new conference name. Working on a new URL to reflect the conference name change. After discussion, it was decided that the conference committee would complete website decisions and inform the Executive Board at the July 2017 meeting. Opening day for conference proposals is mid-May 2017. The conference committee is working on the outline, logo, vendors, etc.

X. Old Business:

There was no old business.

XI. New Business:

- Records Committee Project: Casey Long
The committee is working on a StoryCorp project to collect stories from member's experiences within the Association. Using the "StoryCorp" app from NPR. Will set up a booth at this year's conference to begin collection. The stories will be hosted on the community page through StoryCorp. This is free. The committee will be doing quality control prior to any release to the public.
MOTION: Geri Mullis made the motion to create a community page with GLA branding, and approve the creation of an email address for the StoryCorp project. Eli Arnold seconded. The motion passed.
- Libraries Facilities Group Request Li Chen
MOTION: Geri Mullis made the motion to add a Library Facilities Interest Group. Mack Freeman seconded. The motion passed.
- SELA News/Announcements Rita Spisak
There was a discussion on the upcoming Southeastern Library Association conference.
- ALA Emerging Leader Mack Freeman
There was a discussion on GLA sponsoring an Emerging Leader. The association has sponsored this in the past, but had stopped for some unknown reason.
MOTION: Geri Mullis made the motion to add the sponsorship of an ALA Emerging Leader to the 2017 GLA Budget under "Membership." Sofia Slutskaya seconded. The motion passed.
- BCALA National Conference Carol Stanley and Karen Manning
The conference will be August 9-13. There was a discussion on perusing becoming an affiliation. Carol Stanley, Karen Manning, and Tamika Barnes will find out what is needed and report back to the Executive Board.
- Nominating Committee Wendy Cornelisen
Wendy Cornelisen had to leave the meeting early. Geri Mullis read the nomination report on her behalf. The Nominations and Elections Committee developed the following roster of

willing candidates for the 2018 GLA Election:

ALA Councilor – Kimberly Boyd and Tamika Barnes

First Vice-President/President-Elect – Jennifer Lautzenheiser and Jimmy Bass

Second Vice-President/Membership – Oscar Gittemeier and Teryn Gilliam

Secretary – Ben Bryson and Mary Young

MOTION: Elizabeth McKinney made the motion to accept the candidate list as stated for the 2018 GLA Elections. Eli Arnold seconded. The motion passed.

XII. Adjourn:

MOTION: Eli Arnold made the motion to adjourn. Mack Freeman seconded. The motion passed.