Georgia Library Association  
Executive Board Meeting  
October 4, 2017  
Georgia Library Conference  
Columbus, Georgia

Present: Kathryn Greer, Tamika Barnes, Amy Eklund, Rita Spisak, Fred Smith, Elizabeth McKinney, Eli Arnold, Ariel Turner, Emily Williams, Carol Stanley, Sofia Slutskaya, Li Chen, Casey Long, Ashley Dupuy, Virginia Feher, Kara Mullen, Beth McIntyre, Cristina Trotter, Shelley Rogers, Benjamin Bryson, Jennifer Lautzenheiser, 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.

II. Approval of Minutes:  
   Geri Mullis  
   MOTION: Beth McIntyre moved to approve the minutes from the April 18, 2017. Casey Long seconded the motion. The motion passed.

   MOTION: Sofia Slutskaya moved to approve the minutes from the July 20, 2017. Eli Arnold seconded the motion. The motion passed.

III. Handbook Committee:  
   Elizabeth McKinney and Li Chen  
   After further review, the appendix for the scholarship and awards section has not been updated, as well as past executive board minutes and officers. The board commended the excellent work of Li Chen and the committee in 2017.

IV. Georgia Library Trustees, Friends, and Advocates:  
   Rita Spisak  
   The constitution and bylaws for the division were reviewed.

   MOTION: Geri Mullis moved to approve the presented constitution and bylaws for the Georgia Library Trustees, Friends, and Advocates. Eli Arnold seconded the motion. The motion passed.

V. Web Design Task Force:  
   Sofia Slutskaya  
   Due to some delays, the new website did not go live in September. The new website should go live before the end of 2017. The board commended the excellent work of Sofia Slutskaya and the task force on this hefty project.

VI. Treasurer’s Report:  
   Eli Arnold  
   The profit & loss statement was discussed. All accounts are in good standing, and healthy. There was a discussion on account logins, and security of electronic accounts. Currently, the Past President, President, and Treasurer have the sensitive account information.

   MOTION: Amy Eklund made the motion that all sensitive bank information will be included in the Treasurer transfer process. Eli Arnold seconded. The motion passed.

VII. Administrative Services Report:  
   Kara Mullen  
   The Membership Report was given. There were a total of 767 members. Currently preparing for Mid-Winter to be held at Middle Georgia in Macon on January 19, 2018.
VIII. ALA Councilor: Amy Eklund
The executive search is continuing for ALA. The criterion requires a master’s degree in Library Science, and this is limiting the candidate pool.

IX. Membership Report: Mack Freeman
There was no report.

X. New Members Round Table: Kathryn Greer
Emily Williams will be the 2018 Chair. The 2017 conference had 7 people as “buddies” to new members.

XI. BCALA: Tamika Barnes
GLA exhibited with a booth at the 10th national conference, with 10 GLA members volunteering. The attendance paid off – GLA was able to secure a new vendor for the 2017 Georgia Library Conference.

XII. GLQ: Virginia Feher
Publishing next edition after the conference. October 16, 2017 is the deadline.

XIII. Governmental Relations: Wendy Cornelisen
There was no report.

XIV. Awards: There was no report.

XV. Scholarship: There was no report.

XVI. Marketing & Branding Report: Ashley Dupuy
The new position has been going strong for a year. Several policies are being worked on, including a communications policy that will include social media/website.

XVII. Conference Committee: Elizabeth McKinney
Three goals were identified for 2018. First, to increase corporate sponsorship opportunities. Second, to identify new and current partnership opportunities. Third, creation of a conference planning handbook.

XVIII. Old Business: There was no old business.

XIX. New Business:
- Travel Reimbursement:
  There was a discussion on if GLA travel should use Federal Per Diem rates vs. reimbursing directly from receipts. Currently all GLA travel is reimbursed by receipts. After the discussion, the group consensus was to make no changes.

XX. Adjourn:
  MOTION: Geri Mullis made the motion to adjourn. Beth McIntyre seconded. The motion passed.