

**Georgia Library Association
Executive Board Meeting
July 19, 2018
Washington Memorial Library, Macon**

Present: Fred Smith, Jennifer Lautzenheiser, Oscar Gittemeier, Ashley Dupuy, Mary Young, Eli Arnold, Rita Spisak*, Emily Williams, Karen Manning*, Stephanie Irvin*, Tamika Barnes, Casey Long, Mack Freeman, Amy Eklund, Shelley Rogers, Virginia Feher, Elizabeth McKinney, Kimberly Boyd, Gordon Baker, Sofia Slutskaya*, Ben Carter, Lisa Smith, Amanda Roper*, Holly Hampton*, Karen Manning*

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Absent: Jennifer Townes, Stephanie Jones, Carol Stanley, Sarah Mauldin, Ariel Turner, Kara Mullen,

- I. **Call to Order, Welcome, and Introductions** **Fred Smith**
10:00 am: The meeting was called to order. Introductions of the attendees were made.

- II. **Approval of Minutes** **Mary Young**
MOTION: A motion to approve the April 26, 2018 minutes as amended was made by Mack Freeman, seconded by Casey Long and passed with a unanimous vote.

MOTION: A motion to approve the GLA Executive Board E-Mail votes was made by Mack Freeman, seconded by Amy Eklund and passed with a unanimous vote.

- III. **Web Design Task Force Report** **Sofia Slutskaya**
Sofia Slutskaya presented an update on the Web Design Task Force. The Task Force has purchased a plug-in to integrate with the website. The plug-in will allow the creation of membership levels. Once the plug-in is integrated, the current membership page will be migrated and forums will be available to members. Ms. Slutskaya discussed the creation of a website review board. She will create a proposal to present to the Board.

- IV. **Treasurer's Report** **Eli Arnold**
Eli Arnold presented the Profit and Loss Sheet for January 1, 2018 - July 18, 2018 and the Balance Sheet as of July 18, 2018. Mr. Arnold stated that he has completed an audit of the books and everything was fine.

- V. **Administrative Services Report** **Gordon Baker**
Gordon Baker presented the Administrative Services Activity Report. Mr. Baker has secured a P.O. Box in Savannah and the address has been updated on the website. Mr. Gordon stated that there are 960 people on the GLA listserv after a purge performed in February.

- VI. **Membership Report** **Oscar Gittemeier**
Oscar Gittemeier presented the Membership Report. Mr. Gittemeier and Jennifer Lautzenheiser presented at the GPLS Director's meeting regarding the benefits of GLA membership. Mr. Gittemeier has updated the student discount brochure and created a new ad for Georgia Libraries Conference. Current GLA membership overall is stagnant and paraprofessional membership is down.

- VII. ALA Councilor's Report** **Amy Eklund**
Amy Eklund presented the ALA Councilor's Report. Ms. Eklund reported that at the ALA Membership Meeting several notable resolutions were discussed. The Resolution to Honor African Americans Who Fought Library Segregation was passed. The Resolution on Addressing Roadblocks to Diversity in the Leadership Pipeline was referred and the Committee on Diversity will look into the matter further. Ms. Eklund reported that her term as ALA councilor is complete and Tamika Barnes is the new ALA councilor.
- VIII. New Members Round Table Division** **Emily Williams**
Emily Williams presented the New Members Round Table Division Report. She stated that the NMRT is preparing several program for the GLC conference including social events, a scholarship presentation, and a buddy program.
- IX. Scholarship Report** **Ben Carter**
Ben Carter reported that the Scholarship Committee received eleven application for the Charles Beard and C.S. Hubbard Scholarships. The winner of the Beard scholarship is Sarah Brubaker. The winner of the Hubbard scholarship is Amanda Baldowski.
- X. Paraprofessional Survey** **Amanda Roper**
Amanda Roper presented the Paraprofessional Division Survey Responses. Ms. Roper stated that she received 125 responses. Ms. Roper stated that 40% of the respondents knew about grant opportunities and 41% knew that the paraprofessional division existed. She stated that paraprofessionals wanted continuing education opportunities, meet-up opportunities, and advocacy. She stated that 36% of respondents believed that GLA was only for librarians. Based on the survey, the Paraprofessional Division recommends marketing GLA specifically to paraprofessionals, promoting grant opportunities, and providing opportunities for continuing education and meet-ups.
- XI. Interest Group Council Report** **Casey Long & Mack Freeman**
Casey Long presented the Interest Group Council Report. Ms. Long reported that the Interest Group's have been very active. The Distane Learning Interest Group has submitted new Bylaws to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee. The Board discussed that in order to streamline the election process, new software is needed. The IGC is looking at options for 2019. The Board discussed that there may be a need for meeting software.
- XII. GLQ Update** **Ginny Feher**
Ginny Feher presented an update of GLQ. She is currently working on the summer issue. She would like to create a peer review board in the future. The October Issue will focus on the conference.
- XIII. GLA Award Winners**
The following is a list of the GLA Awards and winners;
- Bob Richardson Award: Sofia Slutskaya
 - Charles Beard Award: Ellen Petree
 - GLA Team Award: KSU Graduate Library - Cheryl Stiles, Crystal Renfro, Elisabeth Shields, Aajay Murphy, Barbara Wood, April Schweikhard, Olga Koz, Jennifer Carter, Heather Hankins, Jennifer Sarra, and Estefany Palacio.
 - McJenkin-Rheay Award: Ariel Turner

- Nix-Jones Award: Yadira Payne
- Nora Symmers Parapro: No nominations
- Library Support Services: Mike White
- Honrary Membership: Merryll Penson

XIV. Administrative Services

Fred Smith and Gordon Baker

Mr. Baker provided a brief history of Administrative Services. Mr. Gordon and Bob Fox became Administrative Services in 2002 following a competitive bid process. Mr. Baker would like Tom Lewis to replace Kara Mullins when she retires at the end of the year. The Board discussed the need to go through a competitive bid process, since it has not been done since 2002.

MOTION: A motion to create a committee to create a RFP document, composed of Eli Arnold, Mack Freeman, Ashley Dupuy, and Jennifer Lautzenheiser, was made by Jennifer Lautzenheiser, seconded by Amanda Roper and passed with a unanimous vote.

XV. Penson Fund

Fred Smith

Fred Smith presented a document entitled "Meryll Penson Continuing Education Scholarship Proposal." He stated that that the Scholarship was created by RACL, funds administered by GLA and presented by GLA at GLC. He stated that donations for the scholarship have not been coming in. The Board discussed that since GLA only presents the award, RACL and GLA will need to discuss funding of the scholarship.

XVI. New Business

Tamika Barnes and Karen Manning discussed the possibility of forming an Affiliate of the Black Caucus of the American Library Association within GLA. The Board agreed to review the Memorandum of Understanding and BCALA Affiliate Application Form via e-mail.

XVIII. Adjourn

MOTION: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ashley Dupuy, seconded by Jennifer Lautzenheiser, and passed with a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 12:43 pm.