
Meeting Minutes

Public Libraries Division, Midwinter Business Meeting

Friday, January 15th, 10:15 am

Call to order

Meeting was called to order by Chair Angel Abounader at 10:19 am.

Members in Attendance

Angel Abounader, Bel Outwater, Ben Bryson, Beth McIntyre, Beth Ratliff, Kara Rumble, Ben Carter, Angela Glowcheski, Allison Robinson, Gina Martin, Mary Moore, Stacy Hill, Lachelle, Jean Mead, Evelyn Merk, Sarah Reynolds, Alicia Kennebrew, Rosalind Lett, Lindsay Josey

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve – Beth McIntyre. 2nd – Ben Bryson. Motion carries.

Introduction

Angel gave a brief overview of the Public Library Division, including the website and objectives.

Old Business

GLC 2020

- PLD sponsored the virtual author reception “Tinis & Tomes, which was very successful. Big thanks to Ben Carter and Stacy Brown for all their hard work, and to all the attendees.
- Scholarship Raffle - \$50 donation from Angel personally on behalf of PLD

Future Author Spotlights (due to the success of the virtual author reception)

2021 Officers

- Thank you to Sarah for her service as Vice-Chair this year. Rosalind Letts will be taking over as Vice-Chair/Chair Elect for 2021, and Bel Outwater will continue to serve as Secretary.

New Business

Proposed Bylaw Changes

- Bylaws can be found at https://gla.georgialibraries.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/handbook_handbook.pdf in the GLA handbook

- Not enough members to vote on proposed changes (see end of minutes); discussion on how to increase attendance and engagement led to idea to vote virtually rather than in person. Angel will work on sending out an email later in the month.

Budget

- Request \$100 from GLA for incentives for the 2021 GLC conference
- Will request additional funds for author spotlights or to support other programs that we collaborate on with other Divisions, Interest Groups, or Committees

GLC 2021

- Would like to sponsor a program – need ideas!

Partnerships

- Would like to partner with an Interest Group like Intellectual Freedom to host a program or help provide funds. Other possibilities are PACE and the Advocacy Committee.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn – Bel. Second – Rosalind. Approved.

Respectfully submitted by Bel Outwater
Secretary

1/26/21
Date of approval

P. 30 – Constitution of the Public Library Division of the Georgia Library Association

Article IV.

Section 1. Officers:

1. The officers of the Division shall be Chair, Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect and Secretary-Treasurer *(the suggestion here is to take out Treasurer anywhere where it is mentioned in the document for we have no need for a Treasurer in our division).*

Section 2. Vacancies in the office of Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect and Secretary-Treasurer shall be filled by the Chair. Vacancy in the office of Chair shall be filled by the Executive Board of the Georgia Library Association.

Article VI. Amendments

Constitution- This constitution may be amended by a majority vote of the members present at ~~an annual~~ **any called meeting**, provided a quorum is present and written notice of the amendments is sent to the members at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting. **A quorum consists of the membership of the Division present at a called meeting.**

P. 31 – Public Library Division Bylaws

ARTICLE II. Nomination and Election of Officers

Section 2. Elections

1. ~~The officers shall be elected at the annual meeting. Elections may be determined by the majority of those present and voting at the annual meeting.~~
The officers shall be elected at the annual meeting. Elections may be determined by the majority of those present and voting at the annual meeting. Candidates for office shall be presented to the GLA Nominating and Elections Committee prior to the deadline for inclusion on the GLA ballot pursuant to GLA Bylaws Article II. Only members of GLA who have chosen membership in the Public Library Division may vote for officers.

Article IV. Duties of the Officers of the Division

Section 2. Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect

The Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect shall preside in the absence of the Chair **and perform any other duties as assigned by the Chair.**

Section 3. Secretary-Treasurer

The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep a true and accurate account of the proceedings of the Division and ~~handle any funds pertaining to the Division business, keeping itemized records of receipts and expenditures.~~ **And other duties as assigned by the chair.**

Article VI. Quorum

~~One fifth of the membership shall constitute a quorum.~~ **A quorum consists of the membership of the Division present at a called meetings.**

Article IX. Amendments

Bylaws may be adopted, amended or repealed by a majority of those present at a ~~annual~~^{any called} meeting, provided announcement of the proposed change is made preceding the meeting.