

Southeastern Library Association  
Executive Board Meeting  
Columbus, Georgia  
October 9, 2009  
1:30 PM – 4:05 PM  
Minutes

Present: President Kathleen Imhoff (conference call), Gordon Baker, Elizabeth Doolittle, Michael Seigler, Camille McCutcheon, Tim Dodge, Faith Line, Beverly James, Laura Slavin, Dwain Gordon, Sue Alexander, Sue Knoche, Evelyn Merk, Joe Freedman, Bill Nelson, T. Westley Stewart and Lorene Flanders.

Gordon Baker provided those present with copies of the minutes from the last meeting, May 27, 2009, a current Administrative Services Activity Report, and names to the State Representatives of those whose SELA membership had expired.

Discussion began on the drop in membership. Several suggestions were made for attracting new members. Some included a challenge that each member enrolls one new member, that committee chairs contact their members throughout the year to keep them active, and that committee chairs should recruit members for their areas of interest and should request permission from state associations to batch mail their members. An additional suggestion was that each state library association should be encouraged to have a staffed table at their association conferences.

There was a discussion concerning SELn. Suggestions were made providing members the option of only receiving SELn in the online format. Currently, two of the four issues of SELn are available in the print format.

Gordon Baker reported he is maintaining the organization database and that it is up-to-date He announced that all committees now have chairs.

Perry Bratcher reported via Mike Wilson that SELn is on schedule.

Brief state reports were given.

Tim Dodge, chair of the University and College Library Section asked for volunteers to read papers submitted for the New Voices program for 2010. If you would like to volunteer your help please contact Tim at [dodgeti@auburn.edu](mailto:dodgeti@auburn.edu).

Faith Line was asked to chair the Nominating Committee for the 2010 slate of officers and graciously agreed.

#### Old Business

Dwain Gordon, conference chair asked for input on the 2010 biennial conference to be held in Little Rock, AR.

President Kathleen Imhoff made the following suggestion:

- Two luncheons, one Monday before the general session
- Known speaker for the general session
- Preconference programs
- SELA awards luncheon
- 50 minute sessions
- 10 minute breaks
- No evening events
- No SELA programs against Arkansas Library Association programs
- Tours to the public library

Beverly James suggested that a possible breakfast awards session could be added. Camille McCutcheon requested that poster sessions should not be scheduled to conflict with another SELA-sponsored program or luncheon. During the previous SELA conference in Louisville, the poster sessions were scheduled at the same time as the SELA Awards Luncheon. She also inquired whether slots for sections, committees, and around table meetings could be spread out rather than scheduling during the same time. Some members may belong to more than one section, committee, or roundtable.

President Kathleen Imhoff suggested Dwain Gordon follow up on a Clinton, WalMart, or Heifer Corporation connection.

Dwain Gordon will be setting up a committee to work on different aspects of the conference.

Jim Cooper, Author Awards Chair requested nominations be sent at least three to four months prior to the conference to allow committee members to obtain and read all nominations.

The 2012 biennial conference will be a joint conference with the Georgia Library Association and will be in October of 2012, date yet to be set.

President Kathleen Imhoff thanked everyone for participating in the SELA Board meeting and the meeting was adjourned.