

**Southeastern Library Association
Executive Board Meeting
Little Rock, Arkansas
September 27, 2010
4:08 p.m. – 5:40 p.m.
Minutes**

Present: Kathleen Imhoff (President); Michael Seigler (President-Elect); Gordon Baker (Treasurer); Sue Alexander (Tennessee Rep); Perry Bratcher (*SELn* Editor); Jim Cooper (Outstanding Author Committee Chair); Steve Christo (West Virginia Rep); Tim Dodge (Alabama Rep/ University and College Libraries Section Chair); Lorene Flanders (Southern Books Competition Chair); Camille McCutcheon (Planning Committee Chair); Debbie Meyer (Georgia Rep); Evelyn Merk (Georgia Member); Judith Gibbons (Kentucky Member); Dwain Gordon (Arkansas Rep); Faith Line (Immediate Past President); Hal Mendelsohn (Membership and Mentoring Committee); Terrie Sypolt (Library Education Chair); Michael Wilson (LIRT Chair); and Lisa Rice (Kentucky Rep).

Call to Order and Introductions

President Imhoff called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m. She welcomed everyone to the meeting. All of the board members introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes from October 9, 2009

Michael Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes. Tim Dodge seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Gordon Baker presented the budget estimates from 2009 and for 2010. The proposed budgets for these two years had never been passed. The SELA board passed both budgets. Gordon presented the Profit & Loss Statement for 2010 and compared it with 2009 as of September 22. At this time, SELA was doing much better than 2009. He projected that SELA should end the year in the black.

President's Report

A resolution of thanks from SELA was given to the Arkansas Library Association, their Board and Local Arrangements Committee at their Breakfast Meeting for their hard work in arranging the very successful 2010 Joint Conference. This was the first time in twelve years that SELA had met in Arkansas, and both Associations were pleased with the attendance and the high quality of the speakers.

All of the SELA Board members, the SELA Association Director, and *The Southeastern Librarian* Editor were thanked with accolades and Kentucky chocolate for their hard work during the biennium. Dwain Gordon, Conference Chair, was recognized for his hard work both in coordinating and in planning the conference.

President-Elect's Report

Michael Seigler thanked President Imhoff for her leadership and her assistance to him during his term as President-Elect.

SELA Administrative Liaison Report

Gordon Baker reported that Admin Services had done regular maintenance by updating the database, processing memberships and mailing membership cards. Current paid members are 240 with 18 honorary members. Georgia leads the states with SELA members. The SELA Display has been shipped to those states requesting it.

Southeastern Librarian Report

- **Moving to electronic journal w/o print issue**

Perry Bratcher made a motion that SELA continue to publish two issues (Spring and Fall) in print format using lower quality stock. Publication in the fully online format will be reassessed by SELA after another survey of the membership regarding this issue is administered.

Michael Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was discussed and approved.

Perry announced that Margaret Foote had resigned from the *SELn* Board. A replacement will be solicited from the current list of *SELn* reviewers.

Perry reported that there is a possibility of loading *SELn* onto an institutional repository at Kennesaw State University. There would not be a cost to the association to do so.

Perry thanked the reviewers and members of the *SELn* board for their work.

Old Business

- **Next Conference Georgia Conference – 2012**

Gordon Baker reported that the next SELA conference will be either in Athens, Augusta, or Macon. More details will be forthcoming.

Steve Christo announced that the West Virginia Library Association would be interested in possibly inviting SELA to join its conference, which will be held October 4-7, 2011 in Charleston, West Virginia at the Marriott Hotel.

Dwain Gordon made a motion to entertain the invitation from the West Virginia Library Association. Faith Line seconded the motion. The motion was discussed and approved.

- **Volunteer for 2014**

Thus far, no state association has volunteered to host the 2014 conference.

New Business

- **Implementing credit card procedure**
Gordon Baker made a motion to implement a credit card procedure through PayPal. There would be a transaction fee of thirty cents. Debbie Meyer seconded the motion. The motion was discussed and approved.
- **Nominations & Elections of Officers**
Faith Line presented the slate of officers: Michael Seigler, President; Gordon Baker, President-Elect; Camille McCutcheon, Secretary; and Bev James, Treasurer. The floor was opened for nominations. Hal Mendelsohn nominated Sue Knoche for secretary. Tim Dodge seconded the nomination. The motion passed, with one person opposed. Sue Knoche's name will be added to the ballot for secretary.
- **Arkansas Proposal**
Dwain Gordon explained his proposal to the board. The proposal was discussed, and it was decided that more information was needed before a vote could be taken.

Below is Dwain's proposal:

Goal : To Revitalize the Southeastern Library Association by increasing membership, and build stronger working relationships with the State Chapters.

This proposal is for a one year experiment which will be **offered as an option** to all of the state chapters. The option is an alternative to the current method of individual membership payment.

Option : All individual members of the state chapter association will be considered members of the Southeastern Library Association. The State Chapter Association will pay an amount equal to one dollar for the average annual individual memberships of the State Association for the two prior years. This payment would take place by Feb. 15.

SELA General Election Voting: Since the option could dramatically increase the total number of members from individual states, the SELA representative for each participating state would vote for the members of that state. Each participating state would have the same number of votes as it has in the United States Congress (senators plus representatives). The vote by the state representative can be in whole or split.

Communication: The SELA President, Vice President, Executive Director, and SELA listserv manager (or one other person designated by the SELA President) would become a members of the listserv for the state association and could post as any other member of the State Association listserv. The State Association President, Vice President, and Office Manager (or one other person designated by the State Association President) will be included in the SELA listserv.

Benefits:

Increased membership and visibility

Added benefit for becoming a member of the state association

Includes individuals who otherwise would not be able to join SELA due to membership costs

Reduces SELA office costs

Green:

Reduces the need to print and mail membership solicitations or membership cards (to participating states)

Reduces mailing of dues payments from members

- **SELA Facebook Page**

Camille McCutcheon, Planning Committee Chair, reminded everyone to email her any suggestions for the SELA Facebook page by October 15th.

- **SELA Spring Leadership Conference**

Gordon Baker announced that there will be a Spring Leadership Conference if SELA does not attend the West Virginia Library Association Conference next fall.

State Representative Reports

Attached to the minutes.

Section/Round Table Reports

Attached to the minutes.

Committee Reports

Attached to the minutes.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Camille McCutcheon
Acting Secretary