



SELA Executive Board Meeting – July 23, 2014

I. Welcome & Introductions

Gordon Baker

Gordon Baker called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. and noted that those present could speak or use the chat function.

Those present included:

- Gordon Baker
- Camille McCutcheon
- Bev James
- Lorene Flanders
- Evelyn Merk
- Faith Line
- Hal Mendelsohn
- Laura Slavin
- Tim Dodge
- Allison Day
- Michael Seigler
- Michael Wilson
- Margie Calhoun

II. Minutes

Lorene Flanders

Lorene will contact Debbie Meyer to confirm her presence at the June 4 2014 meeting. Gordon will send out the March 25 2014 Executive Board minutes. Tim Dodge will send minor typo correction to Lorene.

Margie Calhoun moved, Tim Dodge seconded to approve the June 4, 2014 minutes with minor corrections as noted. Approved.

III. Treasurer's Report

Beverly James

Bev James contacted Michel Hooper concerning hosting and maintaining the SELA web site as Michael and Gina have given notice that their assistance will expire at the end of the biennial conference in October 2014. *[NOTE: At the Board meeting on October 1, 2014 in Augusta, Georgia, Bev announced that the current webmasters have agreed to remain at present. The Board asked that this note be included in these minutes.]* Bev will get information on what is involved in web site hosting / maintenance to share in association with a call for assistance with the web site. Bev noted that web masters do considerable work and she is not aware of compensation for the web master. She noted that Administrative Services compensation has decreased in recent years. She asked that the group to discuss whether there might be compensation for the institution or the individual, and that this could be retroactive. She did not want to make a motion at this time.

Gordon Baker noted that we expect very timely changes and additions to web site. He noted that GLA has begun compensating its web master. There were favorable comments concerning this. Bev noted that we might endeavor to compare amount of time editing the journal and addressing the web site in identifying potential figures for compensating the web master. A suggestion was made to contact other library associations to obtain figures. Gordon indicated that he and Kara Mullen could make these contacts and report back at the Board meeting at COMO/SELA in October or sooner via email.

Margie Calhoun asked if SELA was interested in doing a joint conference with the Alabama Library Association, which will be in Point Clear, Alabama near Gulf Shores April 7-10, 2015. Margie is willing to propose this and Gordon noted that the candidate for SELA president elect is from Alabama.

VIII. State Reports

Faith Line noted that the South Carolina Library Association is meeting October 22-24 in Columbia.

Gordon Baker noted that Georgia Library Association will meet in October 2015 and 2016 in Athens, Georgia at the Classic Center.

IX. Committee Reports

Evelyn Merk presented on behalf of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee concerning proposals previously sent. There are three proposed changes to Article 1 of the bylaws.

The Committee proposed and Hal Mendelsohn seconded a motion for a change to Article 1. Membership. Types of Membership: Section 1. Personal Membership as noted in the report below. Approved.

The committee proposed a change to Article 1 concerning Types of Membership: Section 2. Constituent Membership. Camille seconded the proposal outlined on the report below. Approved.

The committee proposed a change to Article 1 concerning Article 1. Membership. Types of: Section 3. Special Memberships: a. Sustaining and Contributing Memberships. The proposal, outlined in the report below, was seconded by Camille. Approved.

Note that the three changes approved as outlined above are contained in this report:

Report of the Constitution and Handbook Committee

The following proposed changes to the bylaws are to be voted on at the board meeting to be held July 23, 2014.

- **Article 1. Membership. Types of Membership: Section 1. Personal Membership:**
Any persons engaged in library work or interested in the objectives of the Association. Personal members only shall have the right to vote, to participate in Association activities, and to hold office in the Association.
Proposed change: Insert "who have paid the required dues" at the end of the first sentence.
Rational: Other organizations the committee members belong to specify that dues must be paid. The committee feels that SELA should also make that specification.
Proposed reading:
Article 1. Membership. Types of Membership: Section 1. Personal Membership:
Any persons engaged in library work or interested in the objectives of the Association who have paid the required dues. Personal members only shall have the right to vote, to participate in Association activities, and to hold office in the Association.
- **Article 1. Membership. Types of Membership: Section 2. Constituent Membership:**
State library associations of the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia are eligible to be constituent members of the Association. Other state library associations may petition the Board and be approved for membership in the Association.
Proposed change: Change the phrase "may petition the Board and be approved" to read "may petition the Board to be approved."
Rational: One of our committee members suggests that the current wording would mean automatic approval for membership and suggests the substitute wording so that the Board could reject an application if they felt they had legitimate reasons to do so.
Proposed reading:
Article 1. Membership. Types of Membership: Section 2. Constituent Membership:
State library associations of the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia are eligible to be constituent members of the Association. Other state library associations may petition the Board to be approved for membership in the Association.
- **Article 1. Membership. Types of: Section 3. Special Memberships: a. Sustaining and Contributing Memberships:**
These membership classes are open to individuals who wish to pay the supporting dues and carry with them all rights and privileges of personal membership.

Proposed change: Change the title of subsection a. to read "Lifetime Memberships"

Rational: On the membership form, there are no sustaining or contributing membership categories listed. There is however, a lifetime membership category which is not currently listed in the bylaws.

Proposed reading:

Article 1. Membership. Types of: Section 3. Special Memberships: a. Lifetime Memberships:

These membership classes are open to individuals who wish to pay the supporting dues and carry with them all rights and privileges of personal membership.

Evelyn had previously sent a copy of the SELA Constitution and noted that Article 3 of the bylaws concerning duties of officers will be under discussion by the committee for presenting considerations at the October Board meeting.

Thanks were extended to Evelyn and the committee for their work.

Hal Mendelsohn reported for Membership and Mentoring Committee that there have been 5 new memberships recently. The Committee was congratulated for its work.

X. Section Reports

Michael Mounce forwarded reports in advance of the meeting via email on July 7 (see below), and provided an update to those reports via email on July 17:

Reference and Public Services Section: Michael was accepted to give a presentation at the Georgia COMO SELA Conference this October. He requested that the SELA Reference and Public Services Section be mentioned along with his name and presentation information in the conference program. Michael would like for this section to be associated with his presentation, since it will be relevant to reference and public services. The presentation will be based on a survey he conducted on the topic of online reference services provided to patrons in academic and public libraries in Mississippi.

SELA Reference and Public Services Section (July 7 via email)

As mentioned in the June SELA Board meeting, I received no response from the Reference and User Services Association regarding recommendations on who could give a reference-related presentation at the upcoming SELA Conference. However, I had recently started on a survey research project which is relevant to reference services. Therefore, I decided to submit a proposal for a conference presentation about my project. If my proposal is accepted, I will give my presentation at the conference. The title of my presentation would be "An Examination of Electronic Reference Services in Academic and Public Libraries in Mississippi."

Report for the SELA Intellectual Freedom Committee (July 7 via email)

I invited Dave Trudeau, the Chair of the North Carolina Intellectual Freedom Committee, to give an intellectual freedom-related presentation at the upcoming SELA Conference. At first, Dave considered giving a presentation, but unfortunately, he later stated that he will not be able to give a presentation at the conference due to other obligations. Therefore, this committee will not have an intellectual freedom related presentation affiliated with it this year.

XI. Round Table Reports

Tim Dodge reported for the Government Documents Round Table. He and Lori Gwinnet had a proposal on ERIC and disappearing government documents accepted for the 2014 conference. Lori has located a speaker from University of Georgia and Tim has secured a speaker from University of South Alabama who will present in Augusta.

Camille encouraged SELA proposers to send a notice to the listserve announcing their programs to the membership. She will email everyone when the program is online.

Gordon Baker noted that GLA Board mentioned at its Board meeting last week that the number of SELA program proposals was significant, and enhanced the conference.

XII. Announcements

Allison Day announced that Tammera Race from the New College of Florida will be the 2015 chair of the University & College Library Section, of which she is currently co-chair. Tammera plans to attend the 2014 SELA conference in Augusta. Allison was thanked for her efforts over the biennium.

XIII. Next Meeting

The Board will meet on the Wednesday at SELA/COMO in Augusta, Georgia on Wednesday October 1 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. There will be votes on the handbook and bylaws. Awards will be presented on Thursday afternoon after the authors reception. Gordon noted that GLA has not done this since 1986. This will also allow the full conference to see the SELA Awards.

XIV. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Lorene Flanders

Secretary