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Welcome & Introductions

SELA President Gordon Baker called the meeting together at 3:15 p.m. with the following in attendance:

- Gordon Baker
- Camille McCutcheon
• Evelyn Merk
• Perry Bratcher
• Tammera Race (for Alison Day)
• Ann Hamilton
• Tim Dodge
• Sue Knoche
• Nancy Lambert
• Hal Mendelsohn
• Lorene Flanders
• Linda S. Harris
• Faith Line
• Bev James
• Michael Mounce
• Michael Seigler
• Kara Mullen

Minutes

The minutes of the July 23, 2014 SELA Executive Board meeting were approved with the following corrections to be made: add to page 3 as a follow-up note from information received subsequent to the July 23 Board meeting, that Michael and Gina will stay on as webmasters for this year, and correction of the spelling of Michael Mounce on the last page.

Treasurer’s Report

Bev James presented the Treasurer’s report, which was accepted.

Administrative Services Report

Kara Mullen presented the Administrative Services Report, which showed that membership is currently up, with 226 members. She noted that there are significant numbers of new members. The report was accepted. See attachment.

COMO/SELA

Camille McCutcheon announced that there would be a Dessert reception for SELA in Room 1108 Thursday night during the Augusta conference. She noted that there are 85 or 86 registered SELA members attending the conference.
Old Business

Gordon Baker surveyed the ALA Chapter Relations listserv for ALA and received 36 responses concerning stipends paid by associations to their webmaster(s). The Median payment is approximately $100 per month. Bev James proposed SELA approve a stipend of $100 per month total for both webmasters and this was seconded and opened for discussion. It was noted that some associations have built this into their Administrative Services area. A question was raised concerning the expectation for overhaul of the SELA web site. There was discussion that the SELA web site needs overhaul but that it first needs to move to content management system and that the current web masters cannot do this. This may require additional compensation. There was discussion regarding the sequencing of the move of the old site to a new. Michael sent Bev a list of all that is involved in the SELA site and it was noted that SELA may need to pay for an overhaul of the site. Austin Peay State University currently hosts the SELA site and this may be need to be reconsidered based on who takes on the webmaster role. Gordon noted that SELA might expect Camille as the incoming president to appoint an ad hoc committee to address the web site issue.

Bev amended her motion to make the webmaster compensation proposal retroactive to July 1, 2014, and the amended proposal was seconded by Faith Line. The amended motion concerning paying the webmasters a total payment of $100 per month stipend, with that payment being retroactive to July 1, 2014, was approved.

New Business

Alabama Library Association Conference Invitation

SELA has been invited as a participant in a joint conference with Alabama Library Association April 7-10, 2015 at the Grand Hotel in Point Clear, Alabama on the Gulf coast. The conference theme is “Librarians: Information Superheroes.” The call for proposals began October 1 and will extend through November 15, 2014. The motion to accept the invitation to participate in the 2015 joint conference with Alabama Library Association was approved.

Summer Conference

SELA has been invited by the new Dean of Libraries at University of Alabama Birmingham to have its summer conference at UAB August 14-15, 2015. It was noted that Linda Harris will be president-elect at that time. The proposal to meet at UAB in 2015 was approved. It is a SELA tradition that the past president secures author speakers for the summer conference. Gordon spoke to Carolyn Haines who suggested Dean James, a mystery writer who has agreed to come if
SELA will provide support for his hotel, and travel from Jackson Mississippi. Gordon is working on securing another speaker.

Bev James proposed that the association provide up to $500 per year to support the SELA President for SELA related travel. It was noted that the association has not provided this for some time, but the current health of budget means we can afford to do this. This proposal was approved.

Concerning future conferences, SELA may be invited for a joint conference with Mississippi in 2016. The Virginia Library Association Executive Director contracted Camille about a possible joint conference in 2016 when VLA will be meeting in Richmond. VLA’s conferences are held in the fall, with October 22-24 being the dates for the 2015 conference next year. Concerning the contact with the Virginia Library Association, Camille noted that she always sends SELA-related information to all state representatives as well as to the Executive Director, President, and President Elect of all the library associations in the southeast.

There was discussion regarding a proposed change, that the past President chair the Planning Committee, as that person is very familiar with the process, and this would provide consistency and offer institutional memory concerning planning. Currently, the Planning Committee is chaired by one person, and it is difficult to find chairs.

**State Reports**

**South Carolina:** Faith Line reported that SCLA will meet October 22-24 in Columbia, and there is still time to register.

**Tennessee:** Sue Knoche reported that TLA held a September 13 meeting in Brentwood and will meet December 13 as an electronic meeting using Sturgis rules like ALA. TLA’s next conference is scheduled April 22-24, 2015 in Memphis at the Hilton.

The question was raised if SELA has a Statement of appropriate conduct at conferences due to many national speakers requiring this. Gordon Baker indicated that SELA does not have its own statement, but Georgia has ascribed to the ALA conduct statement and that covers the current conference.

**Georgia:** Gordon Baker noted that Rita Spisak of Kennesaw State University has been elected as the new Georgia representative. COMO 27 will be held in Athens, Georgia October 7-9, 2015 and the state conference will also be scheduled there in 2016.
Committee Reports

Membership and Mentoring: Hal Mendelsohn submitted the following report:

1. Projects completed – an updated list of books for the Mentoring Program’s Bibliography
2. Organized the SELA Table for the SELA/GaCOMO Conference:
   a. Obtained items to be raffled off
   b. Scheduled volunteers to staff the table
   c. Created documents to be distributed to conference attendees.

Since we held our last electronic meeting during the summer, my committee hasn’t been involved in any new projects (I think I told you about the books for the mentoring program during the summer meeting).

Constitution & Handbook: Evelyn Merk sent proposed changes electronically on August 31, 2014 to have changes made available 30 days prior to this meeting.

Proposed changes are copied below. Discussion included the following observations:

Regarding changing election and the ballot timeline in article III, Kara Mullen noted that Ultrix, which provides a unique URL for each member, is used in Georgia and is hosted by her university, which gives permission to use the system for professional development purposes.

Regarding Article V, it was noted that someone who is not bonded could be bonded at the expense of the association. Concerning being bonded, it is renewed yearly the rate is based on how much is covered. 1 bond could cover Administrative Services and the Treasurer. Bev James, the current Treasurer is bonded per her job.

The committee submitted the following changes, with associated rationale, and these were approved except for the proposed change to Article V. Finances. Section 3. Bonding.

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 October 1, 2014.

  The President, with the advice and consent of the Board, shall appoint a Nominating Committee composed of one (1) Association member from each constituent state, one (1) of whom shall be designated chairman.
  Proposed change: Delete last clause, "one (1) of whom shall be designated chairman." Insert new sentence: "The Immediate Past President of the Association shall serve as chairman."
  Rational: This is the current practice of SELA and should be codified in the bylaws.
  Proposed reading:
  The President, with the advice and consent of the Board, shall appoint a Nominating Committee composed of one (1) Association member from each constituent state. The Immediate Past President of the Association shall serve as chairman.

The Nominating Committee shall prepare a slate consisting of at least two (2) candidates for each office which shall be announced to the membership at least four (4) months prior to the mailing of the ballots.

Proposed change: Substitute "distribution" for "the mailing."
Rational: This allows for sending ballots electronically or via regular mail.
Proposed reading:

The Nominating Committee shall prepare a slate consisting of at least two (2) candidates for each office which shall be announced to the membership at least four (4) months prior to distribution of the ballots.

Elections shall be by secret ballot which shall be mailed to the individual members in good standing six (6) months before the end of each biennium.

Proposed change: Delete "Elections shall be by secret ballot which shall be mailed." Substitute "Ballots shall be made available."
Rational: This allows for electronic distribution of the ballots.
Proposed reading:

Ballots shall be made available to the individual members in good standing six (6) months before the end of each biennium.

Each such representative shall be a personal member of the Association and of the state association which that person represents.

Proposed change: Delete "such." Insert "to the Association from a state library association."
Rational: We are now allowing SELA members from states where the state library association is not a constitution member to form their own group and send a representative to SELA. These representatives should not be required to belong to their state library association.
Proposed reading:

Each representative to the Association from a state library association shall be a personal member of the Association and of the state association which that person represents.

When a vacancy occurs in the office of a representative, the Board of that state library association shall designate a replacement until the next scheduled election for that state.

Proposed change: Insert after "representative", "from a state library association."
Rational: We are now allowing SELA members from states where the state library association is not a constitution member to form their own group and send a representative to SELA. The state associations from those states should not be able to appoint replacements.
Proposed reading:

When a vacancy occurs in the office of a representative from a state library association, the Board of that state library association shall designate a replacement until the next scheduled election for that state.

SELA members in a state where the state library association is not an active constituent member may organize and select a representative to the board.

Proposed change: Insert a new sentence to read: "When a vacancy occurs in the office of
representative from such a constituent member, the SELA members in the state shall designate a replacement."

Rational: This statement is necessary to mirror Item 4.

Proposed reading:
Article IV. Official Meetings. Section 2. Board: Sub-section b. Election of constituent member representatives on the Board: Item 5.
SELA members in a state where the state library association is not an active constituent member may organize and select a representative to the board. When a vacancy occurs in the office of representative from such a constituent member, the SELA members in the state shall designate a replacement.

• Article V. Finances. Section 3. Bonding:
The Treasurer shall be bonded, the amount being determined by the Board.
Proposed change: Delete Section 3.
Rational: Since SELA funds are handled by Administrative Services which is bonded, it is not necessary to also bond the treasurer.
Proposed reading:
Article V. Finances. Section 3. Bonding:
The Treasurer shall be bonded, the amount being determined by the Board.

Awards. Charles Beard Award: Ann Hamilton noted that there were no nominations for the Charles Beard Award.

Awards. Southeastern Library Association Southern Book Competition: Lorene Flanders noted that the books selected for 2014 awards will be on display at the SELA booth during the conference.

*Awards. Mendelsohn Award: The recipient of this award was Camille McCutcheon.

*Awards. Rothrock Award: The recipient of this award was Gordon Baker.

*The names of the recipients of these awards were not announced until Joint Conference Awards Ceremony on October 2.

Intellectual Freedom: Michael Mounce noted that there are 9 people on the committee. Michael is stepping down and Tim Dodge stepping up to chair.

Southeastern Librarian: Perry Bratcher indicated that the next issue will be published in late October or early November, and that articles, news, book reviews and photos are welcomed for future issues.

Section Reports
Reference & Public Services: Michael Mounce reported that there are currently 5 members in the section and that he is stepping down as chair in December. Michael is doing a reference presentation at this conference on Thursday which is sponsored by Reference & Public Services Section.
Library Education: Terry is doing a program on Friday morning. It was noted that the section is in need of a chair.

Round Table Reports

GODORT: Tim Dodge noted that a presentation by Paula Webb of the University of South Alabama and the University of Georgia’s Hallie Pritchett will be held during this conference. The new Round Table chair will be Paula Webb.

Announcements

Gordon Baker announced that the new Leadership Directory was put online last Friday. He thanked members of the Board for their service.

The next Board meeting will be held after January 1, 2015.

New officers will be installed on Friday at the SELA breakfast. They are:

Camille McCutcheon – President
Linda Harris – President Elect
Sue Alexander – Secretary
Bev James – Treasurer

Adjournment

The October 1, 2014 meeting of the SELA Board adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

Lorene Flanders, Secretary
Southeastern Library Association

SELA MEMBERSHIP TOTALS BY STATE
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