SELA Board Meeting – Conference Call  
May 18, 2016  
MINUTES

I. **Call to Order**  
Camille McCutcheon  
President Camille McCutcheon called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. EST.

II. **Welcome & Introductions**  
Camille McCutcheon  
Those attending the meeting:  
Camille McCutcheon, President  
Beverly James, Treasurer  
Gordon Baker, Past President, Administrative Services  
Breana Bowen  
Tim Dodge  
Hayley Johnson  
Sue Knoche  
Bill McRee  
Anita Ondrusek  
Sarah Simms  
Linda Harris, President-Elect  
Melissa Dennis, Secretary  
Perry Bratcher  
Ashley Dees  
Crystal Gates  
Peggy Kain  
Michael Law  
Kara Mullen  
Tammara Race

III. **Minutes**  
Camille McCutcheon  
Report emailed. Bill McRee motioned to approve as is, Linda Harris seconded the motion.

IV. **Treasurer’s Report**  
Beverly James  
Report emailed to Board and accepted as is.

V. **Administrative Services Report**  
Gordon Baker, Kara Mullen  
Report emailed with member lists for each state. Gordon suggested that if you have a staff member with a birthday coming up, give them the gift of a SELA membership!

VI. **President’s Report**  
Camille McCutcheon  
Current issues of SL are now password protected. Thanks to everyone who helped make this happen. Camille is waiting to hear from state reps on updating websites with SELA information and making the SELA awards information consistent for historical purposes. In fall 2014, members voted to allow SELA members in inactive states to elect a member.
to the board. Michael Law, chair of Constitution and Handbook committee, has sent an updated version of the SELA handbook. Camille will include the revised changes and give us a couple of weeks to review before turning into a PDF on the SELA website.

VII. **2016 GA COMO/SELA Joint Conference** Gordon Baker, Linda Harris
Program proposals coming in slowly, please submit so that everyone in the Southeast can learn about what you are doing. If you have a vendor you would like to see at the conference, email Gordon and he will try to get them to come. Conference hotel information listed on the website. SELA will have a booth in the exhibit hall. Camille has helped make sure the conference was announced in all states.

VIII. **2017 WVLA/SELA Joint Conference** Camille McCutcheon
Reminder that next year’s joint conference will be in West Virginia, Nov. 8 – 10, 2017. Breanna (WV rep) expressed excitement about the upcoming WV conference and wants anyone with questions to email her.

IX. **2018 SCLA/SELA Joint Conference** Camille McCutcheon
Camille – SCLA will have updates for 2018 conference later this year for that fall conference.

X. **State Rep Reports**
**Georgia – Rita Spisak, Representative (written)**
Georgia Library Association SELA Report May 2016
The COMO call for proposals is now open and will be accepting submissions until 5/30. The COMO 2016 site is now live: [http://www.georgiacomo.org/](http://www.georgiacomo.org/)
I am the COMO/SELA Exhibit coordinator. Please let me know if you have any suggestions for exhibitors. I do have the list of exhibitors from the last ALLA/SELA conference

**Mississippi - Melissa Dennis, Representative**
MLA updating their website to include SELA

**North Carolina - Wanda Brown, Representative (written)**
NC had its first meeting with new president and discussed the possibility of having a joint conference for 2017 with mixed reactions from the board. Also discussed their leadership institute and want Camille to attend 3rd week in September to represent SELA to see if it is something they want to extend to SELA State Reps in the future.

**Tennessee, Sue Knoche, Representative**
TLA recently had another successful conference, 314 attended. SELA and ALA shared a table and it worked out well. TLA will be holding their annual retreat in Nashville. TLA has link to SELA on website. Board seemed interested in hosting a joint conference in 2020 for 100th anniversary in Chattanooga.

XI. **Committee Reports**
Southern Books Competition Awards Committee – Lorene Flanders, Chair (written)
Calls for submission to the Southern Books Competition were mailed to publishers earlier this month.

Intellectual Freedom Committee – Tim Dodge, Chair
1) Committee Co-Chair Vacancy: Despite two or three solicitations in 2016 (in addition to at least two made in 2015) of the Intellectual Freedom Committee membership, no one has volunteered to serve as Co-Chair. There are currently 13 members including Tim. If necessary, he is willing to consider serving in this office again in 2017-2018 provided it would not be against SELA Bylaws. As far as he can tell, any member of SELA in good standing is eligible to serve as a Committee Chair, so this probably won’t pose a conflict of interest should Tim be elected SELA President-Elect (even though the President-Elect does “prepare a list of committee appointments for the next biennium, subject to approval by the Board” (see Handbook, p. 29)).

2) Conference Program Planning: After consulting with the Committee, Tim decided on planning for a single 40-minute presentation concerning Intellectual Freedom for the forthcoming joint conference with GaCOMO in Athens, Ga. in October.

In order to meet the conference proposal form submission deadline, Tim sent out a call for speakers via the SELA listserv with a strict reply deadline so he can submit a reasonably complete form in time to stand a better chance of securing a program slot. The committee felt that there just was not enough time to develop a panel program, so seeking a single speaker was the best option.

Tim’s hope is that one or more potential speakers will reply so that he can then submit their name with their proposed topic to the Intellectual Freedom Committee membership for a quick vote or ranking before he fills out and submit a program proposal form. As a fall-back, Tim has volunteered to serve as a speaker and will be prepared to speak on current federal legislation updating and improving the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA): bill numbers are H.R. 653 and S. 337. If he does end up submitting this as the program proposal he will indicate that this topic could apply to at least two categories of Subject Track including General Interest and Government Docs./Info.

Constitution & Handbook Committee – Michael Law, Chair
The Handbook has been revised, with adopted changes since 2014 incorporated. The Handbook should likely be broken apart and separate documents created for organizational history and committee bylaws. Michael would like to create a policy statement section in the handbook and asks committees to look at their sections in the handbook to see if they would like to move anything to a policy section. Suggested policies would be sent to Michael for the next round of revisions. Michael also would like to extract historical information from bylaws to shorten the handbook and have a separate document regarding history. Camille suggested the history section be a link within the handbook.

Legislative Committee – Judith Gibbons, Chair (written)
Dr. Carla Hayden was nominated to be our 14th Librarian of Congress. The American Library Association backed the stance of Apple in keeping the privacy protections built into the iPhone’s
operating system. This a brief article about the Reauthorization of LSTA funding. It is written by Stephanie Vance for ALA’s District Dispatch:
http://www.districtdispatch.org/2016/02/183-million-reasons-you-should-keep-track-of-the-u-s-budget-process/

The ALA Committee on Library Advocacy is putting together talking points for “Why Independent Library Boards are Better Positioned to Serve Libraries and Their Communities”.

Information was distributed on the list about various important legislative issues impacting Southeastern libraries. National Library Legislative Day is scheduled for May 2 and 3, 2016. A number of SELA members are part of state delegations. Please share information about legislative activities in your community, your state and any pressing concerns that impact libraries, librarians and library supporters nationally and within the Southeast.

Marketing and Communication Committee – Daniel Page, Chair (written)
Social media platforms have been well received and our followings are growing.

Membership and Mentoring Committee – Tim Dodge, Co-Chair

1) Updating SELA Signboards: Sue Knoche produced a draft of updated SELA signboard images and Tim submitted them to the SELA Executive Committee for review. On May 13 SELA President Camille McCutcheon sent back the images to Tim with suggested corrections/changes from the Executive Committee. Sue is preparing another draft incorporating the corrections/changes for further review.

2) Strategies for Increasing Membership:
   a) Possible Social Event at Forthcoming Joint SELA/GaCOMO Conference: Tim Dodge, Sue Knoche, and Ashley Dees have been communicating via e-mail about this. All three are looking online for likely venues and plan to rank them soon. Tim will then place phone calls to find out if any of these venues can accommodate such an event.

   They are envisioning a fairly casual get-together in the early evening, probably Wednesday, October 5. The purpose would be to informally have both some SELA members/officers and non-SELA members who might be potentially interested get together for casual food and drink and use this as an occasion to gently promote SELA membership. Factors under consideration include cheapness or expensiveness of food and drink, size of venue to accommodate such a group (size is undetermined but could be anywhere from, say, five to fifty), general appeal of menu choices including vegetarian option(s), and closeness to The Classic Center. They will also need to figure out a way to determine the size of the group but, at this stage, are unsure just how to do this. Camille asked that details about the social meet-up be shared with the membership to try to get a rough head count as this gets finalized. Michael Law offered to speak to committee from the perspective of a native to the area. Gordon mentioned that the NMRT of GA goes to dinner Wednesday night.

   b) Additional: The February 26 report listed four additional ideas. Once we’ve got the possible social event more firmly in place, Tim is thinking they might next consider working on crafting a message of invitation to or promotion of SELA to be posted on the listserv of every Southeastern state library association. He will be sure to first share the draft of the text with the SELA Executive committee before proceeding further.
3) Mentor/Mentee Information: Kara Mullen of SELA Administrative Services was kind enough to supply Tim with names and contact information regarding current SELA mentors and mentees (two lists). He contacted 25 listed mentees and 24 listed mentors (two lists but no indication if anyone was paired with anyone else) to determine who might be mentoring whom and what the status of the mentor/mentee relationship was at this point. He also has some information supplied last year by Hal Mendelsohn indicating that there were or had recently been six mentor/mentee pairs. Three of these were no longer listed on the lists supplied by Kara. Tim received only a few replies from either list but it appears that, currently, there is only one active mentor/mentee pairing: Nancy Richey (mentor) and Ian Franklin (mentee). That being the case, Tim thinks we’ll have to consider some additional publicity of the mentoring program.

Nominating Committee – Gordon Baker, Chair
The following members of the SELA nominating committee met on January 29, 2016 at Clayton State University: Gordon Baker, Camille McCutcheon, Linda Harris and Beverly James. The following slate is submitted to the SELA Board:

President – Elect: Tim Dodge, Alabama
Secretary: Melissa Dennis, Mississippi
Treasurer: Beverly James, South Carolina

XII. Section Reports

Public Libraries Section – Crystal Gates, Chair
Looking at co-sponsoring an event for COMO.

Library Education Section – Anita
Would like to sponsor something for joint conference. Wondering how to do that and whether to submit to GA/COMO or to SELA. Gordon instructed her to submit proposal directly to GA/COMO. Anita asked if the Board thinks there is a change in hiring MLS graduates, accreditation standards. She will email the section members to try to get a proposal on library education.

Resources and Technical Services Section – Melissa Johnson, Chair (written)
The RTSS has been collaborating with the Technical Services Interest Group (TSIG) from the Georgia Library Association to try and put a panel together on collaboration for the SELA/COMO conference. The first Call for proposals did not yield any submissions.

Special Libraries Section – Nancy Richey, Chair (written)
Members were contacted concerning Chair-elect and secretary, at this time there no one is volunteering. Nancy Richey will continue in the position for the next year.

XIII. Round Table Reports
None

XIV. Old Business
a. Approved SELA Handbook Change regarding the option of having a Financial Review vs. an Audit
b. Official SELA Admin Email Address – selaadminservices@selaonline.org
This was added to the SELA website and Gordon will email the listserv to announce it.

XV. New Business
a. SELA Public Library Section: Sponsoring SELA/GA COMO conference programs – Crystal Gates
The section is looking for anyone wanting to present from the section otherwise Crystal will try to present.
b. SELA State Representatives Page
Added to the website under the “About Us” tab. This is just meant to be in information site that lists state representatives and contact information.
c. SELA Awards Committee Update – Bill McRee
   I. Revisions to Awards Committee Section in SELA Handbook
      Should be ready for Board soon.
   II. Web Badges
      Sent with agenda, badge options for award winners to use digitally.
      Beverly confirmed that they can produce retrospective years for former winners. The files can be reduced (for email signatures or websites) but cannot be enlarged. Sue questioned giving these multiple options to winners instead of just choosing one design. Bill will discuss standardization options with awards committee. These badges will not replace the award itself and are only designed for the web. Beverly and her graphic designer took questions from the group and will resend an updated version with larger files. Consensus from members were that they look great.
   III. Plaques/Certificates for SELA Awards
      Consensus within the committee is to offer plaques for all awards except the honorary membership award (certificate).
   IV. Online Nomination Form, etc.
      Camille talking with website committee about this. Bill hopes this can happen before the 2018 conference to solicit more nominations. Awards committee members are excited about this. Camille hopes to begin working on this after this year’s conference. Email Bill with any questions or comments about SELA Awards Committee.

XVI. Announcements
Beverly gave an update on credit card information. SELA has to have a minimum of $250,000 in the account to get a credit card as a non-profit account. The bank associate suggested SELA get a debit card limited to purchases (not withdrawals) similar to a check card. There would be a limit of $500 for purchases. This limit has been pre-
approved by the Board. Looking to move savings to a CD or saving account options that would allow us to earn a little interest.

Tim: Presenting at International Country Music Conference on the topic of African American Music Covers before Ray Charles

Anyone going to ALA, please email Gordon if you would like to meet up.

XVII. **Next Meeting**
Early to mid-August. Camille will send a Doodle poll in June.

XVIII. **For the Good of the Order**
None

XIX. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 11:29 a.m. EST

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Dennis

SELA Secretary