

SELA Board Meeting

October 5, 2016

Georgia COMO/SELA Joint Conference

The meeting was called to order by President Camille McCutcheon shortly after 11:00 AM. With Melissa Dennis running late, Gordon Baker graciously recorded the following minutes.

The following people were present: Camille McCutcheon, Gordon Baker, Linda Harris, Beverly James, Michael Law, Tim Dodge, Sue Knoche, Paula Webb, Tammera Race, Breana Bowen, Vicki Gregory, Rita Spisak, Wanda K. Brown, Bill McRee, Crystal Gates, Kathy Bradshaw, Ashley Dees, and Melissa Dennis.

The minutes from the August 4, 2016 Conference Call Board Meeting were accepted with minor corrections. Law/Dodge

Beverly James presented the Treasurer's Report. The Association is on firm financial footing. A motion was made to reimburse Tim Dodge and Sue Knoche for the deposit for the NMRT Room Fee for the Social Function if funds remained. James/Baker. Motion passed.

Gordon Baker reviewed the SELA Admin Services Report. A copy is attached. He also reviewed the membership report. Current membership stands at 207. He reminded everyone that SELA has a rolling membership year.

President's Report: President McCutcheon discussed the following items:

- Webmasters – Gina Garber and Michael Hooper will continue as Association webmasters through December 31, 2018.
- Florida and Virginia have elected representatives to the SELA Board. Vicki Gregory is the Florida Rep and Kathy Bradshaw is the Virginia Rep.

2016 Georgia COMO/SELA Joint Conference – Gordon and Camille reviewed the upcoming conference. Approximately 70 SELA members have registered. Registration stands at 504 as of October 3.

The 2017 SELA Summer Leadership Conference will be held at the Vestavia Hills Public Library...the Library in the Forest near Birmingham, AL, August 18-19, 2017. More information will be disseminated to members closer to the date. We will use different hotels from those we have used when meeting at UAB.

The 2017 West Virginia/SELA Joint Conference will be held November 8-10, 2017 at the Greenbrier Resort in White Sulphur Springs, WV. Breana Bowen will keep us informed. The annual WVLA Conferences starts today. She will let us know what transpires at the meeting.

The 2018 SCLA/SELA Joint Conference will be held in Greenville, SC. Dates have not been announced.

STATE REPORTS

- North Carolina – Wanda Brown reported that NCLA had just finished the 2016 Leadership Institute at Black Mountain. Wanda would like to see this turn into a southeastern regional

leadership retreat. Discussion followed about what was needed to consider this such as what criteria, where to have it, how many to attend, etc. Maybe a SELA task force could work on this. Georgia State Librarian, Julie Walker has responded positively for this suggestion. Linda Harris will work with Wanda Brown on a proposal.

- Tennessee – Sue Knoche reported that the 2017 TLA Conference will be April 5-7, 2017 in Knoxville. TLA is reorganizing similar to ALA's structure. Sue has worked to promote SELA membership at TLA meetings. West Virginia – Breana Bowen thanked SELA for sending out the call for aid to the West Virginia flood victims. Both public libraries and school libraries were impacted by the floods.
- Georgia – Rita Spisak told everyone to have a good time and to enjoy the conference!
- South Carolina – Faith Line had submitted a written report. The 2016 SCLA Conference will be held November 9-11 in Columbia. The theme is: "Oh, the places we'll go!"
- Mississippi – Melissa Dennis reported that MLA will hold its conference in Vicksburg in two weeks. The theme is: "We're a part of the community!"

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Tim Dodge has submitted a written report for both Membership & Mentoring and Intellectual Freedom.
- Awards Committee – Bill McRee. Charles E. Beard Award winner is Kendrick B..... The recipient of the Southeastern Program Award is the Quillen Library....The outstanding Author for Fiction is Greg Isles for Natchez Buring. The Outstanding Author for NonFiction is Rick Bragg. Bill read the SELA Resolution created by Kathy Field and her committee. Lorene Flanders sent a note stating that the Southern Books Competition winners would be on display in the SELA Booth in the Exhibit Hall.
- Handbook and Constitution – Michael Law reported that the SELA handbook is an unruly document on the webpage. Would it be possible to section it out into smaller more user friendly sections? Camille and Linda will work with Michael on this project. Camille had also asked about assigning the duty of installing the new officers to the duties of the immediate past president. This item will be sent to the SELA Board for approval.
- Legislative – Judith Gibbons had a written report: SELA and the nation continue preparation for the November elections and the winter/spring legislative season. The American Library Association Washington Office recommends the following library appropriations: Support funding at \$186.6 million for the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) and maintain level funding of \$27 million for the Innovative Approaches to Literacy (IAL) program. Carla Hayden was sworn in on Wednesday, September 14th as the 14th Librarian of Congress for a ten-year term. Thanks to the Legislative Committee, SELA membership and President McCutcheon for supporting our endeavors.

SECTIONS

- Public & Reference Services Section: Michael Mounce sent a written report. Attached.
- Public Library Section: Crystal Gates reported that she had sent out requests for officer candidates for the Public Library Section.
- New Voices: Tammera Race reported that the New Voices program would be at 10:00 AM on Thursday. There were two papers submitted. Elian Stem's paper was selected as the winner. Kevin Sheehan at USC Upstate is the incoming chair and is seeking a vice-chair. There were

three papers submitted last biennium. The winning paper could be chosen for inclusion in *The Southeastern Librarian*. EBSCO sponsors a cash award for the winning paper.

- Government Documents Round Table – Paula Webb announced that Sonna Ireland will be the new chair. She recently got married. The Government Documents Round Table is sponsoring a session on Paula's new book, *Government Documents for Historical Resources* at 11:00 AM on Thursday. The session is called Historical Hunt @ COMO/SELA.

OLD BUSINESS

- Success in getting state reps for Florida and Virginia. The next targets will be Arkansas and Kentucky. Crystal Gates will help with Arkansas.
- Some state reps have not sent in all their information to Camille. Each state has been asked to have a link to SELA on their state's webpage.
- Camille presented the revised Joint Conference Statement. It was moved and seconded (Baker/Harris) and approved as proposed. Camille will distribute this document to the state representatives.
- Conference with Tennessee. Gordon has contacted Annelle Huggins, TLA Executive Director, TLA President Susan Jennings, and TLA VP/President-Elect Richard Groves about the having the 2020 Joint Conference with TLA. 2020 is SELA's centennial year and the first SELA conference was held at Signal Mountain, TN. Sue said that she had heard positive remarks about the possibilities.

NEW BUSINESS

- Duties of the past president. More discussion was held regarding adding the installation of the new officers to the past president's duties.
- Current members were sent out to the section and round table chairs. Each section and round table is to hold an election for new officers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Camille invited all to the SELA Presidents Reception on Thursday night from 9:00 to 10:00 PM in her suite.
- Camille thanked everyone for their service as this is the last board meeting of the biennium. She enjoyed working with all.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 AM. (Baker/Harris)