



**SELA Board Meeting
March 28, 2019
Virtual Meeting via Zoom
12 Noon Central/1 p.m. Eastern Time**

MINUTES

Tim Dodge called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m. CST. In attendance were: Tim Dodge, Melissa Dennis, Crystal Gates, Brianna Bowen, Emily Rozario, Gordon Baker, Kathy Bradshaw, Beverly James, Laura Slavin, Vicki Gregory, Fay Verburg, Kristen Rogers, Wanda Brown, Margie Calhoun, Bernadette Johnson, Natalie Logue, Sharon Holder, Kate Engelbrecht, Beth Anderson, Kathy Wheeler, Wendy Stephens, Ben Carter, Preston Salisbury, Bonnie Thornton, Sue Knoche, Muriel Nero, Sarah Sims, Hayley Johnson, Ashley Dees, Bill McRee, Peggy Kain, and Nicole Adams.

Motion Wanda Brown, second Kristen Rogers to approve the Minutes of October 31, 2018, with the correction that Vicki Gregory attended. Motion carried unanimously.

Tim Dodge gave the President's report. Tim has been busy appointing/nominating and getting elected/confirming/ reconfirming chairs (and where available, chairs-elect or co-chairs) for all committees, round tables, and sections and also verifying the status of state representatives. He conducted election for Arkansas State Representative since that position became vacant with the election of former State Representative Crystal Gates to position of SELA Secretary; Emily Rozario is the new Arkansas State Representative. At least four state representatives (North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and West Virginia) will likely see a turnover at some point in 2019. He has provided dated signatures for two check requests (three in one for SELA Administrative Services stipend and one for postage for SELA display to a state association conference). Originally, when learning of the requested letter to U.S. Representatives on federal funding for libraries, Tim hesitated because SELA encompasses 12 states and the feasibility of identifying and then sending letters to potentially a few dozen U.S. Representatives seemed impractical. However, Megan Cusick, ALA Grassroots Specialist, via SELA Past-President Linda Harris contacted Tim. Upon learning that Ms. Cusick would direct the letter to appropriate representatives, Tim provided the requested letter on March 21. The letter is generically addressed to U.S. Representatives and, while following the general template supplied, I did customize it to reflect the concerns of the 12 southeastern states encompassed by SELA. While Tim has been a bit busier than anticipated in regard to getting SELA leadership positions in place for 2019-2020, he would like to start, at least tentatively, generating some ideas for how SELA could more actively serve a role in library advocacy. He plans to send out an appeal to SELA Board members for ideas, and once those ideas are compiled, he then plans to involve specific committees, round tables, sections, or perhaps state representatives in then further exploring the feasibility of having SELA as a professional association become a more active advocate for libraries and library employees. He recognizes there are financial and time constraints on all of us and on SELA itself, and we will have to consider what is appropriate for SELA as a nonprofit organization registered with the Georgia Secretary of State to engage in as well.

Melissa Dennis gave the President-Elect's report. For the upcoming Joint Conference, Crystal held a planning committee meeting in January and has been working as a liaison for SELA with the Arkansas group this spring. It is really an asset to our organization that Crystal is on the SELA board and also the President-Elect of ARLA. We are hoping to schedule our SELA Board Meeting in the conference hotel on Friday afternoon perhaps around 4:30 p.m. or 5:00 p.m. so that members will be in town by then. We highly encourage committee chairs and their members to attend the Friday board meeting so that they can have breakout sessions after the meeting to

discuss their own business. As a reminder, we had our last summer planning conference in 2017. We don't have those during years when we have a joint conference and with SCLA last year, Arkansas this year, Georgia in 2020, and North Carolina in 2021, we need to rethink how our committees and sections meet, discuss, and plan for the organization. We can certainly use this Zoom software – Gordon can set up sessions for any chair that wants to host one – and the day before our joint conferences, we should plan on having a big turnout for the board meeting and then break out in to groups. At least, that is what I am hoping we can try this year and see if that works. We will have our SELA breakfast in the conference hotel on Sunday morning and take advantage of the complimentary breakfast so that members don't have to spend anything extra. We really want SELA members to have time to connect with each other so this will be another opportunity. Also, this is another reason to book the conference hotel. Because we don't need to install officers this year, we won't need any tech setup or a private venue. This is an odd year, so we don't have any awards to give out. Again, this is another money saving year for us! We will plan another FREE event for members to socialize and also take advantage of the Embassy hotel's evening reception on Saturday night (making sure this does not conflict with any ARLA activities) since Happy hour in the hotel is 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. We will advertise this at the SELA table all day on Saturday because we would love ARLA folks interested in SELA to meet up with us, too. SELA members will get a note in their registration bags reminding them of the reception and breakfast times. For the 2020 Joint Conference with Georgia, we will be celebrating 100 years of SELA. Some ideas in the works include: creating a special 100 year anniversary logo for SELA for promotional items we give out; Melissa and Camille choosing archival items to showcase in a display at the 2020 conference; and working with the GA State Rep to get a cake with the promotional logo for a "take a break with SELA" conference break built into the schedule at the membership table when we have our drawing/giveaways. If you need to reach out to Melissa, please contact her at president.elect@selaonline.org.

Gordon Baker gave the Administrative Service report. Regular maintenance on database is completed. He has processed memberships and sent out renewals to former 2014-2018 members, which resulted in fifteen renewals. He has sent out an update for all sections, round tables and committees as of 11/25/2018. He responded to emails received and forwarded to appropriate members of the board as needed. SELA materials were sent to VSU Archives. Gordon has continued the SELA LIST purge project and worked with Selma to subscribe several to the SELA List.

Gordon Baker then gave his Membership report. Membership is the highest it has been since Oct 2016; we have 252 members, but we should have more than that. He noted on the chart where each state ranks in membership rolls, and will provide a list of state memberships with a 2-day notice. Two SELA displays to use at state conferences are available; please give him notice to schedule one.

Bev James gave the Treasurer's report. She noted that the budget provides for shipping to and from states to use the SELA display at conferences. She emailed a Statement of Activities for the two months of 2019 to the List. She reviewed the current expenditures and revenues. Once the budget is passed, the statement will show a year to date for each line item. The 2019 Proposed Budget was adopted by the Executive Committee; she is happy to answer any questions, and noted that certain items are only paid in either odd or even years and no summer conference is held when a joint conference is already planned for the year. The unique expense for 2019 is the addition of \$250 to partner with Arkansas to offer sched.com for conference. Motion Vicki Gregory, second Laura Slavin to approve the 2019 Budget as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

State Representative Reports are as follows:

Alabama – Margie Calhoun, getting ready for ALLA Convention in Point Clear, hope to solicit members to attend

Arkansas - Emily, No report

Louisiana – Sarah and Hayley, LLA looking for an executive director for the association

Mississippi – Ashley Dees, annual conference in Jackson, Oct 22-25, and will let everyone know when registration and proposal submissions open; MLA board considering joint conference for 2022, wants to request that SELA hold the 2022 date for MLA, will consider after they have more info, including number

of Mississippi SELA members, number of SELA members at past conferences, etc., and they would like this information for the MLA board meeting on May 3, 2019.

Tennessee – Stephanie Adams is new rep, TLA is April 24-26

Florida – Vicki Gregory, FLA having annual conference in mid-May in Orlando, FL

North Carolina – Wanda Brown, Happy to collaborate on the joint conference for 2021, has been invited to speak in September at the SELA/ArLA Joint Conference

South Carolina – Bill McRee, Conference will be in Columbia, SC Oct 9-11

Georgia – Ben Carter, no report

West Virginia – Brianna Bowen, Spring Fling is next week; big fall conference is in Shephardtown, WV, Oct 16-18; next board meeting in June, a slate will be presented, in next few months will have new SELA rep;

Virginia - Oct 23-25 conference in Norfolk; No Paraprofessional conference being held this year, but undergoing changes and expect to be back in 2020

Committee Chair Reports are as follows:

Awards – Vicki Gregory – not much done yet, Gordon will send every committee chair a list of members who have expressed interest in serving on committees

Outstanding Library – Bill McRee, no report

Southern Books – Peggy Kain

Conference – already reported

Continuing Ed- adding new members, preparing conference presentations, questions about Frankenthaler Award family and letter of condolences to be sent, letter not able to be sent because we do not have an address, how does she proceed to determine status of award for next year, award doesn't present this year, attorney for family is not responding; Camille reached out a few years ago with a letter, maybe Camille can share that address and Tim could write a letter

Intellectual Freedom - Dusty Folds, The committee is happy to say that we have found a co-chair.

Jonathan Underwood of Tuskegee University has agreed to co-chair the committee this year. To help us plan for the upcoming year, we will be sending out a survey to the membership in a couple of weeks to determine what intellectual freedom topics they would be interested in. We hope to use these results to offer professional development and training opportunities. Additionally, we are exploring the idea of creating a copyright LibGuide for educators. If anyone has anything they would like this committee to consider, please do not hesitate to let us know, and expect to see that survey in a couple of weeks. We look forward to working with you all.

Membership – no report

Mentoring, Stephanie, no report

PR/Marketing, Kristin, looking at social media, last update in 2016 and info hasn't been updated since 2011, would like the committee to take over social media accounts as part of their marketing strategy, needs logins and passwords for accounts to get info updated and current

Outstanding author – Nicole Adams, no report

Section Chair Reports are as follows:

Library Education – Carol Walker Jordan and Sharon Holder, The Education Committee Chair and Co-Chair held a brief telephone meeting to introduce ourselves and talk about what we thought might be a good first step toward planning for this 2019-2020 year. From comments we had heard from SELA members, we decided to devise a survey for our members and ask for their opinions about needs they perceived librarians in our membership might identify as critical at this time. Sharon graciously agreed to prepare a survey instrument, which we will send by email to our members. From our responses we hope to receive by early June/July, we will identify the topics most critical to our members. Planning for the fall and spring will be based on our responses. Any advice to us is most welcome!

Public Library – Kate Engelbrecht, no report, would like more information regarding this position, Crystal volunteered to speak with her and share what happened in last few years

Resources/Tech Services - Bonnie Thornton, waiting to hear from more members before putting forth new ideas, will provide more information in coming weeks
School/Children's Librarian – Wendy Stephens, thank Tim for list of members, thanks to Gordon for the list
Special Libraries – Members were contacted that we had a candidate for our open secretary / treasurer position. Members of the section were notified of the candidate and we elected Joe Shankweiler of WKU. He agreed to accept this position. Nancy Richey can continue in the Chair position for the next year. Members will be contacted regarding upcoming events.
Trustees/Friends – no report
University/College Libraries Section - Kathy Wheeler, Paula Webb is new secretary

Round Table Reports are as follows:

Circ/Reserves - Natalie Logue, The Circulation & Reserves round table committee has communicated via email over the past two weeks. The email was sent out to all members who indicated prior interest or participation in the committee. Joi Phillips, Steven Sims, and Natalie Logue are the current three confirmed members. This committee is interested in exploring the elimination of overdue fines, what that means for libraries, and how viable a model it is. Additionally, we are interested in what accessibility standards exist in libraries and how successful libraries are in providing accessibility to students. We are additionally interested in what tools are available to improve resource accessibility. We have not defined outcome goals at this time.
Electronic Resources - Laura Slavin, very excited to be newly elected chair, looking to hold a session with members on Zoom, working on a presentation idea for session proposal for conference
Gov Docs - Bernadette, newly elected and excited to serve as chair, Mr. Buckles will serve as chair-elect and then chair next time; email sent out to members to introduce themselves and their experience
Library Instruction - Derek Malone, no report
New Members – Ashley Dees, session proposal will be sent in for conference, brainstorming ideas now, reach out to Ashley or Preston if you have ideas – aesorey@olemiss.edu or psalisbury@library.msstate.edu

Melissa Dennis discussed the upcoming 2019 ArLA/SELA Joint Conference. She will send a reminder about conference deadlines. The plans are to have the SELA board meeting around 4 p.m. or 5 p.m. on Friday, September 27. She is highly encouraging chairs of committees, sections, and roundtables to meet since we are no longer having the summer conferences with built-in planning time; planning needs to happen at joint conferences.

Melissa Dennis discussed her desire that SELA have a cake and special centennial logo for the 2020 Joint Conference with Georgia and SELA celebrates 100 years. This is a great time to make a big deal for SELA and celebrate.

Crystal Gates asked that reports be submitted to her via email for easy inclusion in the minutes.

Motion Melissa Dennis, second Crystal Gates to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 1:28 p.m. CST.