I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:09 p.m.

Linda S. Harris

II. Welcome and Introductions

Linda expressed her condolences to Melissa and Camille for the recent passing of Melissa’s sister and Camille’s father, and wanted the group to be aware of this sad news. Linda welcomed everyone to the meeting using our new Zoom conferencing software and asked everyone to introduce themselves. In attendance: Linda Harris, Melissa Dennis, Tim Dodge, Gordon Baker, Beverly James, Faith Line, Ashley Dees, Joi Phillips, Nacole Adams, Perry Bratcher, Kayla Kuni, Kathy Bradshaw, Crystal Gates, Cindy Cline, Laura Slavin, Sue Knoche

III. Minutes - November Board Meeting

Motion passed to accept the minutes. TD/LS

Melissa Dennis

IV. President’s Report

Attended the West Virginia Library Association/Southeastern Library Association Joint Conference in November 2017. Presided at the SELA Executive Committee Meeting on February 23, 2018 held at the Clayton State University Library. Responded to member inquiries and approved budgeted expenses. Worked with executive committee members to maintain the organization.

Linda Harris

V. President-Elect Report

I have recently been in contact with representatives of the following state library associations in connection with organizing joint conferences: South Carolina Library Association (for 2018); Arkansas Library Association (for 2019); and Georgia Library Association (for 2020). South Carolina Library Association (for 2018): On March 7 I contacted President Jimmie Epling and President-Elect Amanda Stone for initial contact. March 27 participated in a conference call where we discussed a number preliminary things relating to the joint conference coming up October 31 – November 2 this year. I requested that the following be on the schedule and in the arrangements: SELA Breakfast, SELA Board meeting; and that, due to this being an even-numbered year, that two extra tables plus chairs be available for Southern Books display in addition to regular SELA Table. We will virtually meet again in the near future. After checking with the SELA Executive Committee, we very likely

Tim Dodge
will be hosting a joint Awards program with SCLA. Arkansas Library Association (for 2019):
Sent an initial e-mail message of inquiry to ArLA President Dean Covington; President-Elect
Jil’Lana Heard, and SELA Rep. Crystal Gates. March 1 heard back from Dean Covington who
sounded a bit guarded. He was concerned that the previous joint conference held in 2010
that he was concerned about “requirements that were not very favorable to ArLA when we
last hosed SELA” and asked for more information. I relayed this to Gordon Baker and others
in the SELA Executive Committee. Gordon very helpfully supplied additional information
including the fact that the joint conference guideline document available via the SELA web
site (http://www.selaonline.org/sela/conferences/SELAJointConference.pdf) has been
updated since 2010 and this should address Mr. Covington’s concerns. March 2 supplied this
information plus additional information to Dean Covington he had requested such as point
persons for recent joint state conferences with contact info. (Again, kindly supplied by
Gordon Baker). March 1 and 2; Contacted Arkansas State Librarian Dwain Gordon. Mr.
Gordon kindly sent additional information to Dean Covington additional clarifying
information about the 2010 joint conference noting that in 2010 the national economy was
bad and that, actually, having SELA participate was helpful bringing in additional guests to
fill the conference hotel requirements, for example. March 7: Mr. Covington thanked me
(and Dwain Gordon) for this additional information. He said this will be discussed at the next
ArLA Executive committee meeting, date not provided but it sounded liked perhaps
sometime in April. Note: I will very soon follow-up to see what is going on. Received a
telephone call from Dwain Gordon shortly after. He suggested it might be a good idea to
have a contingency plan in case ArLA decides against a joint conference in 2019.

Georgia Library Association (for 2020): March 5 I contacted President Fred Smith. In this initial
contact I supplied some specific mention of benefits to GLA of hosting a joint conference
with SELA as had been helpfully suggested to me by Gordon baker (i.e., things like a great
number and variety of programs, more attendees, that SELA is an actively contributing
partner, and that 2020 is SELA’s centennial which likely will draw more attendees).
Heard back the same day from Mr. Smith who sounded favorably disposed. This will be
discussed at a GLA Board meeting in April. Will follow up soon to see what is going on if I
don’t hear from Fred Smith by late April. Concern: Just in case the Arkansas Library
Association decides against a joint conference in 2019, perhaps we should have one or two
other state library associations to consider for me to contact if this happens. Metro-lina
Conference in Charlotte was recommended by Joi to consider for 2019, and others agreed it
may be a good option for SELA in lieu of a traditional summer conference.

VI. Administrative Services Report Gordon Baker
DATABASE Regular maintenance; MEMBERSHIPS Processed memberships; Sent our
renewals for March, April and May; SECTIONS/ROUND TABLES Sent out update Public
Library Section; SELA ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES EMAIL Responded to emails received or
forwarded to appropriate members of the Board; SELA ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE DUTIES
Reviewed Zoom and Recommended to the Executive Committee for purchase. SELA
LISTSERV Continued SELA LIST purge project

VII. Treasurer’s Report Beverly James
Beverly presented the current report and there was no discussion.

VIII. State Representative Reports
AR – Crystal Gates – ArLA’s Executive Board is considering SELA’s interest in holding a joint conference in Arkansas in 2019. Dwain Gordon, a longtime SELA supporter, has been helping us get accurate information to the decision makers. We are scheduled to have an ArLA Board meeting on April 20, 2018, and I expect that the proposal will be discussed at that meeting. They are still accepting poster/presentation proposals for their Sept. 23-25 conference in Rogers, AR.

MS – Ashley Dees – The annual Mississippi Libraries Conference will be held in Meridian, MS at the MSU Riley Center this year during the month of October. I will share conference dates and registration information once it becomes available. The idea of a joint MLA/SELA conference was mentioned in my report at the December board meeting. However, I was unable to attend the meeting in person and therefore there was little to no discussion on the topic. I intend to bring the matter up again at the May board meeting as I will be able to be in attendance.

SC – Faith Line – Program proposals for the SC/SELA joint conference are open and due by June 8. Poster submissions can also be submitted.

TN – Sue Knoche – Annual conference ended a few weeks ago in Memphis. Sue attended the board meeting as well. They are going through a re-organization, which members approved, to reduce the size of the board by at least half. The SELA, TNLA, and ALA representatives will not have seats on the new board. The 2019 TLA conference will be in April in Chattanooga, so the 2020 hopes for Chattanooga have come to an end. Sue will ask about location plans for 2020 and see if TN will consider inviting SELA for a joint-conference. Signal Mountain near Chattanooga would have an historic location for the 2020 conference because this is where our organization was founded.

IX. Committee Reports

Awards – Outstanding Southeastern Author Awards – Joi Phillips (emailed) – This committee has two co-chairs now - Joi Phillips and Nacole Adams. The committee is currently accepting nominations and the deadline is June 30, 2018.

Continuing Education and Staff Development – Laura Slavin – Online webinars: The CESDC is looking into holding staff development webinars. The first will be on investing for library staff which we would like to present this fall. Holding the webinars will depend on whether or not SELA agrees to purchase a subscription to ZOOM, an online meeting software. Gordon Baker and I (Laura Slavin) have been testing various software and we agree that ZOOM would be the best, and most affordable, option. Also, the CESDC held a test meeting on ZOOM on March 12, 2018 that was successful. We hope the Executive Board and membership will consider purchasing it. Ginny Frankenthaler Memorial Scholarship: We award this scholarship every even year and we are accepting applications for this year. The deadline is June 1, 2018. We encourage the state representatives and all members to share information about this scholarship. It is a $1000 scholarship for library students who are willing to work in the southeast for one year after graduation. More information is available on the SELA website under awards & scholarships. Also, Laura Slavin is sending out a call for applications on the listserv.
Intellectual Freedom – Tim Dodge – Online Newsletter: I am happy to report that the first issue of the *Intellectual Freedom Chronicle* was completed and sent out via the SELA listserv in December 2017. I have received several favorable comments from readers. I am sending a copy along with this report but not attached since the format is not in Microsoft Word. The same Newsletter Subcommittee is on board for the second issue of the newsletter. We hope to have it ready for distribution via the SELA listserv in late April or early May. As of this date, we have five article manuscripts under review (note: not peer-review although, of course, we do strive for accuracy and excellence). Program at Joint Conference with West Virginia Library Association: I made a presentation on “Net Neutrality: Protecting Intellectual Freedom and More” on November 9, 2017. A pared-down version of this presentation was also included as an article in the *Intellectual Freedom Chronicle* electronic newsletter mentioned above. Program at Joint Conference with South Carolina Library Association: It’s still quite early but I have contacted the committee to encourage people to start thinking of possible program topics and speakers and to consider volunteering to serve as a speaker themselves. My understanding is that a call for program proposals is likely to appear in the very near future and extend into mid-June with decisions to be made by the conference planners by late June. As of this date, I have not had any replies but I can hope the appearance of the program proposal notices will prompt some action, Future Projects: Under consideration and depending on interest of Committee members and time available, are the following: in addition to a program at the joint conference with the South Carolina Library Association in 2018 and in addition to future issues of the online newsletter, possible production of a bibliography of print and online resources concerning Intellectual Freedom and perhaps a webinar or workshop separate from the conference program.

Legislative – Judith Gibbons (emailed) – Legislative updates were posted on the SELA list-serv. National Library Legislative Day is scheduled for May 7 and 8 in Washington, DC. The American Library Association Washington Office is tracking federal legislation in the areas of broadband, copyright, government information and e-rate and universal service. Congressional leaders are being asked to continue to fund libraries in the FY 2019 budget. A strong pro-library constituency saved massive cuts to libraries in the FY2018 budget. The Commonwealth of Kentucky had a tumultuous legislative session. Up until the last minute, library supporters were concerned that state aid to public libraries would be cut from the budget. It was not. Full-funding was also included for public library construction projects. Additionally, governmental employer pension rates were given a phase-in period instead of a huge increase in FY2019. In this and every election year, ask candidates about their position on libraries. We need supportive elected officials. Please notify the committee about legislative activities in your community and your state.

Membership – Sue Knoche – At the Executive Board’s request, the committee was asked to send a report on the idea of creating another membership level. The committee is still going over that analysis and will discuss at a future board meeting.

*The Southeastern Librarian* report

Perry Bratcher, Editor

*The Southeastern Librarian* continues to publish quarterly. In addition to regular duties, the following items were unique activities this quarter:
1) The following statement was added to the web page
http://www.selaonline.org/sela/publications/SEln/issues.html

“The journal continuously accepts submissions for publication consideration. Those who submit
do not have to be members of the Southeastern Library Association.”

2) 1 new volunteer article reviewer was added to the contact list

3) Edits were made to the LIS Publications Wiki. The Southeastern Librarian is featured in the LIS
Publications Wiki, a database used worldwide by library and information science professionals
and students researching the best venues for their professional writing. The Library and
Information Science Publications Wiki was created by Laurie Putnam in conjunction with her
Publishing for the Profession class at San Jose State University’s School of Information. Nearly
200 entries in the wiki were prepared by the students in the original course, and new entries are
now being added and edited by LIS students, professionals, and editors. The wiki is a place to
improve the visibility of SELn, as well as a source of information and inspiration for librarian-
writers.

4) Motion passed: The SELn board recommends authors be allowed to make their articles
available on their institution’s website with a one year embargo from date of
publication. PB/ TD

X. Section Reports

Public Libraries – Kayla Kuni – Election results: Vice chair - Leesa Aiken, Secretary - Bill McRee. -
Some issues with lapses in membership. -I reached out to members of the section individually via
email in the fall. Some feedback was offered. Many did not respond at all. Those that did seemed
interested in a Facebook group page where information could be shared. -Sending out an email
next week to encourage our members to consider our section sponsoring a presentation at the joint
conference in SC. -A few new members joined between August and March and a few dropped off. Is
there a way to get notifications when a new person joins our section so we can send them a
welcome email? Gordon will begin sending all chairs an email when he processes a new member’s
registration.

University & College Libraries – Kevin Shehan (emailed) – New Voices Program status: --Timeline
has been set --Call for readers drafted and sent --Five readers have been selected --Call for papers
sent (and reminders will be sent periodically via SELA state reps, listserv postings, etc.) --EBSCO
contacted re: honorarium ($150) 4/11/18 (hope to confirm honorarium by date of board meeting) --
Papers due Friday, Sept. 14 --Information for certificate due to Dr. Gordon Baker Oct. 1 --Top papers
will be presented during conference; award for top paper will be presented during SELA award
ceremony

XI. Round Table Reports
New Members Round Table – Ashley Dees – Creating a program for the upcoming conference that will be sent to the listserv soon. We would like to do a panel of early, mid-career, and veteran librarians (all types of libraries represented) to discuss with pre-scripted questions that the panel would take turns answering. This is an event the NMRT would like to do each conference if it is well received.

OLD BUSINESS

I. 2017 WVLA/SELA Joint Conference Tim Dodge
Updated numbers from the conference: $743 in revenue for SELA. In attendance: 239; SELA members: 28. Linda thanked Tim for all of his work in planning that conference.

NEW BUSINESS

I. 2018 SELA Proposed Budget Beverly James
Beverly is using historical averages to predict the budget of $12,133, which is higher than the $7,248 actual expenses in FY2017 and $5,494 actual expenses in FY2016. This 2018 budget includes the new Zoom video conferencing system. Motion passed to approve the proposed budget FL/TD.

II. Nominating Committee Linda for Camille McCutcheon
We will need to elect a Vice President/President-Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer this year. Camille will be sending out calls for anyone wanting to run for office by the end of May.

III. SCLA/SELA Joint Conference Tim Dodge/Faith Line
The South Carolina Library Association is now accepting proposals for conference programs for the Joint Conference in Greenville, SC, October 31-November 2nd. Information on Poster Sessions will be available later. Go to: http://www.scla.org/conference-poster-proposals for more information. Southern Books Competition will have a combined table with the Membership table, as in previous years. Faith will set up the membership display as she is the SCLA state representative.

Announcements

Tim announced that the dean of the Auburn library has retired after 13 years. The national search announcement is out if anyone is interested in applying. Perry mentioned the dean for Northern Kentucky has also retired and they will be posting an announcement soon.

Adjournment

As there was no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Melissa Dennis, SELA Secretary