I. Call to Order
President Camille McCutcheon called the meeting to order at 9:05 am and welcomed SELA to Sterne Library, University of Alabama, Birmingham campus, Birmingham, Alabama.

II. Welcome & Introductions
Those attending the meeting:

Camille McCutcheon, President
Linda Harris, President-Elect
Beverly James, Treasurer
Sue Alexander, Secretary
Gordon Baker, Past President, Administrative Services
Stephanie Adams
Lee Allen
Jodi Brown
Wanda Brown
Melissa Dennis
Lorene Flanders
Crystal Gates

Phill Johnson
Peggy Kain
Sue Knoche
Faith Line
William McRee
Evelyn Merk
Kara Mullen
Muriel Nero
Rita Spisak
Imelda Vetter
Paula Webb
Kathy Wheeler

III. Minutes
The minutes of the April 7, 2015 Board meeting, held in Point Clear, Alabama, were approved. A correction from Beverly James, Treasurer, to the minutes of the Executive Board meeting of February 13, 2015 was added. The $500.00 for the President’s travel expenses added to the budget should also include $500.00 for travel expenses for the President Elect.
IV. **Treasurer’s Report** Beverly James
Treasurer Beverly James reviewed the Statement of Activities for the period ending July 31, 2015 and shared a proposed revised budget for 2015. She noted several potential changes, including new line items for travel funds for the President and Vice President for $500 each. These funds would be reclassified from Conference Expenses so they can be used for any general SELA travel. She also pointed out the lack of funds for several awards. Many of the awards give out plaques, but there is no money allocated in the budget for them. The awards committee will discuss this. The spelling of Hal’s name on the award line was corrected to Mendelsohn. No other action was taken regarding the budget.

V. **Administrative Services Report** Gordon Baker
Continuation of normal services such as membership renewal notices sent via email, memberships processed, and the membership statistics recorded. The membership report lists totals by state and type. We now have 252 members. Members are notified at least a month in advance about renewal of membership and a reminder is sent about three months after expiration of membership.

VI. **President’s Report** Camille McCutcheon
We now have a redesigned web page and a Twitter account with 14 followers (as of Aug. 12, 2015). The Twitter account can be found at @SELA_libraries. The Public Relations committee is now updating the Facebook and Twitter sites. Daniel Page is the contact person for both Twitter and Facebook. The website Committee is still administrating the web site.

Sue Knoche asked that the membership committee’s list of webinars be made more visible on the website. She will contact the webmaster and Daniel Page to help make this more visible. Michael Hooper and Gina Garber have agreed to stay on past their expected June 30, 2016 resignation date. We will need a succession plan for someone to take over when they do decide that they cannot continue. We also need to find some place willing to host the SELA website. We welcome Louisiana back as an active chapter of SELA. Camille reported on her visit to the SELA archives at Valdosta State. The archives cover 1920 to about 2008. She commented on some of the materials she found. She is still working to find chairs and co-chairs for some sections and roundtables. The University & College Libraries section recently held an election and Kevin Sheehan was elected as vice chair and Muriel Nero is secretary. The Library Instruction Round Table recently held an election but the results are not yet available. Joi Phillips has been appointed as chair of the Southeastern Outstanding Author award and her committee is working on getting nominations for
that award. We will be working to add a photo and biography to each of the awards named for a person.

VII. 2015 ALLA/SELA Joint Conference
Jeff Graveline, ALLA President Elect reported on a successful conference. Camille reported that there were 26 SELA members registered and 545 total attendees. She also stated that SELA’s portion of the proceeds is $689.00.

VIII. 2015 SELA Summer Conference
Camille thanked the Sterne Library for hosting the conference again this year. She also thanked Linda Harris for all the work she did to make the conference a success. Camille thanked Ebsco for sponsoring the conference with a $200 donation. Gordon stated that there are 29 registrants for the conference.

IX. 2016 SELA Conference
Camille McCutcheon
The Georgia COMO (Council of Media Organizations) has extended an invitation to SELA to partner with them for their October 5-7, 2016 Conference in Athens GA. Faith Line moved to accept the invitation and Linda Harris seconded. Beverly James called the question and the motion to accept Georgia’s invitation passed.

X. Status of Southeastern States
Camille McCutcheon
Camille mentioned that she has contacted the state associations and found that West Virginia may be interested in a joint conference in 2017 and South Carolina may want to partner in 2018. Florida and Arkansas may possibly want to rejoin SELA. Virginia and Kentucky are not interested.

XI. State Representative Reports

Alabama – Margie Calhoun, Representative
The 2016 conference will be in Gadsden, AL.

Georgia – Rita Spisak, Representative (Written report)
Georgia Library Association will be having its joint conference COMO, October 7-9, at the Classic Center in Athens, Georgia. Special guests include the ALA president and the cartoonists from Unshelved. All are welcome.
We are extending an invitation to SELA to join us in our conference in October, 2016 at the Classic Center in Athens, GA.

Louisiana – Sara Simms, Representative (Written report)
The Louisiana Library Association (LLA) has recently partnered with a lobbyist to help advocate on behalf of libraries throughout Louisiana, including public academic and school. LLA renewed their partnership as an active chapter with SELA. Upcoming: Louisiana Library Association’s 2016 conference will be held March 8-10, 2016 in Baton Rouge, LA at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Details will be forthcoming and can be found at the LLA website: http://llaonlline.org.

**Mississippi** – Melissa Dennis, Representative
The Mississippi Library Association will meet in Natchez, on October 20-23, 2015.

**North Carolina** – Wanda Brown, Representative
The October 20-23, 2015 conference for the North Carolina Library Association will be in Greensboro, NC.

**South Carolina** – Faith Line, Representative
The South Carolina Library Association will be celebrating their 100th anniversary at their annual conference on October 21-23, 2015 in Columbia, SC. Their theme is “100 years in the making”.

**Tennessee** – Sue Knoche, Representative (Written Report)
Tennessee Library Association held its annual conference and board meeting April 22, 2015 in Memphis, TN. Due to being so close to the ALLA/SELA conference in Point Clear, it was decided that I could be excused because of long driving distances in a short time frame; however, participated in the board meeting by GoToMeeting. TLA also held a leadership retreat for the outgoing and incoming board members at Montgomery Bell State Park outside of Nashville in June, 2015.

I mentioned an invitation to attend the SELA leadership meeting, also the ALLA/SELA conference, posted both to the TLA website and in the TLA newsletter.

The next TLA conference will be in Kingsport, April 6-8, 2016. This location is: 5 hour drive northeast of Atlanta; 5.5 hour drive from Birmingham; 2.5 from Greenville, SC; 4.5 from Lexington, KY; 2.5 from Roanoke, VA; 3.5 from Charleston, WV, etc. All are invited.

Tennessee sent 11 TLA delegates to attend the ALA NLLD in Washington, DC in May with good discussions with staff or one of our Senators or the Representatives from across TN as a collective group.
Susan Jennings will continue as TLA President, as the Vice President/President Elect, Pam Dennis has accepted a job in NC and not able to fill her duties, so a new vice president/President Elect was elected in May with the current past president staying on another year. A new conference chair Cathy Farley was contacted by the SELA president and although no possibility of a joint conference in TN for the next two years; however, it may be considered in the distant future.

XII. Committee Reports

**Awards Committee** – Bill McRee, Chair
Bill clarified a question about the Outstanding Author Award, saying that authors in inactive states such as Kentucky or Florida are still eligible for the award. Other business of the committee will be discussed when the committee meets later. Vicki Gregory, chair of the Charles Beard Award, and her committee are soliciting nominations.

**Conference Committee** – Camille McCutcheon and Linda Harris, co-chairs
Proposals for next conference were submitted. A social meeting at the conference was proposed by Bill McRee.

**Constitution and Handbook Committee** – Evelyn Merk, Chair
The committee’s proposed changes to the Handbook and Bylaws will be available on the web shortly. Evelyn clarified the terms of office which starts on December 1 with the election in June. Michael Law will take over as the new chair of this committee in December.

**Legislative Committee** – Faith Line and Melissa Dennis, committee members
Announced ALA’s new public awareness campaign, Libraries Transform, an initiative of incoming ALA President Sari Feldman.

**Membership & Mentoring Committee** – Sue Knoche, Co-chair
Announced that Tim Dodge and Sue Knoche will be co-chairs of this committee following the retirement of Hal Mendelsohn. Sue praised the hard work of Hal while he was chair. The new co-chairs plan to work to clarify the rules, etc. of the mentoring program since there have been questions, especially about reporting to the committee. The committee has posted a list of webinars available to members on the website and would like to make this more visible on the website. Various projects for the committee will be discussed when members meet later. Ideas for programs for next conference requested.
The Southeastern Librarian – Perry Bratcher, Chair (Written report)
We’ve only published a couple of issues since the April 7, 2015 report and there is nothing else to report. But it would be nice to have more reports from SELA committees for the issues.
Camille requested feedback from the board about what else could be published in the Southeastern Librarian. Some suggestions were: Profiles of state representatives, libraries, etc. Camille mentioned that the journal is abstracted in several places but not all up to date. Perry will look into it. All print issues and paper copies of electronic issues should be sent to the archives; group picture of this conference. Deadlines should be more visible.

XIII. Section Reports

Reference and Public Services Section – Michael Mounce (Chair) (Written Report)
Membership: From March 3, 2015 to July 27, 2015, the number of members of the SELA Reference and Public Services Section (RPSS) has increased from 27 members to 36 members. The members include people from various academic and public libraries.
Conferences: Sometime in 2016, Michael Mounce will begin working on finding someone to give a reference or public services related presentation at the 2016 GA COMO/SELA Joint Conference.

Election: The SELA RPSS had an election to officially elect Alyse Ergood as the section’s secretary. The election began on the afternoon of Friday, August 7, 2015 and ended at 4:00 pm Central Time on Friday, August 14, 2015. Everyone who voted in this election voted in favor of Alyse. Therefore, Alyse is now officially the Secretary of the section. Congratulations to Alyse on winning the Secretary election.

Resources & Technical Services Section – Stephanie Adams, Chair-Elect
No report. Those present will meet later for planning.

XIV. Round Table Reports

Library Instruction Round Table
Camille noted that LIRT is in the process of electing new officers.

XV. Old Business

a. Resume Review Committee – Camille McCutcheon
This formerly ad hoc committee is now a standing committee.
Deborah Musser, former chair of the Resume Review committee has sent the charge to Evelyn Merk, chair of the Handbook and Constitution committee to be included in the handbook. Currently there is no chair for the committee.

Discussion about how this would operate, would it be available at conferences, or through library schools for instance. There was discussion about whether this should even be a standing committee. The Executive Committee will take this up at their next meeting.

b. **SELA Membership form** – Camille McCutcheon

The issue of whether the Resume Review committee should be listed as a standing committee on the membership form was tabled and sent to Executive Committee for review.

c. **Access to SELn issues via the SELA website** - Camille McCutcheon

Editor Perry Bratcher prefers that the current year be available to members only and the Archive be open access. Beverly James moved to accept Perry’s preference with an amendment instructing Administrative Services to look into how this would be implemented. Faith Line seconded. The motion passed.

XVI. **New Business**

a. **Honorary Membership Nomination** – Kara Mullen

The Honorary membership committee has recommended Hal Mendelsohn for this award in 2016. The Board unanimously agreed with the recommendation.

b. **Suggested Changes to SELA Committees** - Camille McCutcheon

These items are suggested changes to the Constitution and By Laws.

   i. **SELA Executive Committee**

   The immediate past president should be a member of the Executive Committee.

   ii. **SELA Budget Committee**

   The treasurer should be chair of the Budget Committee and the secretary should be a member. Beverly James made the motion and Sue Knoche seconded. The motion passed.

   iii. **SELA Conference Site & Exhibits Committee**

   The name of this committee should be simply the SELA Conference Committee.

   iv. **Standard Name Format for SELA Awards**

   Since we have one award, the Mary Utopia Rothrock Award, which has the full name of the honoree, it is suggested that all the awards
named for a person should have the full name. For example, the Mendelsohn award would be the Hal Mendelsohn Award.

c. **Suggested Change to SELA Constitution Concerning Incumbent Officers** - Camille McCutcheon
   It was suggested that incumbent officers should be able to succeed themselves if elected. Gordon moved to change the constitution to allow this and Sue Knoche seconded. The motion passed. This will be voted on electronically in the next 30 days.

d. **Representatives to the SELA Board for Inactive Chapters Officers** - Camille McCutcheon
   Camille will contact SELA members in states that are inactive in SELA and give them the option of electing/appointing a representative to the Board. This is in the by-laws but not implemented. Camille will send letters to those members and copy to the state president.

e. **Funding for SELA Program Speakers** - Camille McCutcheon
   Faith Line moved to help fund SELA-sponsored speakers/General Session speakers with $100 from the discretionary fund. Beverly James suggested the amount be changed to budget $200 in the Conference expense budget line to assist the host state association with the cost of funding a General Session speaker for the joint conference, which would be subject to Executive Committee approval. Gordon Baker seconded the amended motion. The motion passed.

f. **Regional Leadership Institute** – Wanda Brown
   Wanda reported on the Regional Leadership Institute that she attended and encouraged others to attend if possible.

g. **100th Anniversary of SELA** - Camille McCutcheon
   SELA’s 100th Anniversary is coming up in 2020 and Camille asked for ideas on how we can celebrate. She asked that ideas be sent to her.

h. **SELA Web Site** - Camille McCutcheon
   Take ownership of the website by checking your pages for accuracy and that it is up to date. Working on official SELA email address routed to Administrative Services.
XVII. Announcements

XVIII. Next Meeting
The next Board meeting will be online on November 3 or 4 or 5, 2015 Eastern time. Further information will be coming via email.

XIX. For the Good of the Order

XX. Adjournment
Melissa Dennis moved to adjourn and Bill McRee seconded. The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Alexander
SELA Secretary