



SELA Online Board Meeting
March 29, 2017 10:00 a.m.
MINUTES

I. Call to Order **Linda S. Harris**
The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. EST. Linda thanked everyone for their time and service and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

II. Welcome and Introductions **Linda Harris**
In attendance: Officers: Linda Harris, President; Tim Dodge, Vice President; Camille McCutcheon, Past President; Gordon Baker, Administrative Services; Melissa Dennis, Secretary; Beverly James, Treasurer. Members: Stephanie Adams, Wanda Brown, Cindy Cline, Ashley Dees, Crystal Gates, Peggy Kain, Sue Knoche, Kayla Kuni, Michael Law, Faith Line, Joi Phillips, Kevin Shehan, Sarah Simms, and Laura Slavin.

III. Minutes - October Board Meeting **Melissa Dennis**
The minutes were approved as presented: CG/TD

IV. President's Report **Linda Harris**
Thanks of appreciation to Past-President, Camille McCutcheon, Gordon Baker, and others for a smooth transition of office for the 2017-2018 biennium.

Scheduled and held an Executive Committee meeting on February 9, 2017 at Clayton State University to plan activities and events for the Association. Scheduled the first Board meeting for March, 2017.

Conducted an election for a SELA Representative for the State of Kentucky. Cindy Cline was elected.

Established a major goal for 2017-2018 to grow the SELA Membership. Plan to work with the state representatives and the Membership and Mentoring Committee to accomplish this goal.

Worked with the SELA Leadership to make preliminary plans for the Summer Conference and the Joint WVLA/SELA conference.

Administrative Services prepared lists of SELA members' committee interests. These will be distributed to all Committee Chairs.

V. **President-Elect Report**

Tim Dodge

SELA Summer Conference Planning: At the February 9 Board meeting held at Clayton State University, I had suggested engaging U.S. Representative Terri Sewell (7th. Congressional District of Alabama) as a possible speaker at the August 11-12 Summer Conference to take place at Birmingham-Southern College, in part, because her district includes Birmingham. Although I filled out the "Request a Speaker" form on Rep. Sewell's web site as directed and included all of the information requested, I have not, as of this date (March 29), received a reply. We may want to consider another potential speaker if word is not forthcoming from Rep. Sewell or her office staff. One alternative idea occurs to me at this point: Wayne Coleman, Head of Archives and Technology, at the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute. I was able to engage him as an Alabama Library Association annual convention speaker in 2012 when I last was serving as Moderator of the ALLA Multicultural Information Round Table.

Fixing Broken SELA Link on Alabama Library Association Web Site: Contacted Jodi Poe, ALLA Web Administrator, about replacing the broken link to SELA on the ALLA web site. It was fixed. (See <http://www.allanet.org/page/5>).

Planning for Joint Conference with West Virginia Library Association November 8-10: Have been in e-mail contact with the following in connection to planning for the conference: Gretchen Beach (Marshall University), WVLA President; Brenna Call (Vienna Public Library), WVLA President-Elect; and Breana Bowen (Cabell County Public Library), SELA Representative. The conference committee plans to host an in-person meeting at the Greenbrier resort in White Sulphur Springs, W. Va. June 16. Since I am unable to get funding to travel, I have inquired about possibly meeting virtually (conference call or speakerphone, etc.), and have had a favorable reply from Ms. Beach that this can be done, so will plan accordingly. Meanwhile, I have already requested that conference planners reserve time and space for a SELA Board meeting, SELA Breakfast, and SELA Table in the exhibits area.

Am reviewing Greenbrier *Banquet & Private Event Repertoire* (price list) sent to me by Brenna Call of West Virginia Library Association. Options range from barebones continental breakfast at \$27/person to brunch at \$70/person (!). Best options appear to be plated breakfasts ranging from \$30-\$32/person.

Intellectual Freedom Committee: Am grateful that President Linda Harris located Dusty Folds (Lawson State Community College) to serve as Co-Chair for the 2017-2018 biennium thus assuring I will have a successor in place. I have worked with Dusty in recent years in both the Alabama Library Association and the Alabama Association of College and Research Libraries, so I know the committee will be in good hands after my term ends. In the meantime I look forward to collaborating with him.

Miscellaneous: Participated in the SELA Executive Committee meeting held at Clayton State University on February 9. See minutes of the meeting for details.

4) Intellectual Freedom Committee: thanked President Linda Harris for locating Dusty Folds (Lawson State Community College) as Committee Co-Chair, so I will have a great successor in place when I must vacate Chair position in 2019. Have worked with him before in Alabama Library Association and Alabama Association of College and Research Libraries.

- VI. Administrative Services Report** **Gordon Baker**
Discussed membership updates. Updated our membership email template to show the username and password
- VII. Treasurer's Report** **Beverly James**
Discussed treasurer's report.
- VIII. Administrative Services Contract** **Committee Discussion**
The last time the contract had been reviewed was in 2004. After a moment of review, Linda opened the floor for any questions about the new contract agreement. **Motion approved to accept the administrative contract as is: TD/SS.** Thanks to Gordon and Kara for all of their help!
- IX. 2017-2018 Budget** **Beverly James**
Discussed proposed budget. This year we will have to use some prior year fund to balance our budget. Discussion on the increase in Admin. Services travel and stipend increases.
Budget approved: W/CM
- X. 2016 Georgia COMO/SELA Recap** **Gordon Baker**
Recap from the Georgia Conference has been very positive.
- XI. 2017 Summer Conference** **Gordon Baker/Tim Dodge**
We have secured Aug 11-12 Nancy Collier, Director of Birmingham Southern College, will be our host. John Floyd, short story author, will be one of our speakers. The prolific writer has a website for anyone to check him out: Johnmfloyd.com. For food, we can cater from Jason's Deli (who we have used for all our past summer conferences) and also recommended Zoe's Kitchen. Gordon will investigate both and go with whichever has the best deal. Discussion on whether many members will be able to afford to go to the summer conference and the joint conference in West Virginia. Summer conferences have been used as planning sessions to conduct the business of the association in the past for everyone to meet, and have traditionally met every two years. We have been fortunate to have been invited formally for joint conferences every year for the past few years with state conferences.
- XII. 2017 WVLA/SELA Joint Conference** **Tim Dodge/Breana Bowen**
Nov. 8 – 10 at the Greenbriar. No updates at this time. Tim will have more as he gets more information about presenters and committee planning.
- XIII. 2018 SCLA/SELA Joint Conference** **Faith Line**
Oct. 31 – Nov. 2 Greenville, SC.
- XIV. State Representative Reports**
Alabama – Peggy Kain – looking to push information about SELA as a great networking opportunity to public libraries in the state. All invited to attend the ALLA conference in April.

Arkansas – Crystal Gates – Working to convince the state legislature bill to limit funding: only allowed mileage requests during odd number years. ARLA concerned with costs of these changes. Bev asked Crystal to send this to Judith Gibbons, Legislative chair.

Kentucky – Cindy Cline – Sept. 21 – 23 in Louisville, KY. All invited to attend.

Louisiana – Sarah Simms – Just had our conference in Lafayette in March. Gearing up for legislative day on April 12.

Mississippi – Melissa Dennis – Our annual conference will be held in Hattiesburg, MS at the Lake Terrace Convention Center October 17-20. Everyone is invited to attend. We will have our vote for a new SELA state rep next month, so I'll let you know when we have a new representative.

North Carolina – Wanda Brown – Oct. 17 – 20 annual NC conference. All invited to attend.

South Carolina – Faith Line – Oct. 11 – 13 in Columbia at the Marriott. Theme is “Libraries Make it Happen.”

Tennessee – Sue Knoche – TLA conference will be held in Knoxville April 5-8. Sue will host a SELA table. At the reception, members are asked to dress as characters from books. Sue will go as a bowl of chicken noodle soup, for the book Chicken Soup for the Soul. We look forward to seeing a picture of this! Sue presented SELA information to the TLA board for discussion of a possible joint conference in 2020 and while it is too far in advance for specific commitments, there is interest in having a joint conference in honor of the founding of SELA by TN librarians at Signal Mountain (near Chattanooga). More details as they become available.

XV. Committee Reports

No committee reports at this time.

XVI. Section Reports

Special Libraries Section – Nancy Richey – Members were contacted concerning voting for secretary/treasurer and at this time, I have one person who may be interested in the position. Nancy Richey will continue in the position for the next year. Contacted someone about becoming a part of the Kentucky section also.

Technical Services and Resources – Stephanie Adams – TS Interest Group in GA, Stephanie presented on accessibility compliance. Hoping this section can grow in membership and also in active members. Need a Vice Chair and a Secretary for the section if anyone wants to volunteer.

Public Libraries Section – Kayla Kuni – Secretary Position is still vacant. Looking to cross-promote this agency with other agencies in the state of Florida, such as colleges. Sponsored a presentation at the GA conference “Bring the Magic Back” with Harry Potter programming. Hoping to have another presentation at the upcoming conference.

XVII. Round Table Reports

No reports at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

I. Frankenthaler Scholarship Update

Camille McCutcheon

Laura Slavin updated. We were able to move the scholarship to even years like our other awards. Laura contacted Mr. Frankenthaler's representative to inform them that the next time we will offer this scholarship will be in 2018.

II. New State Representatives (Arkansas, Kentucky)

Linda Harris

Welcome to our newest state representatives: Cindy Cline (Kentucky) and Crystal Gates (Arkansas)!

NEW BUSINESS

Announcements

Tim going to ALA National Legislative Day on May 1, 2017. There are a lot of advocacy groups in libraries active now, especially in the Washington D. C. area.

On September 24th, Sue Knoche will visit Sydney Australia for the Australian Library and Information Association National Library and Information Technicians Symposium 2017: Bridge to Knowledge and ALIA LibTech17. Sue will be one of many speakers and also a panel judge. This symposium is expected to be heavily attended by representatives all around Australia plus many overseas countries. Sue may be only one of two U.S. librarians attending.

For the Good of the Order

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:11 a.m. EST

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Dennis, SELA Secretary