



SELA Board Meeting – ZOOM Software – September 12, 2018 – 3:00 p.m. EST

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order** **Linda S. Harris**
The meeting was called to order at 3:09 EST (Gordon resent the meeting link due to a technical glitch)
- II. Welcome and Introductions** **Linda Harris**
Attending: Linda Harris, President; Tim Dodge, President-Elect; Melissa Dennis, Secretary; Beverly James, Treasurer; Camille McCutcheon, Past President; Gordon Baker, Administrative Services; Ashley Dees, Crystal Gates, Peggie Kain, Kevin Shehan, Vicki Gregory, Joi Phillips, Laura Slavin, Perry Bratcher, Michael Wilson, Sue Knoche, Faith Line, Nacole Adams.
- III. Minutes - April Board Meeting** **Melissa Dennis**
Motion to approve April minutes. TD/SK. Approved.
- IV. President's Report** **Linda Harris**
No report. Working on conference planning at the moment.
- V. President-Elect Report** **Tim Dodge**
Joint Conference Planning: On and off contact with South Carolina Library Association President-Elect Amanda Stone ironing out details and posing inquiries such as confirming that there will be a joint awards program ("Awards Brunch") taking place on Friday, November 2, that there will be a joint "All Conference" reception on Thursday night, November 1. Helped review 83 program proposals (recused myself from two: SELA Intellectual Freedom Committee submission because I am chairing that committee and SELA submission on weeding reference collections because am one of the three speakers). According to the link located on the SCLA web page (see "Schedule at a Glance" link at <https://www.scla.org/>) the following SELA events have been scheduled: SELA Board Meeting: Wednesday, October 31 at 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. SELA Breakfast: Thursday, November 1 at 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. These are non-conflict times. Of course, there are numerous SELA-sponsored programs on the schedule too. Joint Conferences 2019 and 2020: After considerable discussion and communications with Arkansas Library Association President Dean Covington was able to confirm that the joint SELA/ArLA conference has been approved to take place September 28 – October 1, 2019 in Hot Springs, Ark. Am happy to also report that President Fred Smith has confirmed that the Georgia Library Association has approved a joint conference of SELA/GLA to take place Fall 2020 in Macon. Crystal Gates, SELA

Arkansas State Representative conveyed a request that a SELA officer attend the Fall 2018 Arkansas Library Association conference taking place in Rogers, Ark. September 22-25 to help promote the 2019 joint conference. SELA Secretary Melissa Dennis was kind enough to volunteer to go; my funding is uncertain both because it's the end of the fiscal year and because I am one of my library more frequent professional travelers and need to be careful of asking for travel funding too often. Preparations for 2019-2020 Presidential Term: Have already begun to hear a few expressions of interest of SELA members in serving on committees. Will need to review with President Linda Harris and SELA Administrative Services Gordon Baker on procedures involved in appointments for the next biennium, not to mention possible plans for Executive Committee retreat in early 2019 and more. I assume the swearing in of new officers for 2019-2020 will take place at either the SELA Board meeting or the SELA Breakfast at the joint conference in Greenville, S.C.

VI. Administrative Services Report **Gordon Baker**
No report. Unable to open Access in Office at the moment.

VII. Treasurer's Report **Beverly James**
No report. Currently working on the financial review.

VIII. State Representative Reports

Alabama –Margie Calhoun

The 2019 Annual Convention will be held April 2-5, 2019 at the Grand Hotel in Point Clear, AL.

Arkansas – Crystal Gates

Proposed Joint Conference dates for 2019 are Friday, September 27 – Sunday, September 29. These dates will be confirmed at our Annual Conference next week, September 21-25. Once the hotel contract has been signed and dates confirmed, I will announce that information at our Joint Conference in South Carolina.

Florida – Vicki Gregory

Webinar: Starting or Expanding Immigration Services at Your Library, Wednesday, Sept. 26th: 12pm-1pm (ET). 2019 Annual Conference: Date: May 15th-17th, 2019, Location: DoubleTree Hilton at Universal, Orlando. FLA is researching the possibility of beginning a Paraprofessional Certification Program. FLA has created a task force of librarians and paraprofessionals to research and possibly create such a program.

Georgia – Rita Spisak (a)

No report.

Kentucky – Cindy Cline (a)

No report.

Louisiana – Hayley Johnson (a) and Sarah Simms (a)

No report.

Mississippi – Ashley Dees

The annual Mississippi Libraries Conference will be held in Meridian, MS at the MSU Riley Center on October 17th-19th. I'm providing links to the MLA registration page: <http://www.misslib.org/page-1860507> and to the Riley Center page: <https://www.msurileycenter.com/>. I'm attempting to get the MLA board interested in the idea of a joint SELA/MLA conference. We are narrowing down a location for 2019 and 2021. Provided SELA doesn't have a possible location and joint partner for 2021, this is the year I'm shooting for with MLA. I'll keep you all updated on my progress on this front.

North Carolina – Wanda K. Brown (a)

No report.

South Carolina – Faith Line

Planning the conference for Oct/Nov in Greenville and are excited for you to attend! Bev mentioned that the registration rate for SCLA members/ SELA members is confusing. Faith will connect Bev with Donald who can fix this issue.

Tennessee – Sue Knoche

TLA has completed their reorganization so that the representatives for SELA, ALA, and TN state librarian are on an advisory committee, but no longer on the board as voting members. The next conference is April 24-26, 2019 in Chattanooga. SELA members can register under TLA membership pricing. The theme will be "Opening Hearts, Doors and Minds". Sue's term as the TN state representative for SELA ends June 30, 2019, and as of now it is unclear if a new rep will be selected.

Virginia – Kathy Bradshaw (a)

No report.

West Virginia – Breana Brown (a)

No report.

IX. Committee Reports

Web site – Gina Garber (a) / Michael Hooper (a)

No report.

Legislative – Judith Gibbons (a)

No report.

Listserv – Gordon Baker

No report.

Membership – Sue Knoche

Sending out a message soon for table volunteers and for donated gifts to use in drawings. The table usually has posters and freebies (pens, etc.) which Gordon will bring to the conference. Gordon reminded all state reps that they can request SELA promotional items for their state conferences and he will mail to them. Brochure update: Bev is working on the new brochure and the design will be ready before conference for the executive committee to review. She also liked Sue's idea of having simple SELA business cards available if we run out of brochures and will have these made. The table will also feature the Southern Books Competition winners and outstanding author winning

books, depending on chairs of those committees supplying these items. Sue asked the group if SELA logo keychains or T-shirts could be used for fundraising in the future? Linda liked this idea, but tabled the discussion for another time when we could consider a budget. Linda encouraged members to supply materials to the table as donations for the raffle if they are able. **Motion: The Membership Committee can give away a free 1 year membership to a non-member and a free 1 year membership for a renewing member. TD/CM. Approved.**

Mentoring – Paula Webb (a)

No report.

Nominating – Camille McCutcheon

No report.

Planning – Camille McCutcheon

No report.

Public Relations and Marketing – Daniel Page (a)

No report.

***The Southeastern Librarian* – Perry Bratcher**

No report.

Awards – Joi Phillips

Winners have been selected for nonfiction and fiction. Four authors plan to attend the awards ceremony. They want to make sure their admission to the awards banquet is free. They are paying their own way to the conference. The Executive Committee will discuss this to see if this has been approved. Vicki reported that the other Awards committee chairs are working on their sections. Sue mentioned that she would like copies of all of the award winning books at the membership table. Deadline for award winners is October 1st to Gordon Baker. Beverly suggested to Tim as he works with Amanda on conference planning to update the agenda for the conference brunch to remember to include award winners.

Budget – Beverly James

No report.

Conference –Tim Dodge

Previously discussed in his President-Elect report.

Constitution and Handbook –

No report.

Continuing Education and Staff Development – Laura Slavin

Four members of the CESDC (myself, Crystal Gates, Muriel Nero, and Kathy Wheeler) will be doing a presentation together at the SCLA/SELA conference. We are really honored and excited about it. The CESDC reviewed the applications and chose a recipient for the Ginny Frankenthaler Memorial Scholarship. Her name is Stephanie Jackson. She currently works at Norfolk Public Library and will start her MLIS in the fall. Question for the Board: Can I announce the winner at the SELA breakfast at the conference? Board agreed this would be fine. Camille suggested an additional announcement it

at the awards brunch on Friday. I think it was Bev who then spoke up and recommended that we make sure all of this is written in the meeting agendas and/or whatever is given to those that attend. Tim said he would check on this and I told Tim I would email him some more information about what I would like to do, in terms of making the announcement.

Intellectual Freedom – Tim Dodge

Joint SELA/SCLA Conference Program: I am happy to report that there will be an Intellectual Freedom Committee-sponsored program at the forthcoming joint conference. Michael Mounce (Delta State University, Cleveland, Miss.) will serve as speaker for the program titled “Fake News, Intellectual Freedom, and Suggestions for Librarians on How to Respond to Fake News.” The program has been scheduled for Thursday, November 1 at 3:30 – 4:20 p.m. Intellectual Freedom Chronicle: The most recent issue of the online newsletter was published in April; planning for the next issue is underway. As of today (September 12) I will be sharing suggested compiled article topics with the Newsletter Subcommittee and, after ranking/voting on suggested topics, will divide up the labor accordingly. I anticipate publishing the next issue later in the Fall, perhaps late October or early November. Committee for 2019-2020: Co-Chair Dusty Folds will be taking over as the main Chair position from me for the next biennium. I will soon solicit the committee membership to identify a new Co-Chair. Mr. Folds has recently changed jobs and will be located at Jefferson State Community College Library in the Birmingham, Ala. area. His new e-mail address is dfolds@jeffersonstate.edu.

X. Section Reports

Library Education – Anita Andrusek (a)

No report.

Public Libraries – Kayla Kuni (a)

No report.

Reference and Public Services – Celise Reech-Harper (a)

No report.

Resources and Technical Services – Stephanie Adams (a)

No report.

School and Children’s Librarians – Camille McCutcheon

This group will sponsor a program at the conference.

Special Libraries – Nancy Richey (a) (emailed report)

The section still needs a secretary/treasurer and at this time, I have one person interested in the position. Nancy Richey can continue in the Chair position for the next year. Members will be contacted about voting for this secretary position and about upcoming events.

Trustees and Friends – Rita Spisak (a)

No report.

University and College Library – Kevin Shehan

No report.

XI. Round Table Reports

Government Documents – Sonnet Ireland (a)

No report.

Library Instruction – Michael Wilson

No report.

Electronic Resources – Peggy Kain (a)

No report.

Circulation and Reserve – Fred Smith (a)

No report.

African American Issues – Wanda Brown (a)

No report.

New Members Round Table – Ashley Dees

The NMRT is sponsoring a panel at the SC/SELA conference. Our program will be on Thursday, November 1st from 1:30pm to 2:30pm. Program information: “Navigating your career: Advice, challenges, and tips for those getting ready to take that next step.” Join this panel of library leaders from across the southeast as they give advice, relate challenges, and share tips for navigating a career in librarianship. Whether you’re trying to find your first library job, looking to make the leap to management, or simply enjoy hearing other’s experiences this panel is for you. The panelists are: Perry Bratcher, Melissa Dennis, Crystal Gates, and Sharon Holderman. We had so many people respond to our call for volunteers that we quickly and easily filled up the panel. I hope all of you attending the conference will join us for this program.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

I. Nominating Committee/Election

Camille McCutcheon

We are in the middle of the election for new officers and all positions are running uncontested: Melissa Dennis, President-Elect; Crystal Gates, Secretary; Beverly James, Treasurer. Gordon reminded the group that the last day to vote is September 20th. Everyone will get a reminder on September 18th. Please cast a vote! Official results will be announced at the conference board meeting.

II. SCLA/SELA Joint Conference

Tim Dodge/Faith Line

Discussed in earlier reports.

III. Arkansas Library Association/SELA Conference

Tim Dodge/Crystal Gates

Discussed in earlier reports.

IV. **SELA Archivist Position**

Linda Harris

Existing Language

Section 4. Archivist:

- a. Upon recommendation of the SELA Board, an archivist will be appointed by the SELA president for a term of three years.
- b. A limit of two three-year terms will be placed on the archivist position.

Proposed Language

- a. Upon recommendation of the SELA Board, an archivist will be appointed by the SELA President for a term of three years.
- b. A limit of two three-year terms will be placed on the archivist position.
- c. The archivist serves as ex-officio on all committees except the Executive Committee and the Nominating Committee.
- d. The Executive Committee shall serve as an advisory committee to the archivist.

Motion to move forward to send suggested changes to the Handbook Committee chair that we will vote on in the board meeting. FL/MW. Approved.

Below are changes that the membership will need to vote on during the SELA Breakfast/membership meeting at the SELA/SCLA conference:

1. On page 7 of the Constitution, Article IV. Administration and Organization. Section 3. Board:

Existing Language

Section 3. Board: a. The Board of the Association shall consist of the Officers of the Association, the Immediate Past President of the Association, one (1) elected representative from each constituent state library association, and the chairman of each Section and Roundtable of the Association. The editor of *The Southeastern Librarian* shall be a non-voting member of the Board. The voting members present at a regularly scheduled meeting shall constitute a quorum.

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2. On page 8 of the Constitution, Article IV. Administration and Organization. Section 4. Executive Committee:

Existing Language

- a. The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the Association. A majority of members shall constitute a quorum. Each member has one (1) vote.

Proposed Language

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3. On page 28 in the History section of the SELA Handbook, Executive Committee, Personnel

Existing Language

The Executive Committee shall be composed of the following members:

1. Officers of the Association
 - a. President
 - b. Vice-President/President-Elect
 - c. Secretary
 - d. Treasurer
2. Representative from Administrative Services (non-voting)

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3. SELA archivist (non-voting)

Announcements

Linda expressed her concerns to our East coast friends who may be affected by Hurricane Florence. Hope to see everyone on October 31st in Greenville!

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m. EST

Respectfully submitted by Melissa Dennis, Secretary