

**Southeastern Library Association
Leadership Conference
March 22, 2007**

Executive Board Meeting

PRESENT: Faith Line, President; Hal Mendelsohn, Membership & Mentoring Committee; Sue Alexander, Tennessee Representative; Jeannette Lessels, Continuing Education/Professional Development Committee; Camille McCutcheon, University & College Section; Elizabeth Doolittle, Committee Member; Paula Paul, Interlibrary Cooperation Committee, Chair; Beverly James, Awards, Chair; Stephen Patrick, Planning Committee; Michael Wilson, Library Instruction Roundtable Chair; Linda S. Harris, Alabama Representative; Kathleen Imhoff, President-Elect; Judith Gibbons, Immediate Past President; Perry Bratcher, *Southeastern Librarian* Editor; Jim Cooper, Georgia Representative; Dwain Gordon, Arkansas Representative; Gordon Baker, Secretary & Administrative Services; Bill Nelson, Treasurer; Christie Robinson, Conference Committee; Glenda Neely, Committee Member.

CALL TO ORDER: President Faith Line called the meeting to order at 1:10 P.M. and welcomed everyone. Introductions were made.

MINUTES: Secretary Gordon Baker presented the minutes for the May 12, 2005 Board Meeting and the May 13, 2005 Leadership Conference Minutes. A correction on the May 12, 2005 minutes under the South Carolina report was noted; changing Columbus, SC to Columbia, SC. Jim Cooper moved; Kathleen Imhoff seconded that the minutes be approved. The motion passed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Faith Line

- TLA/SELA Conference was a successful conference.
- The next joint meeting will be in October 2008 with KLA in Louisville. Christie Robinson will provide an update later in the meeting.
- Asked that participants provide feedback concerning the format of the current Leadership Conference. Comments provided immediately were:
 - Length of Leadership Conference may limit the number of attendees.
 - Would it be possible to combine the Leadership Conference with another meeting, such as the SOLINET Annual Users Meeting.
 - Members were urged to continue to provide comments about this Conference.
 - It was noted that upcoming Leadership Conference planning take into account National Library Legislative Day, and the Kentucky Derby.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Kathleen Imhoff

- Working hard on the KLA/SELA joint conference.
- Urge all members of the board to promote the upcoming conference

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bill Nelson

CD Balance at Regents Bank: 11,627.68

Checkbook Balance at Bank of America: 16,606.10

Total Assets 28,233.78

Balance Sheets and other Treasurer's Reports may be viewed at the following website: [http://www.aug.edu/~libwnn/SELA%20\(Mar07\).htm](http://www.aug.edu/~libwnn/SELA%20(Mar07).htm)

A discussion concerning SELA's finances ensued. Judith Gibbons stated that they way in which the KLA/SELA contract was written will benefit the SELA treasury. Bill pointed out that the SELA treasury fluctuated up with the years that a joint conference was held and went down the years without a conference. The question was asked of Bill what expenses were incurred with an annual conference. Expenses include administrative services, the president's travel, speakers, and programming.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES: Gordon Baker

The handout provided by Administrative Services is attached.

Highlights include:

- Membership Total: 233
- Honorary Members: 19
- Membership cards have been mailed to members renewing or joining for 2006 and 2007. Renewal letters have been mailed.
- Responsibilities for *The Southeastern Librarian* have been performed.
- SELA Election materials were printed and mailed.
- SELA Leadership Conference was planned.
- SELA Exhibit has been mailed to annual conference.

SOUTHEASTERN LIBRARIAN REPORT: Perry Bratcher

- Submissions being received after a call for papers.
- Publication schedule changed from four print issues to two electronic (newsletters) and two print (scholarly) issues. This new schedule is going well with no complaints. Print issue is not posted to the SELA website until the electronic newsletter issue is posted.
- There have been inquiries regarding ads in the journal. Most of these don't follow through once they find out the low subscription mailing. The newsletter issues contain a lot of information from EBSCO and SOLINET. This information is received from their respective news releases. May want to emphasize this point when soliciting their (EBSCO & SOLINET) support for conferences.
- Excellent Editorial Board (Catherine Lee, Tyler Goldberg, and Margaret Foote) and a pool of about 30 reviewers. The Editor will verify yearly the membership of each reviewer.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Alabama – Linda Harris

- Annual ALLA Conference will be held April 17-20, 2007 in Mobile at the Mobile Convention Center. The theme of the convention is “Growing our Passion: Alabama Libraries Sow Seeds for the Future.” The keynote speaker at the Opening Session is Andrew Sanderbeck, a leadership and team development trainer.
- The Alabama Book Festival is scheduled for April 21, 2007 in Montgomery, AL on the grounds of the historic Old Alabama Town. More than fifty novelists, poets, artists, illustrators, playwrights and children’s writers will converge on the grounds for the second annual state book festival. To register for the conference go to:
<http://www.alabamabookcenter.org>.
- The Birmingham Public Library presents the 9th Alabama Bound event on April 14, 2007 from 10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. Featured speakers are Mark Childress and Angela Johnson, plus 17 other authors. Also present will be Alabama publishers and local chapters of writing groups. The website is:
<http://www.alabamabound.org>.
- The following Alabama librarians are running for ALA offices and appointments. Please consider giving them your support when you cast your votes for the appropriate offices:
 - Eric A. Kidwell – ACRL_CLS Member-at-large
 - Valentin, Yolanda – ALSC 2009 Caldecott Committee
 - Blalock, Irene (Renee) S. – PLA Library Development Cluster
 - Fine, Jana R. – YALSA Board of Directors
 - Dodge, Tim – GORDORT Federal Documents Task Force Secretary
 - Glenn, Valerie – GODORT Bylaws and Organization Committee.

Arkansas – Dwain Gordon

- 2007 Arkansas Library Association will be held September 9-11, 2007 in Hot Springs at the Hot Springs Convention Center and Embassy Suites.
- Arkansas Literary Festival will be held April 20-22, 2007 in Little Rock.

Florida – No Report

Georgia – Jim Cooper

- Children’s Services Annual Conference (CSAC) was held on February 9 in Macon with 400 attendees. The event was very successful and well attended.
- 2006 GLA Conference (COMO) was September 20-22, 2006 in Athens. Over 1000 attendees were present.
- Georgia Library Day was February 13, 2007 with 300+ attendees.
- 2007 GLA Conference (COMO) will be held October 17-19, 2007 at Jekyll Island.
- The joint SELA/GLA (COMO) Conference will be in 2012.

Kentucky – Christie Robinson, Kathleen Imhoff, and Judith Gibbons

- The annual KLA Conference was held at the Louisville Marriott. The Conference celebrated the 100th anniversary of the Western Library Branch.
- The 2007 annual conference will be September 27-30 at the Louisville Marriott.
- Annual Book Fair was held in November 2006. This marked the 25th anniversary of the Book Fair.
- Kentucky has a new State Librarian, Wayne Onkst. He is a member of SELA.
- April 16-18, 2007 – Spring Conference of KLA Sections
- April 23-25, 2007 – Kentucky Public Library Association Conference
- Library Legislative Day will be in May.
- Reforma Chapter has been established.

Mississippi – Elizabeth Doolittle

- Mississippi Library Association will be held October 24-26, 2007 in Vicksburg.

North Carolina – No Report

South Carolina – Bill McRee (submitted written report)

- During a successful conference at Hilton Head Island, the theme of which was *South Carolina Libraries: Embracing the arts and Promoting Cultural Literacy*, the following slate of officers were elected:
 - Quincy Pugh, Richland County Public Library, President
 - Curtis Rogers, South Carolina State Library, 1st Vice-President/President-Elect.
 - Geri Gaskill, Horry County Library, 2nd Vice-President
 - Clo Cammerata, Richland County Public Library, Secretary
 - Libby Young, James B. Duke Library, Furman University, Treasurer
 - Continuing in office:
 - Tom Gilson, Adleston Library, College of Charleston, ALA Councilor
 - Bill McRee, Florence County Library System, SELA Representative.
- President-Elect Curtis Rogers has selected as the theme for this year's conference in Columbia to be: *Library 2.0: Taking South Carolina Libraries to the People*.
- Several workshops by various sections and roundtables are planned for the year and more information will appear on the association's website: <http://www.scala.org>.
- New State Librarian, David Goebel attended Library Legislative Day in Columbia on March 21, 2007.

Tennessee – Sue Alexander

- State Conference, April 18-20, 2007 in Chattanooga
- State Staff Development Workshops will be held in May
- Library Legislative Day was February 27, 2007.

West Virginia – No Report

SECTION & ROUNDTABLE REPORTS

Library Instruction Roundtable – Michael Wilson

- Michael reported that the roundtable was active.

Trustees and Friends of the Library Section – Gordon Baker

- Gordon reported that section was somewhat active. He stated that he had sent emails to all Trustees and Friends Sections of the SELA member states, but had had no response. He stated that he had conducted one trustees training session in Georgia.

University & College Library Section – Camille McCutcheon

- Camille reported that the section was indeed still functioning. She hoped to meet with other university and college folks during the Leadership Conference.

OLD BUSINESS – Faith Line

- Immediate Past President Judith Gibbons reported that letters of interest had been written and sent to Louisiana, Virginia, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. Judith reported that the president of the Virginia Library Association had responded and that a response letter would be sent to her.
- Hal Mendelsohn discussed the work of the Membership Committee. In an email prior to the Leadership Conference, he had sent documents concerning:
 - Proposed Mentoring Project
 - Proposed job description for SELA State Representatives
 - Updated descriptions of SELA Committees, Round Tables, and Sections.
 - Webpage update
 - New logo for SELA
 - New membership category
- Discussion began concerning the topics, but was stopped after an inquiry of what action could be taken by the Board. After reviewing the SELA Constitution and Bylaws, it was determined that these items were not distributed to the members of the Executive Board 30 days prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Jim Cooper, seconded by Bill Nelson, to have these documents re-sent to the Executive Board and for the Executive Board to take action electronically after the 30 days required. The motion passed unanimously. Kathleen Imhoff volunteered to have the graphic artist at Lexington Public to create a new logo for SELA. The board graciously accepted her offer.
- A discussion on the continued viability of the SELA Sections and Round Tables was held. A call for the number of current members for each

section and round table was requested. After a telephone call to SELA Administrative Services, Gordon Baker provided the following information:

○ Library Education:	11 members
○ Public Libraries:	45 members
○ Reference & Adult Services:	38 members
○ Resources & Technical Services:	37 members
○ School & Children's :	10 members
○ Special Libraries	11 members
○ Trustees & Friends:	17 members
○ University & Colleges:	104 members
○ Library Instruction:	26 members
○ New Members:	3 members
○ Government Documents:	6 members
○ Information Technology:	24 members
○ Preservations:	4 members
○ Paraprofessional:	2 members
○ African-American Issues:	4 members
○ Circulation & Reserves:	4 members

- Following the presentation of this information, Faith Line referred the future of the sections and round tables to the Planning Committee co-chaired by Stephen Patrick and Ravonne Green. An item under New Business would continue this discussion.
- Members of the Board discussed the revision of the SELA webpage. Each state representative is urged to have a link to SELA placed on their state webpage.
- Christie Robinson provided an update of the 2008 joint meeting of the Kentucky Library Association, the National Diversity in Libraries Conference (NDLC), and SELA. She stated that SELA needed to supply the number of meeting rooms needed, tentative number of attendees, if a luncheon is needed, and if board meeting space is needed. Christie also distributed NDLC cards that are being distributed. After discussion concerning the lack of diversity appearing on these cards, Kathleen Imhoff volunteered to create and print a card showing more diversity and listing SELA as a sponsor.
- A discussion was held concerning the idea of a soiree during the joint conference. This soiree could be a potential fund-raiser. Christie Robinson and others discussed the Virtual Library Soiree that was instituted at KLA this year. There is the possibility that the SELA Soiree could be combined with the Virtual Library Soiree. Christie Robinson will check into this.
- Since the financial state of SELA had been discussed, Gordon Baker posed the question about SELA having annual meetings with state associations. Gordon stated that annual meetings would bring in additional revenue, additional members, and more regional contacts making SELA more viable. Stephen Patrick continued this discussion by reviewing the recommendations of the 2005 Planning Committee document. This document not only proposed exploring annual joint conferences, but with other "regional" associations, such as Southeastern

Museum Conference, Southern Chapter of the Medical Library Association, Southeast Chapter of the Art Libraries Society of North America, Southern Appalachian Chapter of Special Libraries Association, SOLINET, State Genealogical Associations or Societies, etc. Following discussion, President Faith Line referred the idea of having annual joint conferences beginning in 2009 to the Conference (Site) Committee for further research. Once the committee has a recommendation, it is to be sent to the President for dissemination to the Executive Board.

NEW BUSINESS

- Children's Book Award – President Line brought forward the idea of an award for children's book. She stated that SELA currently has an award for book design (Southern Book Competition) and one for adult authors (Outstanding Author Award). After members of the Board discussed this topic, the idea of the Children's Book Award was tabled until a future meeting of the Board.
- Filling Vacancies in Sections & Round Tables – After further discussion about the viability of SELA's sections and round tables, Linda Harris moved and Michael Wilson seconded the motion, "To give the SELA President the authority to appoint a chair for each of the vacant sections and round tables. The motion passed unanimously.
- It was announced that Arkansas had issued an invitation for SELA to participate in a joint meeting with Arkansas in 2010. Judith Gibbons moved, Bill Nelson seconded, the motion to participate in a joint Arkansas/SELA Conference in Little Rock in 2010. The motion passed unanimously.
- It was also announced that Georgia had issued an invitation for SELA to participate in a joint conference with Georgia COMO in 2012. Judith Gibbons moved, Bill Nelson seconded, the motion to participate in a joint Georgia COMO/SELA Conference at a site to be determined in 2012.. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

- Michael Wilson moved that meeting be adjourned at 4:02. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Gordon Baker, SELA Secretary