SELA Board Meeting
August 21, 2019
Virtual Meeting via Zoom
1 p.m. Central/2 p.m. Eastern Time

MINUTES

Tim Dodge called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. CST. In attendance were: Tim Dodge, Gordon Baker, Bernadette Johnson, Crystal Gates, Emily Rozario, Muriel Nero, Laura Slavin, Kristin Rogers, Peggy Kain, Natalie Logue, Nacole Adams, Vicki Gregory, Wendy Stephens, Faith Line, Melissa Dennis, Beth Anderson, Kate Engelbrecht, Linda Harris, Michael Law, Stephanie Adams, Carol Walker Jordon, Sharon Holderman, Beverly James, Becky Bickford, Bonnie Thornton, Natalie Logue, Ashley Dees, Preston Salsbury, Ben Carter, Gerald Holmes, Camille McCutcheon, Kathy Bradshaw

Motion Bonnie Thornton, second Melissa Dennis to approve the Minutes of March 28, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

Tim Dodge gave the President’s report. Ethan Sharp, Grants Manager at the Living Arts and Sciences Center contacted Tim regarding possible participation in Wonders on Wheels (WOW) Program on International Space Station Research, which is sponsored by Living Arts and Sciences Center, Lexington, Ky. The SELA Executive Committee first needs to discuss and vote, so this is not yet an agenda item but I wanted the Board to be aware of this potentially interesting opportunity for SELA to assist in helping under-resourced libraries in Kentucky, Virginia, West Virginia, and Tennessee participate in a scientific literacy program for children. SELA’s potential role would be to help identify perhaps 30-40 public libraries, primarily in Kentucky, where the free Wonders on Wheels program could be featured; to help promote the program; and to perhaps help publicize the program by serving as an endorsing body. Mr. Sharp will be submitting the grant proposal in September. If approved in Spring 2020, the program would run 2020-2023. If the SELA Executive committee approves, this will be on the agenda at the Board meeting scheduled for September 27 at the joint ArLA/SELA conference in Hot Springs.

The contract with Gordon Baker for administrative services will expire on December 31, 2019, so the Executive Committee is currently in the processing of revising the document and reviewing it to cover Dr. Baker’s services through December 31, 2020 and perhaps December 31, 2021. Once approved by Gordon Baker and the SELA Executive Committee, this will also be on the agenda at the Board meeting scheduled for September 27 at the joint ArLA/SELA conference in Hot Springs.

Due to policy changes at the Austin Peay State University Library, it was necessary to move the SELA website to a new server after having been there since 2008. Thanks to the good work of Website Committee Co-Chair Michael Hooper plus well-organized handling of the financial aspects by Treasurer Bev James with Don Allen, the SELA website has been successfully transferred to the GoDaddy cloud server.

Following the death of Stanley “Bud” Frankenthaler last year, continued sponsorship of the Ginny Frankenthaler Memorial Scholarship award was in an unclear status. I sent family lawyer, Derek Sills, a formal inquiry on April 11, and he replied promptly and favorably confirming there is continued interest by the Frankenthaler family in continuing this scholarship. I confirmed this with Laura Slavin, Continuing Education and Staff Development Committee Chair, who has, I believe, confirmed things with Mr. Sills for a 2020 award.
The NCLA Leadership Institute was discussed at the May 22 Executive Committee virtual meeting. I have followed up by contacting NCLA President Michael Crumpton. He informed me that it will be a while before specific information concerning registration cost, duration, etc. is available for the 2020 Institute since NCLA is concentrating right now on the 2019 biennial conference. In an e-mail message to me from May 24, Mr. Crumpton states, “We are interested in sharing this experience with SELA, thus the idea of a board member attending. We expect the logistics to be similar, we've created a model that we are trying to follow that keeps it affordable and relevant using mostly internal facilitators. We feel that our results are positive as we have many stories of participant success with their careers and overall job satisfaction.” Juli Moore will be in charge of the 2020 Institute and Mr. Crumpton has asked her to keep me apprised when more information is available (for example, the 2020 location has not yet been established). I plan to follow up and keep Executive Committee and Board members informed when I know more.

Having sent out a couple of calls to the SELA Board for library advocacy ideas, I received 19 advocacy ideas. Wanting to keep things manageable and achievable, I boiled these down to six and then solicited both individual Board members and the Board at large to get volunteers or, if necessary, to form one or more ad hoc volunteer committees to start working on these ideas. The purpose is to develop one or more of these ideas into a basic plan of action. I look forward to seeing at least a few of these ideas/initiatives come to fruition.

The following ideas are or soon will be under development:
1) Add SELA to list of recommended professional associations maintained by area library and information science schools. Coordinators: Carol Walker Jordan, Chair and Sharon Holdeman, Chair-Elect of Library Education Section.
2) Host an advocacy-related panel session at forthcoming joint conference with Georgia Library Association in 2020. Coordinators: SELA President Tim Dodge and SELA President-elect Melissa Dennis.
3) A combination of three advocacy ideas: a) connect SELA advocacy to state library association advocacy association efforts’ b) participate in American Library Association National Library Legislative Day AND State Library Legislative Days; and c) work with state library associations to identify statewide areas of concern. Coordinator: Mississippi State Representative and New Members Round Table Chair Ashley Dees. NOTE: It would be nice to have another Board member or two volunteer.
4) Create or host an advocacy discussion board to identify and work on advocacy efforts on a more local basis than what the American Library Association does. Coordinator: No volunteer(s) yet.

At the request of Megan Cusick, Grassroots Specialist, American Library Association, Tim wrote letters supporting funding of annual appropriation of Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) and Innovative Approaches to Literacy (IAL) in response to Trump Administration proposal to eliminate such funding with the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget request sent to Congress. Fortunately, Ms. Cusick or her office staff then made sure copies were electronically delivered to all needed U.S. Representatives and both U.S. Senators for each of the 12 Southeastern states. I sent U.S. Representatives letter on March 21 and U.S. Senators letter on April 1.

Right now we are primarily focused on the forthcoming joint conference with the Arkansas Library Association Sept. 27-29, but Executive committee members are beginning to consider some ideas for ways to observe SELA’s forthcoming centennial. That joint conference will be with the Georgia Library Association in Macon in Fall 2020.

Several states have or soon will have vacancies or expired terms for SELA State Representative. Tim has been in fairly frequent contact seeking to either determine who is in office or to confirm if someone is in office. Currently all states have a SELA State Representative in place with the following either newly confirmed or soon to be determined/confirmed:
North Carolina: Gerald Holmes as of July 26, replacing Wanda Brown
South Carolina: Faith Line until election at SCLA conference October 9-11, 2019
West Virginia: Breana Bowen until new State Representative to be elected August 2019.
Check Request Approvals: Have provided dated signature for eight check requests made between April 9 and July 25 including the following: SELA Webmaster stipend, Southeastern Librarian editor honorarium; monthly stipends for SELA Administrative Services; two for mailing SELA display materials to state conferences; Post Office box renewal; and two relating to the SELA website server move and domain name registration.

Revenues from Joint Conference with South Carolina Library Association: It turns out I supplied a slightly incorrect Post Office box number to Donald Wood, Executive Secretary of the South Carolina Library Association, for where to mail the check for revenues owed to SELA ($5891.12) for the joint conference held in Greenville Oct. 31 – Nov. 2, 2018. This was not discovered until early July upon an initial inquiry from Camille McCutcheon to Gordon Baker. Once the situation was understood, Mr. Wood was kind enough to have the bank issue a “stop payment” on the previously sent check (originally sent in February) and issue a new one which was confirmed received by Dr. Baker on July 13. I am relieved to report a happy ending.

Melissa Dennis gave the President-Elect’s report. Only business to report will be discussed under the 2019 and 2020 conference items later in the agenda.

Gordon Baker gave the Administrative Service report. We currently have 305 members, which is our highest in recent history.

DATABASE
• Regular maintenance
• Finally resolved labeling of Honorary Members
• Removed 21 names due to inactive email addresses

MEMBERSHIPS
• Processed memberships
• Sent out renewal notices to former 2016-2019 members. This totaled to 151 former members.

SECTIONS/ROUND TABLES/COMMITTEES
• Sent out update for all Sections, Round Tables, and Committees on May 26 and June 14.

SELA ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES EMAIL
• Responded to emails received or forwarded to appropriate members of the Board

SELA ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE DUTIES
• Sent SELA materials to VSU Archives
• Accompanied Camille McCutcheon to VSU Archives
• Contacted Cindy Cline and will begin shortly the moving of the Southern Books Competition Books from University of Kentucky to Valdosta State University.

SELA LISTSERV
• Completed SELA LIST purge project. A total of 174 folks whose memberships had expired were members of the listserv. A notice was sent to the members that you need to be a member to be on the list. Two weeks deadline for rejoining was given. Approximately 27 folks rejoined. Those not rejoining were deleted from the listserv.
• Thanks to Selma Jaskowski for her continued help monitoring the list and to the Dean Barry Baker and the University of Central Florida for allowing us to keep the list on their server.

Zoom Usage
• March 27 – SELA Executive Committee Meeting
• March 28 – SELA Board Meeting
• June 7 – Test for SELA Public Library Section
• June 11 – Public Library Section Presentation: Summer Reading Programs
• June 18 – SELA Executive Committee Meeting
• June 27 – SELA E-Resources Round Table Meeting
• August 21 – SELA Board Meeting
• August 27 – SELA E-Resources Round Table Meeting
• August 28 – Public Library Section Presentation: Career Paths for Librarians

Bev James gave the Treasurer’s report. When reviewing joint conference income, the almost $5,900 in revenue was related to SCLA. Even though the conference took place in 2018, the funds were received in 2019. Anytime you can participate in a joint conference, it helps the association’s revenues. Godaddy.com hosts our website, and Michael took the lead in making the best choice. We did go over the budget due to this expense, but it should be fine, especially with the contingency funds being available. Full report has been emailed to all board members.

Camille McCutcheon gave the Archivist’s report. A trip was made to the Valdosta State archives, and she met with Deborah Davis, the archivist at Valdosta. She is in the process of updating forms and the section in the handbook regarding archives. Those updates will be shared at the next Executive Committee meeting, and once approved, will be provided to the full board. She and Gordon are looking specifically for photographs to share during the Centennial celebration, and they found a great copy of the first SELA meeting ever held. They are considering how to identify those in the photographs, and many of the photos are at least thirty years old. She is working to ensure photos identify who is in the photo and the event.

Perry Bratcher submitted the Southeastern Librarian report. The Southeastern Librarian continues to publish quarterly. In addition to regular duties, the following items were unique activities this quarter: Spring and Summer issues published: 6 articles; 18 book reviews; April - July, 4 articles reviewed for publication – 1 accepted for publication; Kennesaw repository downloads of SELn articles: April – 767 titles, May – 620 titles, June – 491 titles.

State Representative Reports are as follows:

Alabama – Margie Calhoun, I attended the 2019 Alabama Library Association Annual Conference in Point Clear, Alabama at the Grand Hotel on April 2-5. The conference theme was Alabama Libraries – The Heart of Your Home Town. I manned a table for SELA during the conference and was able to collect quite a number of contacts through a drawing for prizes. Prizes (2) were donated by my library and given away during the banquet or dinner. Winners also received a free SELA membership. I also attended Legislative Day in Montgomery, AL on Wednesday, May 1. The Legislative Day was held at the State House. During the day, I was able to meet nearly all of the representative from my area (Mobile, Clarke, Washington and Baldwin counties counties) and to leave behind the talking points flyer developed by the Alabama Public Library Service as well as tiny books (key chains) that were made on 3D printers at libraries throughout the state. These were reminders or examples of what is happening in libraries across the state and that they are fully engaged in digital age and quite literally the only place the public has to go for some services. The flyer highlighted impact of Alabama Libraries (public, school, academic and special) on the state and its citizens. It was a very productive day. I am preparing to attend the joint conference of SELA and the Arkansas Library Association in Hot Springs on September 27 – 29. I also want to continue to support advocacy efforts by the State Library and the Alabama Library Association. Arkansas – Emily Rozario, We are looking forward to everyone coming to Hot Springs, and hope to see everyone there. In looking at memberships, we are hoping to increase those.

Louisiana – Sarah and Hayley, no report.

Mississippi – Ashley Dees, The Mississippi Library Association (MLA) Conference will be held October 22-25, 2019 at the Westin in Jackson, MS. The last day to register is October 15, 2019. The MLA Board has issued an invitation to SELA to join MLA in a joint conference in 2022. The location of Mississippi’s 2022 conference has not been chosen as of yet. More discussion will follow under new business.

Tennessee – Stephanie Adams, Technically, my term of office did not begin until July 1. However, I met with the outgoing Tennessee Representative to SELA, Sue Knoche, at the Tennessee Library Association Conference in Chattanooga on April 26. Sue shared the details of the SELA booth layout for the exhibitors’ area and gave me her reports and binders from her term in office. She awarded two free
SELA memberships in a drawing at the SELA booth. The TLA Conference 2019 theme was “Opening Hearts, Doors, Minds.” It was held from April 24-26 at the Chattanooga Convention Center. The conference income was $75,000 and its expenses were about $55,000.

I also attended the TLA Advisory Council Meeting and Retreat at the Williamson County Public Library on June 14. The initial restructuring of the Executive Board was completed last year. New President, Jill Rael, presented her focus for the 2019/2020 year, which included continuing to work on the reorganization. TLA now has a Diversity Committee (soon to be the Diversity and Inclusion Committee). Other areas of focus include the possibility of changing the TLA logo to TnLA or TNLA to align with the organization’s URL. Jill will also be working with the Strategic Planning Taskforce. She also expressed interest in making the TLA conferences more inclusive and feasible for small libraries with limited staff. She suggested the possibility of webinars or webcast presentations for librarians who cannot attend the conferences in person.

I put Mississippi Representative, Ashley Dees, in contact with TLA’s Legislative Monitor and Advocacy Chair for the Tennessee Association of School Librarians to assist with her SELA advocacy initiatives inquiry. Tennessee Library Legislative Day will be March 10, 2020 at the Nashville Public Library.

Annelle Huggins, who has served as the TLA Executive Director for the past 18 years is retiring. TLA President Jill Rael announced the opening of a search for a new Executive Director from within TLA’s membership on July 29. Resumes were being accepted until August 16 and the goal is to name the new executive director by September 9.

I plan to represent TLA at the upcoming Arkansas Library Association/Southeastern Library Association Joint Conference in Hot Springs, Arkansas from September 27-29, 2019. Tenn-Share, a Tennessee library consortium, is an affiliate member of the Tennessee Library Association and is also a member of the Tennessee Association of School Libraries and Friends of Tennessee Libraries. Tenn-Share will host DataFest, a day-long vendor fair and conference, on October 17 at the Nashville Public Library. Tenn-Share has been soliciting presenters for DataFest and exhibitors of technology tools and products for the Tech Showcase on the TLA listserv. Tech Showcase is part of DataFest, which will be celebrating its 15th anniversary.

The next TLA Advisory Council/Executive Board Meeting is scheduled for September 12 at the Hermitage Branch Library.


North Carolina – Gerald Holmes, NCLA Conference will be Oct 15-18, 2019. The Joint Conference will be Oct 18-22, 2021 in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. He is looking forward to seeing everyone at the conference in Arkansas.

South Carolina – Faith Line, The SLCA Conference is October 9-11, 2019 at the Columbia Marriott in Columbia, SC. She would love to see SELA members there.

Georgia – Ben Carter, Looking forward to Joint Conference in September.

West Virginia – Beth Anderson, Annual Conference is Oct 16-18, 2019. New rep will be elected shortly. The new representative’s term will begin after the conference.

Virginia – Kathy Bradshaw, no report.

Tennessee- Looking forward to seeing everyone at the joint conference in Arkansas. Met with Sue Knoche at the TLA conference. Will email report.

Committee Chair Reports are as follows:

Awards – Vicki Gregory – will email to me

Continuing Ed- Laura Slavin, We are excited to be sponsoring a presentation at the ARLA/SELA Conference: “Academic Libraries and their Communities: Approaches to Community Engagement.” Rebecca Rose, from University of North Georgia and Laura Slavin from the University of Alabama in Huntsville will be presenting. Also looking forward to reviewing the applications for the Ginny Frankenthaler Scholarship starting next year.

Intellectual Freedom - Dusty Folds,

Membership – Fay Verburg, We currently have 305 SELA members, with Georgia, South Carolina, and Alabama leading the way. The list of people who wish to serve on the Membership Committee has been
Some people on a previous list asked to be taken off the committee for the coming two-year membership period. A welcome email was sent to members of the Membership Committee in July. Some members were sent an email in July welcoming them to the Association. An email will be sent soon asking members of the committee to assist with the staffing of the membership table at the Arkansas/SELA meeting in September. Setup can begin on Friday at 3:00-5:00. Saturday the exhibit opens at 8 and someone will need to be present until 5:00 pm. Sunday opening is from 8-2:30. A call will also go out for donations for the raffle. Emily Rozario suggested that the raffle be held on Sunday around 2:00 pm.

Outstanding Author – Nacole Adams, An invitation to join email was sent to SELA members that expressed interest in the Outstanding Author Award committee on June 21, 2019. Twenty-two members accepted the invitation to serve on the OAA Committee. Within 24-48 hours of accepting the invitation, a welcome email was sent. Individuals that declined received a thank you email. In about a week, an email will be sent to committee members with information and instructions for nominating authors for the award. Please let Nacole know if you have any questions.

Constitution/Handbook – Michael Law - No changes have been submitted or proposed, so no report.

Mentoring – Stephanie Ard - Had more mentors than mentees, and pairs have been made. So far, all positive responses.

PR/Marketing – Kristin Rogers, over the last few months, we have received access to SELA’s social media accounts, and have made an Instagram and Youtube channel. The plan is to use those medias to promote state and association events. They hope to take a group photo at the upcoming meeting at the joint conference, so watch for times for that photo to be taken.

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Section Chair Reports are as follows:

Library Education – Sharon Holderman – The Education section has formed four workgroups based on our purpose according to the SELA handbook.
1. Forum for the exchange of ideas: The existing SELA listserv is one venue, which serves this purpose. Another way to facilitate the exchange of ideas is to encourage library science faculty to publish and present with SELA.
2. Work with Continuing Education Committee: Offer session at a conference; topics may include raising awareness of fellowships available at university libraries as well as designing and giving presentations. Could also do free webinars to reach larger audience.
3. Facilitate job placement of graduates: Currently on the SELA website, there is a jobs page, but it does not contain/link to career information about cover letters, resumes, or interviewing.
4. Advocacy efforts: Working on SELA’s advocacy effort to get SELA listed with library science programs as a professional organization for their students. First, our workgroup will find all higher education library science programs within SELA’s states by December 31, 2019. Then we will contact those programs to get SELA’s information and a link to SELA on their website by July 1, 2020.

Public Library – Kate Engelbrecht, Thank Gordon for helping with webinars.

Goals:
1. Assess needs and function of the Public Libraries section and public library members of SELA.
   Measure: write goals, draft of plan by 11/15/2019, plan finalized by 3/1/2020
2. Increase membership and engagement among public library staff.
   Measure: 5% increase per year
3. Facilitate exchange of ideas, training opportunities and assistance among Public Libraries section members and anyone else interested in public libraries.
   Measure: Create a program sharing component. Members could share ideas for programs and steps that they took to implement them. (currently using SELA’s YouTube account to share webinar recordings)
   Measure: host one webinar or other learning opportunity per quarter (see webinar report below)
Takeaways: majority of members are in management; many members have 20+ years of library experience, most have 10+; most would like webinars on popular topics; they are gearing topics toward leadership

Webinars: 127 people have registered for a Public Libraries section webinar, only 4 people are members of the section.

Webinar publicity:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1gTnJLv9ctagnhjkgTMqKw7NDV7rOxMm3BvEK7pW-LVo/edit

Past: Summer Reading Program Ideas - 6/11/2019, 35 registered, 8 live attendees, 26 views
Library Management Scenarios - 7/16/2019, 70 registered, 14 live attendees, 17 views
Upcoming: Career Paths in Public Libraries - 8/28/2019, 45 registered
Succeeding in Challenging Customer Interactions - 9/19/2019

Diversity and LGBTQ+ materials, programs, services and challenges - TBA
Team building and motivation for your library staff - TBA
Skills to succeed in the 21st century library (for library staff) – TBA
They have received questions regarding job seeking, how to go from public to academic librarianship, and skills needed to be a director that are not taught in library school.

Membership: March 1: 57 members; April 23: 46 members, 6 new members, 16 dropped; May 25: 47 members, 5 new members 4 dropped

School/Children’s Librarian – ________, They have a session on Saturday morning in Hot Springs, and looking forward to seeing everyone there.

Special Libraries – Nancy Richey, Members were contacted concerning voting for secretary/vice-chair.

Joseph Shankweiler- Assistant Professor, Special Collections Catalog Librarian at WKU was selected as the secretary of the section. More information about Joe is below. Nancy Richey will continue in the Chair position for the next year. Members will be contacted about upcoming events as needed. We have 14 members as of July 2019. Joseph Shankweiler is the Special Collections Catalog Librarian for WKU Libraries. He is responsible for original cataloging, complex copy cataloging, and classification of monographs and continuing resources in a variety of formats in all subjects for the Kentucky Library Research Collections. Joseph earned his Master of Library Science Degree (MLS) from Indiana University, Bloomington, specializing in Rare Book and Manuscript Librarianship (2014). He also holds a Master of Arts in English Literature from James Madison University (2012).

Round Table Reports are as follows:

Circ/Reserves – Natalie Logue, Summer is a bad time to get everyone together; they are looking at how to do away with overdue fines and what that means to different libraries. They hope to meet more now that schools are back in session.

Electronic Resources – Laura Slavin, The Electronic Resources Round Table held their first topic discussion using Zoom software on June 27th. It was a successful thirty-minute discussion about Streaming Services. Our next topic discussion will be virtually using the Zoom software on August 27th. We will be discussing subscription costs and open access journals. Also we are excited to be sponsoring a panel discussion at the ARLA/SELA conference: “A Data Journey: Navigating a Smooth Transition from COUNTER4 to COUNTERS.” Speakers include Brian George from Henderson State University, Kristin Rogers from University of Mississippi, and Kathy Wheeler from the University of South Alabama, moderated by Laura Slavin from the University of Alabama in Huntsville.

Gov Docs – Bernadette Johnson, nothing new to report

New Members – Preston Salisbury, The Roundtable will be hosting a panel discussion on Saturday at the conference. They will be discussing how to do things outside of your comfort zone. He would like to extend thanks to those willing to serve on the panel.

Melissa Dennis discussed the upcoming 2019 ArLA/SELA Joint Conference. Reminders: Crystal had a planning meeting recently to touch base before conference. Registration link has been sent out, and the program is available on sched.com. Easy to use and access via your smartphone, and this will help you plan your days. They
are working to add a designation to mark the SELA events and sessions. Be sure to attend the board meeting because this is where we will get much of the work of the association done. Your committees, sections, and roundtables will also have designated meeting times. Please utilize those. It is important for us to meet at the conference for planning purposes, especially since we will not have a summer planning conference. Participate in the dine-arounds and check out the fun events being held, including Trivia Night, SELA Breakfast, Dine-Arounds, and the public screening of “the public.” If we are going to have an information meet-up or reception, we can plan for this networking opportunity to be held at the hotel’s evening reception at 5:30 p.m., possibly on Saturday. Motion Laura Slavin, second Ashley Dees to hold a reception during the hotel’s happy hour/reception on Saturday at 5:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. Please consider donating something for the give-away, and keep in mind wine is highly coveted.

Tim Dodge discussed the 2020 GLA/SELA Joint Conference and the SELA Centennial. Logo design needs approval. We need to decide other special events or celebration details for the Centennial. The 2020 GLA/SELA Joint Conference is scheduled for October 7-9, 2020. With this being the Centennial, we want this to be a special time of celebration. The plan is to roll out the new centennial logo at the ArLA/SELA Conference in September. There will be a small conference planning committee meeting at the ArLA/SELA conference to begin planning for 2020.

Ashley Dees advised that MLA is in October, but exact dates and location have not been determined. Motion Preston Salisbury, second Melissa Dennis to accept Mississippi Library Association’s invitation to hold a joint conference in 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

Tim Dodge discussed the University of Maryland Census 2020 Forum. They are accepting applications, and there is a limit of forty participants. Tim believes this might be a good event for a SELA board member to attend. The Forum is scheduled for October 31, 2019, and applications are due September 10, 2019. Margie Calhoun is interested in attending. Whoever attends is expected to provide a report back to the board and share the information gained. Motion Ben Carter, second Bernadette Johnson to select Margie Calhoun to apply for attendance at the Census Forum as the SELA representative. She will run it by her administrator, and if she is unable to attend, Bernadette will be the alternate applicant. Motion Natalie Logue, second Laura Slavin to select Bernadette as the alternate applicant in the event Margie Calhoun is unable to attend.

Camille added to her archive report. When she visited Valdosta, she dropped off two copies of the current SELA handbook. Once the updated handbook is available, she will submit updated copies for the records.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:46 p.m. CST.