



South Carolina Library Association

**SCLA Board Meeting Minutes**

**April 30, 2025, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.**

**Zoom**

**FINAL**

**Minutes / Notes**

**In attendance:**

Kelly Jones, Valerie Byrd Fort, Jana Stevenson, Warren Cobb, Jonathan Newton, Paul Dove, Leigh Ramey, Sarah Schroeder, Amber Conger, Cambria Sheridan, Christy Allen, Amiee Hiers, Tucky Taylor, April Williams, Chris Vidas, Kate Dentzman, Ariel Turner, Shamella Cromartie, Jennifer Jean, Cathi Mack, Sonaite Debebe-Kumssa, Candace Moorer, Lea Stapleton, Hannah Broam, Angela Craig, Tiffany Williams, Amanda Myers

**10:00 a.m.: Board Meeting Begins**

- Call to Order - 10:05am
- Adopt Agenda - adopted
- Approve Minutes from January Board Meeting - approved
  - Link to [January Minutes](#)

**Executive Committee Reports**

- President's Report–Kelly Jones
  - Kelly shared Library Link event (April 23) report. Hopefully it will become an annual event.
  - She is working through the SCLA volunteer list.
  - Kelly will be out of the country May 14 - May 31. Per SCLA bylaws (Article VII, Section 2), the First Vice President assumes the duties of President in the absence of the President. Contact 1st VP, Dr. Shamella Cromartie, for questions you may have or any guidance or approvals you may need in Kelly's absence.  
scla1stvp@gmail.com or scromar@clemson.edu
  - If you need to meet with Kelly to discuss any SCLA business, here is a link to book a time on her calendar: [https://calendly.com/kjones-63/scla\\_june\\_august](https://calendly.com/kjones-63/scla_june_august)
- Conference Report–Dr. Shamella Cromartie

- Call for Proposals has gone out. Slow start. Deadline is June 1.
  - Registration will open on June 1.
  - Keynote speakers are Jason Broughton and Lisa Varga
  - Possibility of a screening of [The Librarians](#)
  - There was discussion about conference budget
  - Cambria Sheridan will share restaurant suggestions with Shamella
  - Sponsor / Vendor packet and registration information has gone out and can be found here - <https://www.scla.org/exhibits-sponsors>
- Membership Report–Jana Stevenson
  - Report - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1xpPbHLc0zQ1bOnycYEhM41nJFR-fMOqd/view?usp=sharing>
  - If you have questions or issues with membership or hear of people with questions, send an email to Jana - [secondvpscla@gmail.com](mailto:secondvpscla@gmail.com)
- Treasurer’s Report–April Williams
  - Income / Expense Report <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1IN2d5Fe13gCDj9X7xR3rFlrppisCt8s/view?usp=sharing>
  - There was a budget discussion
  - Currently there is \$24,000 in the SCLA account
- ALA Councilor Report—Sarah Schroeder
  - Report - <https://docs.google.com/document/d/16ypqTkVQFiP62QP94uqbd-7wvtTWfeb4/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=103039981400725547870&rtpof=true&sd=true>
  - Discussion of ALA board terms
- Executive Director’s Report–Aimee Hiers
  - Working on website issue and conference planning

## Action Items

- Approve Budget - Budget approved with one vote against
- Archives and Special Collections - Digital Documents Depository/SCLA Archive Plan (the board approved for this idea to go forward, no vote needed)
  - Plan - [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1\\_bT-cE5uTuiiT6NR1wgDQE3tFEpN4NeL/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=103039981400725547870&rtpof=true&sd=true](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1_bT-cE5uTuiiT6NR1wgDQE3tFEpN4NeL/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=103039981400725547870&rtpof=true&sd=true)
  - If you have questions contact [warren.a.cobb@gmail.com](mailto:warren.a.cobb@gmail.com)
  - There was discussion about the best way to hold / host documents (Google, Memberclicks, etc)
- Awards Committee Updates and Proposed new award

- Report  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1UyhGPcSV37LQK70Zt-6bvoiXciGJhq5/edit?usp=sharing&oid=103039981400725547870&rtpof=true&sd=true>
- Changes to SCLA Awards Committee Guidelines - see report
- Awards Timeline - see report
- Guidelines for Crafting an SCLA Awards Nomination - see report; working on professional development session on this topic
- Proposed new award (Legacy of Service award) - board approved

## Reports

- Section, Committee, Round Table Reports
  - SELA - Amber Conger
    - Did you know that you can join the Southeastern Library Association for additional professional development opportunities and networking? Find out more at <https://selaonline.org>
    - SELA convened in Baton Rouge from March 20-22, 2025. The next SELA Conference will be in Kentucky in October 2026. Additional details about the 2026 conference will be available soon.
    - The Southeastern Librarian journal received over 31,000 downloads in 2025! Check it out at <https://digitalcommons.kennesaw.edu/seln/>
    - Interested in gaining coding experience? SELA is searching for members with coding experience to join the SELA Website Committee to help the Webmaster update content on selaonline.org and assist with design decisions. If you're interested, contact Adam Branscum at adam.branscum@lamanlibrary.org
  - SC APLA Report
  - The Friends of South Carolina Libraries Representative (FOSCL) - Paul Dove FOSCL Report
    - Successful conference recently
    - June 4 - there will be a virtual session about hosting friends book sales
    - Recommended PBS documentary, Free for All  
<https://www.pbs.org/independentlens/documentaries/free-for-all/>
  - SCASL Report
- Other Reports
  - Library Management Section -

- No updates for Library Management Section - Submitted a proposal for conference and are hosting monthly meet ups that have been great to connect through
- *SC Libraries Journal* -
  - moving to once a year publishing
  - reviewed upcoming articles
  - creating a style guide
- Youth Services
  - Meeting regularly
  - working on updating State Library book lists
  - next meeting is May 15
  - lunch and learn on May 28 at State Library
  - working on PD opportunities
- New Members RT -
  - Meeting on April 16 with good turnout
  - hosted a webinar on writing conference proposals
  - Library Link panel went well
  - scheduling some in person brunches around the state.
- Public Library -
  - Meeting on April 10 - asked about challenges they are facing and most mentioned trouble getting their story out.
  - PR from Richland Library is going to host a session to assist with that need
- Marketing Committee -
  - If your section, round table, or committee needs anything updated on the SCLA website, please email [web.scla@gmail.com](mailto:web.scla@gmail.com)
- College and University Section Chair
  - If anyone is interested in the section please contact the Chair
- **Advocacy**
- Scholarship
  - Report -  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1QLghFDXxDjl7UCAP9n5J4ImKi4JzSCH5/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=103039981400725547870&rtpof=true&sd=true>
  - Email Cathi Mack ([ccoopermack@scsu.edu](mailto:ccoopermack@scsu.edu)) to donate baskets to silent auction; monetary donations are also accepted.
- Government Documents
  - Working with members to schedule a May meeting.
  - Chair, Candance Moorer, is new to the group. Welcome, Candance!

- Continuing Education
  - The first ever Library Link held at Richland Library R2i2 facility went really well! Lots of great feedback was received the day of the event, and they are sending out surveys as well. Thanks to RL for providing the space.
  - CE has also hosted two successful webinars – in March with Josh Malkin from ACLU and April's webinar with Leigh Ramey from the State Library in collaboration with the New Members Round Table.
  - The April session was recorded, and moving forward will need to decide if they will record all webinars.
- Library Marketing and Outreach Round Table
  - We had our meeting on April 24th, and we talked about how our library systems currently promote programs and do outreach. We also talked about working towards a goal for the round table and what that goal would be.
  - Our next meeting is May 22nd, and we will be discussing our ideas for goals. I have asked for volunteers for the vice chair and secretary, but have not gotten a response.
- Rainbow Round Table
  - Planning a conference session on mental health for library workers
  - looking into mental health meetups
  - have a secretary now - Chess Schmidt from Richland Library
  - Looking into offering Safe Zone virtual training in the summer
  - Dr. Vanessa Kitzie will present her Library Link presentation at our July meeting
- Constitution and Bylaws Committee -
  - Hosting Governance and Bylaws sessions  
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeZGrP76F6wvyBT3YnH4YAGj-p2CKUcqGKW2XcWJ4FQKnozBQ/viewform> We should open voting on the bylaws update in late May.
  - Working on Handbook
  - We are working to determine the best way for our membership to complete our work online, including workflow, communication and document storage.
  - Figuring out a space where SCLA can keep documents (Memberclicks; Google Workspace; Basecamp; Slack, etc.)
  - We currently cannot accept payments online, and have not been able to do so since last fall. There is a workaround but you have to contact Amie Hiers directly. Tucky is working with Aime to get the payment gateway

Next board meeting will be on Wednesday, July 30, 10-12 on Zoom.  
Zoom link will be emailed closer to the date.

*Submitted by Valerie Byrd Fort on May 2, 2025  
(assisted by Leigh Ramey)*