

# SCLA Board Retreat March 24<sup>th</sup> 10 am-2 pm

**Richland Library Main, Board Room, Third Floor  
1431 Assembly Street  
Columbia, SC 29201**

## **Meeting Started- 10am**

### **Welcome and Introductions – All Board members!**

Budget (this discussion started when Melanie was still taking notes)

*Donald Wood presented a draft budget.*

*Several committee members expressed that GoTo meeting may be an expense that could be cut. Also suggested was adding the expense of email addresses for SCLA to allow for continuity of business as we rotate leadership. Donald Wood reported that SCLA usually raises 75-85k per year. Also noted was that there had been no awards program in 3 years.*

*Donald Wood reported that the budget could be changed by the executive committee without a full vote. He also reported that the report is distributed annually to the board of directors, but that the treasurer gets monthly updates. Section and round table chairs can contact Donald Wood for updates on what money they currently have allocated to them. Melanie Huggins and others suggested that this information be put online for members only.*

*Kelly Jones motioned that we approve the budget. Jonathan Newton 2nd the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

*Membership update, Kelly Jones*

*Ms. Jones presented a powerpoint report detailing current membership contrasted to pre-pandemic numbers. Our overall membership has declined from 434 to 277. The greatest decrease was in student membership. Individual memberships were down but it was noted that the core active participants were still here.*

*Melanie Huggins noted that neither the Public Library nor the Library Management committees had chairs, although they were in the top 3 by committee member numbers.*

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- **Kelly Jones ( 2<sup>nd</sup> VP) Section and Round Table Membership**  
 Membership was mentioned as low and non-active. Suggestions are for more incentive (institutional) in this area to increase membership.
  
- **Youth Services** – First Vice President mention membership is low but was active in the past.
- *Donald Wood added that renewals and new membership are most active in July and December as conferences begin.*  
*Melanie suggested -Dictate patterns when people pay (July- August) seem to be the big times for increase membership.*
  
- **Josh Greer- ALA Councilor updates**
  - No new updates right now but hoping for more soon. Open to suggestions to give to councilor committee pertaining to Legislation Day.
  - Getting involved in advocacy committee with Richard soon.
  
- **First VP report Jimmie Epling –**
  - **2023 SCLA Conference October 17, 18, 19. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday instead of the end of the week.** Convention center same place as before.
  - theme “**Libraries make the impossible possible.** Working on logo right now, ETA- next couple of weeks hopefully.
- **Roundtable committee updates**  
 Tiffany/ Lisa **Continuing resource and Education –**
  - Membership is Free and open.
  - will be hosted event session at Anderson Library- (clarity on this session ) . Cover all areas of South Carolina.
  
- **Marketing committee** was default due to covid and must get up and running again. ( no new updates)

- **Tucker- Scholarly comm group-**
  - inactive needs to be reexamined as it has cross pollination between public libraries and academic. Group is an interest group mostly.
- **Bylaws group-** getting started with it no new updates. (Board role)
- **Allison- College University Committee -**
  - We have a full slate of officers and vice chair.
  - Those involved in past conference are submitting articles on presentations to SCLA Journal.
  - Plans for this year conference- no summer plans but Fall Zoom coffee and chat discussed one day in person conference.
- **Jonathan – advocacy committee**
  - *Share your story campaign* in the past ask libraries to share positive aspects they have been involved in communities – 90 responses from school libraries and others.
  - First campaign related to **transparent and education act**. 262 people signed up but 83 acted - Built track 50 – keep track of certain legislation following 8 pieces of state legislation.

Mealine Higgings suggested for advocacy committee -*One click politics option to send alerts to track those who signed up for alerts.*

Advocacy @ SCLA.org suggested to send all advocacy alerts to members.

Committee and RoundTable emails that are SCLA .org so information gets to members and committee members adequately.

### **Rachel- African Americans Concerns Committee group-**

-Two events

Nov 4<sup>th</sup> *Here we Go again librarians protecting democracy.*

March 16 *colloquium racial healing circles event.*

30 members so far.

**Christin LGBTQ-** Steering committee in July formed.

- Hosted Virtual Happy Hour on Discord platform. Use Discord (share events and updates in libraries)
- Created nomination form for election
- Hold elections, revisited name mission statement and goals, virtual networking, present at SCLA this year,
- In may virtual discussion Book Ban censorship and impact with LGBTQ staff.

**Membership Committee –**

- partner with new member roundtable , advocacy roundtable, zoom info session for new members ,
- Revisited communication avenues to make sure they are updated.
- Using social media to promote value of SCLA, outreach to library school new student orientation.
- Hoping to add someone who works in academic library for expertise to the committee .

**Lessa Aiken SC State Library updates-**

- Congressional meetings with all libraries.
- Offering staffers to become state library patrons avoid paywall
- LSTA- federal grant asking for dollar per captia for states to grant fund.
- Bead funding- broadband equity access in SC - funding can be used for anchor institution (public library) keep it in.
- Telehealth- difficult to recruit doctors and nurses in rural areas, people use library for this service. Want to use some funds to add on telehealth in these library spaces.

*\*SC State Library role in advocacy and legislation – **cannot be involved in advocacy in general but** can be only if it has an overarching effort on all libraries in the state.*

**Melanie Higgins ( President) updates-**

- Exec committee met twice with advocacy committee.
- APLA allowed contact with Walker Smith track all advocacy bills.

**Josh Malcolm-** Freedom to read SC group met.

We are watching Spartanburg book ban for sexually explicit – LGBT characters.

Proposed quality meeting schedule -Wanda will send a schedule option time soon.

Melanie Higgings - **Motion to adjured business meeting – All in favor Aye Non oppose - Board Meeting ended at 12:09pm for breakout group sessions . Meeting overall ended at 2:30**

## **SCLA Executive Committee and Board of Director Meetings Schedule 2023**

### **Quarter 1**

*Executive Committee Meetings – February 17<sup>th</sup> 10am-12pm  
March 9<sup>th</sup> 3pm-4pm*

*Board of Directors Meeting – March 24<sup>th</sup> 10am-2pm*

## **Quarter 2**

*Executive Committee Meeting- June 14<sup>th</sup> 10am-12pm*

*Board of Directors Meeting – June 30<sup>th</sup> 10am-2pm*

## **Quarter 3**

*Executive Committee Meeting- October 6<sup>th</sup> 10am-12pm*  
**(October Annual Meeting)**

*Board of Director Meeting- October 13<sup>th</sup> 10am-2pm*  
**(October Annual Meeting)**

## **Quarter 4**

*Executive Committee Meeting- November 29<sup>th</sup> 10am-12pm*

*Board of Directors Meeting- December 6<sup>th</sup> 10am-2pm*

