



SCLA Board Minutes

FINAL

December 11, 2024

10AM - 11:30AM

In attendance: Christy Allen, Shamella Cromartie, McKenzie Lemhouse, Kelly Jones, Tucky Taylor, Sarah Schroeder, Angela Craig, Kristin Hare, Amanda Myers, Leigh Ramey, Lisa Gieskes, Tiffany Hayes, Sonaite Debebe-Kumssa, Jana Stevenson, Cathi Mack, Jennifer Jean

SCLA Officer Update *Angela Craig*

- Tiffany Hayes is moving out of state
- SCLA Executive Officers will vote for/appoint the replacement
- Shamella Cromartie has agreed to move up to 1st VP / Executive Officers will find someone to fill 2nd VP space.

Minutes of the Last Meeting *Angela Craig*

- Minutes from September 25, 2024 were approved
- Minutes from Annual Business Meeting on October 29, 2024 were approved

Premier Management Partner *Aimee Hiers, Partner/Executive Director*

- Aimee says that we have almost wrapped up all the payments from the conference.
- Jana Stevenson let us know that we didn't take in as much money as we spent on the conference, but we do have savings to make up for it this year.
- We need to find a sustainable model. We paid for SCASL's space this year, but we may not be able to do this in the future. We may not be able to do this again next year.
- Angela Craig stated that we purchased some equipment, and that we may be able to be able to coordinate better to save on AV costs.

Treasurer's Report *Jana Stevenson, Treasurer*

- SCLA raised over \$18,000 in institutional memberships.

- Mix of academic and public libraries.
- \$28,000 is in the bank as of the end of October.

Membership Committee *Tiffany Hayes, 2nd Vice President/Membership Chair*

- Tiffany is moving to Rockford, Illinois.
- Kelly asked Tiffany if there was a way to add the sections/roundtables within memberclicks. Tiffany will work on that.
- Her full report was emailed.

ALA Councilor Report *Sarah Schroeder, ALA Councilor*

- ALA approved a resolution to protect intellectual freedom. They are looking for a new executive director. ALA received a 25 million dollar gift from James W Lewis (donor) and plans to use the money for scholarships for students to get their library degrees.
- Sarah met with some other councilors to discuss the new political environment and tangible ideas, including donating to the Merritt Fund to support librarians who are vulnerable to attacks from political efforts. Discussion of possible fundraisers.

2024 Conference *Kelly Jones, 1st Vice President/Conference Chair*

- Conference report- Kelly Jones reported that we had a great conference. Kelly is sending out a survey to get feedback from this year's conference attendees to help improve for next year. Some issues we need to consider for this conference is that it is expensive to put on a good conference. Kelly suggested that we need to make some of the vendors pay for a more expensive level of support, such as a sponsor. Catering was very expensive. We could economize on meals possibly. We could separate the meals from the keynote. Having it with the meal also limits space- we could include more attendees in the keynote if we didn't do this with a meal. We need to consider what is the greatest value of the conference and ensure we don't hinder that value, but we need to be more efficient/effective. We need to include the [Friends of SC Libraries](#) in our planning. Michael Threats was a great keynote that pulled in a lot of people to the conference. We are locked into Columbia for next year's conference, but we can rotate the conference. Attendance has lagged in years when we had it in places other than Columbia, but it's an option.
- Kelly talked about the need to move for a committee instead of making this the work of one person, particularly because it would help keep institutional memory so we don't have to reinvent the wheel when we plan conferences in the future. We may need to consider a standing committee to make that happen. (Tucky needs to figure out how to appoint a standing committee within our bylaws). Kelly talked about how much work it

was to do the conference, and how supportive her institution was and how much help she got, but she wants to be sure that people that don't have as much time could run the conference if called upon and wanted to.

- **Planning for next year**

- Board meetings will probably remain on Wednesdays. She will send out board meeting dates soon so we will have them and can plan ahead. Zoom is still best for everyone. She suggested that we have a leadership retreat on a Saturday instead of during the week. Several board members talked about how family obligations would make this hard.
- If you are not continuing as the chair of your section/roundtable, please let Kelly know. Send Kelly info for your officers to the SCLA email so we can update the website.

Section/Round Table/Committee Reports

- Tucky Taylor - Has updated Bylaws and will send via email.

Shamella Cromartie - African American Roundtable Concerns

- We need to look at what's going to happen since she's moving.

Christy Allen - Awards

- She has new members for her committee for a 2 year term. Half the committee will roll off every year for 2 year terms. Every time she has put out a call she has received a lot of folks who wanted to serve. They will choose a new chair in January. They may be adding a lifetime achievement award.

Marlena White - [Friends of SC Libraries](#)

- No report, but happy to be there. They support the Friends groups in SC. They are a nonprofit.

Leigh Ramey Youth Services

- They had wonderful presentations at the conference, and there is a lot of interest for next year. They are working to help the State Library to update their literacy materials. They are looking at meet ups for this year, perhaps for in person and virtual.

Cathi Mack- Scholarship for Diversity in Librarianship

- Thank you for your support, if you want to donate for next year for the silent auction. You can send her your info for her donations at any time for next year's conference.

Sonaite Debebe-Kumssa- Marketing

- Please send her your officers for the website. They have been tagged in things from DAYLO and other organizations, and they are working for a policy on when to engage.

Amanda Myers - Library Management

- Amanda is the chair this year, Tracey Elvis-Weitzel, Vice-Chair. They are still seeking a secretary if you are interested in volunteering. They will be meeting in February and follow up panel discussion in the spring. They had about 45 people at their last panel discussion.

Cambria Sheridan- Editor for SC Libraries Journal

- They published their fall issue right after the conference. They've had lots of views. They are now open for conference proceedings and have had a lot of interest. The deadline is January 31 to allow for time since there are holidays. They are working on a partnership with Ebsco so that their work will be discoverable. We need to determine who can sign the contract with Ebsco. Kelly will follow up with her and set up a meeting to determine who should sign.

Lisa Gieskes- Continuing Education

- There was a great attendance at her last event, it was very timely after the change in government. Please send her your ideas for events. They do not require membership to be able to attend.

Stacy Winchester, College and University

- They have a new chair and secretary, they are looking for a vice chair and program coordinator. Chris Vidas from Clemson University is the new chair and the new Secretary is April Hobbs from MUSC.

Kristin Hare - Rainbow Roundtable

- They will have Hannah Broam as the new chair for next year. Other officers will continue through next year. They have seen a dip in membership, and hope to focus on recruiting next year.

Jana Stevenson - Advocacy

- There may be a need for a lobbyist or a consultant to help us with planning. We may not be there yet, but we need help with planning at least. SCAPLA is looking to move from a liaison to a lobbyist, maybe we could coordinate these efforts.

Jennifer Jean, New Member Roundtable

- No Report

New Business

- Kelly will be sending information about upcoming meetings

Thank you Caroline Taylor, who took notes

Minutes submitted for review by Valerie Byrd Fort, SCLA Secretary