



South Carolina Library Association

FINAL MINUTES - APPROVED JULY 24, 2024

SCLA Board of Directors Meeting

April 24th, 2024

10:00 am to 12 pm, Virtual Meeting

In attendance: Valerie Byrd Fort, Angela Craig, Aimee Hiers, Caroline Taylor, Cathi Mack, Christy Allen, Jana Stevenson, Jonathan Newton, Kelly Jones, Kristin Hare, Leigh Ramey, Lisa Gieskes, Matthew Smith, Melanie Huggins, Randy Dantrell Heath, Sonaite Debebe - Kumssa, Tiffany Hayes, Virginia Cononie

Call to Order - 10am

1. Update: Angela Craig, President

- A meeting related to advocacy will be scheduled ASAP.

2. Introduction and update: Aimee Hiers Premier Management Partners

- Working with Kelly Jones on conference
- Conference site visit scheduled for April 25
- Currently updating budget/financial information
- Still working on website hosting.

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting: Valerie Byrd Fort, Secretary

- Minutes from January meeting approved.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1QQmncqJuXCZLUSJnjanIKUVY_GWtIJ1EuGVM_AHb3h8g/edit?usp=sharing

4. Treasurer's Report: Jana Stevenson, Treasurer

- Balance \$34, 982
- Conference budget created based on the 2023 conference.
- Discussion of previous year's budget information.
- Discussion of how to distribute funds to committees/roundtables/sections. For now, if a

committee/roundtable/section needs funding, they will request funding from the Executive Board. (FYI - in the bylaws, only sections have budgets).

- Once the budget is ready, it will be shared with the board for a virtual vote.

5. Membership Committee: Tiffany Hayes, 2nd Vice President/Membership Chair

- Have started institutional membership.
- Working on linking members to institutions.
- Current membership is 323.
- Tiffany will share membership reports with the board.
- Institutional memberships will roll out bit by bit. Starting with public libraries then to academic libraries, etc.
- Section and roundtable chairs can send a “welcome email” template to Tiffany and she will begin to automatically send new members a message from the sections and roundtables they are interested in when they join.

6. ALA Councilor Report: Sarah Schroeder, ALA Councilor

- Angela Craig shared report
- Registration for ALA annual is open
- Ray Pun was elected President of ALA
- James Patterson has a scholarship for public library workers.

7. 2024 Conference: Kelly Jones, 1st Vice President/Conference Chair

- Conference is October 29 - 31 in Columbia at Convention Center
- Keynote speaker has been selected; will be announced when the contract is signed.
- Look at this list and see if there is someone you can help with in terms of sponsorships for conference -
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1gAPHp9qHo3wCLNFg3ICa9I1Ofm-pi9VlvKSw9LUUC6E/edit?usp=sharing>

8. New Business

- **Rainbow Roundtable (Kristin Hare)** - Have been talking about legislative news; conference proposal; planning a virtual happy hour in May for current and potential members; sharing information about upcoming PRIDE events.

- **New Members Roundtable (Randy Dantrell Heath)** - thinking about conference proposal; planning in person meet up
- **Awards (Christy Allen)** - Recommendations from committee -
 - 1. remove requirement of SCLA membership for all awards except for Hall of Fame Award.
 - 2. award winners get a free membership registration.

Committee has been reviewing awards; membership committee will be on a 2 year rolling basis - to always have institutional knowledge on the committee.

Would like to change “paraprofessional” to “library worker.” If anyone has suggestions for people to serve on that committee, please let Kelly know.

SCLA Awards committee recommendations

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1B987S8-8TqPvH3J-X5y1NwgKDslvIt_rOF_3ulX17IAQ/edit#heading=h.ppwaie8ieczl

- **Advocacy (Jonathan Newton)** - Updates on school library regulation; proviso. Will be an advocacy specific meeting soon, but for now - reach out to Ways and Means committee members - especially Cobb-Hunter; Caskey; Newton. Tell them we do not want proviso included.
- **Marketing (Sonaite Debebe - Kumssa)** - shared conference theme on social media; if you have a meet up or anything, please send to marketing committee to share on social media
- **Public Library Section (Matthew Smith)** - Discord server coming
- **Youth Services (Leigh Ramey)** - Have been hosting interest meetings
- **Scholarship for Diversity Committee (Cathi Mack)** - Planning silent auction; everyone please donate something.
- **Continuing Education Committee (Lisa Gieskes)** - Virtual and in person events planned; Mellow Mushroom on April 25 at 12:30pm in Columbia; SCASL/SCLA lunch and learns coming soon
- **Southeastern Library Association (Doris Felder)** - no update; conference planning; conference will be in TN
- **By-Laws (Tucky Taylor)** - By-laws updates need to go to membership 30 days before they are to vote for them. Working on how to share those updates.
- **Nominating Committee (Melanie Huggins)** - Suggestion to sunset public services and tech services sections; Melanie will be in touch with the nominating committee to develop slate for voting.

9. Guest speaker- Social Media Insights Lab: St Cyr C. Luttmer

- Social Media Insights Lab Coordinator, College of Information and Communication, USC
https://sc.edu/study/colleges_schools/cic/initiatives/social_media_insights_lab/index.php
- Infographic shared about libraries (The online conversation surrounding libraries and subsequent topics.)
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1bhUHY1Bi0EyY_9ZzE2AecBBpaF4qc_oB_/view?usp=sharing

Meeting adjourned 11:55am

Submitted by Valerie Byrd Fort, Secretary
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