



South Carolina Library Association

**FINAL**

SCLA Board of Directors Meeting

July 24th, 2024

10:00am to 12 pm, Virtual Meeting

**In attendance:** Valerie Byrd Fort, Angela Craig, Aimee Hiers, Tucky Taylor, Christy Allen, Jana Stevenson, Jonathan Newton, Kelly Jones, Kristin Hare, Lisa Gieskes, Matthew Smith, Melanie Huggins, Sonaite Debebe - Kumssa, Tiffany Hayes, Virginia Cononie, Adele Chase, Amanda Myers, Stacy Winchester, Sarah Schroeder, Tiffany Hayes, McKenzie Lemhouse

**Call to Order, 10am**

**1. President's Update - Angela Craig**

Angela thanks everyone for their service.

**2. Minutes - Valerie Byrd Fort, Secretary**

April minutes approved - PDF of minutes sent to Craig and Hiers.

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/19ylOKKtzf8gW220WTKT\\_gxImDWmRcGP/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=103039981400725547870&rtpof=true&sd=true](https://docs.google.com/document/d/19ylOKKtzf8gW220WTKT_gxImDWmRcGP/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=103039981400725547870&rtpof=true&sd=true)

**3. Premier Management Partners - Aimee Hiers, Partner/Executive Director**

- Busy working with Kelly Jones re: SCLA conference.
- Discussion with the board about website hosting / domain name.
- May need to let go of the current domain name because it has been difficult to get information about who is hosting it.
- Discussion of Memberclicks vs Wild Apricot

- SCLA website and memberclicks has been a source of frustration for members, so it is a good time to transition.
- Jana Steveson moved to purchase a new domain name if needed; Anglea Craig seconded; all in favor.
- Angela Craig moved to explore a new management system; all in favor.

Systems to explore -

- GA Libraries <https://gla.georgialibraries.org/>
- TogetherSC uses <https://www.noviams.com/>
- Wild Apricot / stick with Memberclicks?

#### 4. **Treasurer's Report** - Jana Stevenson, Treasurer

- Discussion of budget line items
- Angela Craig moved to approve the regular budget; Sarah Schroeder seconded; all in favor.
- Regular budget (FY24) approved.

#### 5. **Membership Committee** - Tiffany Hayes, 2nd Vice President/Membership Chair

- Institutional membership model has doubled our membership - as of July 24, 2024 there are 674 active members (compared to 200 at this time last year)
- Discussion about academic libraries institutional membership rate - do we keep it the same as public?
- Discussion about conference and institutional membership conference registration
- Institutional membership flyer from Spring 2024 - FYI  
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1lfhrHy-C3M74bnGpYHn5mNOettrGXa2q/view?usp=sharing>
- Will push membership before conference registration (ASAP) so that members can take advantage of member rates.
- Christy Allen will check into academic library budgets vs membership cost for membership - how does PASCAL do it?

- Consider more “members only” type of benefits?

## 6. **ALA Councilor Report** - Sarah Schroeder, ALA Councilor

- ALA conference was in San Diego in June.
- ALA Board / Council met at LibLearnX in January 2024 - working on Executive Director position, ALA HQ agreement, and other projects.
- Passed a resolution to better support school and academic library chapters (for example, AASL, ACRL) - meaning there will be council representatives for these chapters. This will allow chapters to have the support that other ALA chapters receive.
- New ALA President - Cindy Hohl

## 7. **2024 Conference** - Kelly Jones, 1st Vice President/Conference Chair

- Conference planning is going well.
- Keynote announcement! Mychel Threets - receiving positive feedback.
- Have received 86 proposals for conference sessions
- Poster session proposals still open
- Marketing will create a template that committees/sections/roundtables can use to describe committee work. Will show as a scrolling presentation during events at conference.
- **Sponsorships and Vendors:** We still need help reaching out to a few companies. If you can help with the sponsor list - it is not too late! <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1gAPHp9qHo3wCLNFg3ICa9I1Ofm-pi9Vl9KSw9LUUC6E/edit?gid=0#gid=0>
- **Conference Session Proposals:** If your Section/Round Table/Committee would like to propose a session and haven't already done so, please submit it by the end of the day on **7/26**. [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf8IysCWCiaLHs4zp-dsAtfQITH\\_Imn3S3HwCV4xNWbBpMxAQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf8IysCWCiaLHs4zp-dsAtfQITH_Imn3S3HwCV4xNWbBpMxAQ/viewform)
- **Business Meetings:** If your group is planning to hold a business meeting at the convention center during conference, please email

(kjones@richlandlibrary.com) with preferred times and space requirements. Please submit this information by **August 1**.

- **Socials or Meet-Ups:** If your group is planning an offsite social or meet-up during the conference and would like it listed in the conference program, please email ([kjones@richlandlibrary.com](mailto:kjones@richlandlibrary.com)) by **August 15**

## 8. Section/Round Table/Committee Reports

- **Nominating Committee (Melanie Huggins)**

- 2025 SCLA Candidate for Office
  - SCLA President - Kelly Jones, Ballentine Library Manager, Richland Library
  - First VP/Conference Chair - Tiffany Hayes, Education Design and Development Manager, SC State Library
  - Secretary - Valerie Byrd-Fort, Instructor, University of South Carolina, School of Information Science
  - Second VP/Membership Committee Chair Candidate - Shamella Cromartie, Ed.D., Associate Dean for Organizational Performance and Administration, Clemson Libraries
  - Southeastern Library Association (SELA) Representative Candidates -
    - Amber Conger, Deputy Director of Operations, Lexington County Public Library
    - Adam Johnson, Learning Technologies and Data Library, Coastal Carolina University

- **By-Laws (Tucky Taylor and Melanie Huggins)**

- Board discussed a change of bylaws to allow for online voting -  
[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1SYtX6P8KSZWf6xbhusC\\_nfhxg7RevdQQVm7Yc3YEyqc/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1SYtX6P8KSZWf6xbhusC_nfhxg7RevdQQVm7Yc3YEyqc/edit)
- Next step is to take a vote of the membership to amend bylaws - will need to send bylaws amendments to every current member - give a

14 day comment period - followed by 30 days to review - and 2 weeks to vote. 10% of current membership needs to approve.

- Once this By-Laws change passes, we can then share and vote on slate of officers - majority wins
- Melanie Huggins moved to accept the bylaw amendment; Angela Craig seconded. All in favor.
- Will continue to use SurveyMonkey for voting

- **Advocacy (Jonathan Newton and Virginia Cononie ) -**

Plans for the Fall (shared via email):

- **Share your Story:** The next edition of Share Your Story is open. Theme is *Reasons to Love Libraries*  
<https://uscupstate.libguides.com/SCLibraries/2024-25>
- **Meet your Representative:** November 18th week. Organizing in joint effort with SCASL to meet newly or returning elected officials.
- **Challenge Tracking:** Organize and market an anonymous challenges form that works with SCASL's current tracking method to include Public, Academic, and Special Libraries. Current tracking form - [SC School Challenge Reporting Form](#)
- **SCASL Hill day:** Delivery SYS 2025 booklets during this event (February 2025)
- Shared bill tracker -  
<https://www.billtrack50.com/public/stakeholderpage/RxYFRIyOG0ikUIAP1qq0fA>
- **Scholarship for Diversity Committee (Cathi Mack)** - updates sent via email.
- **Public Library Section (Matthew Smith)**- Discord server is up and running. Will resend the invitation link.
- **Continuing Education Committee (Lisa Gieskes) -**
  - In person lunch meetup/networking event in Columbia - August 10.
  - Upcoming webinar on supporting library workers.
  - Fall Workshops with USC and SCASL:
    - Low Country - Battery Creek High School - Friday, October 11

- Upstate - Mauldin High School - Monday, October 14
- PeeDee - The Continuum - Wednesday, October 23
- Midlands - Convention Center - Tuesday, October 29
- **South Carolina Libraries Journal (McKenzie M. Lemhouse)** - \*need from Zoom chat
- **College and University Section (Stacy Winchester)** - July 30 - Hosting a free virtual session about AI: Clemson panel will discuss their current work experience using/exploring GenAI tools that facilitate research discovery and access. They will talk about the profound shift from keyword-based searches to conversational, as well as personalized access to content using tools such as scite, LibKey, and JSTOR. Register here:  
[https://clemson.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_DZouPqUwSu2vvOB4qch8MA?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTAAAR2vuuVPYJW-5mScvhG2MTgNPA1yOJ2mWTptePIVEwsKC-il-QK2-vyhwYE\\_aem\\_-Mr7bE06Tx\\_5h7gJrByGSQ#/registration](https://clemson.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_DZouPqUwSu2vvOB4qch8MA?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTAAAR2vuuVPYJW-5mScvhG2MTgNPA1yOJ2mWTptePIVEwsKC-il-QK2-vyhwYE_aem_-Mr7bE06Tx_5h7gJrByGSQ#/registration)
- **Awards (Christy Allen)** - Information has been emailed; nominations close August 21.
- **Rainbow Round Table (Kristin Hare)** -
  - Working on a panel session for the conference with Advocacy about library workers' rights and resource sharing for LGBTQIA+ library staff and allies
  - Working with Queer Haven books on a social event during the conference

## 9. New Business:

### **SCLA Advocacy Discussion - Angela Craig**

- For further discussion in September - think about how we are working legislatively - perhaps a new committee should be formed? Hire a lobbyist?

**Meeting adjourned at 12:16pm**

*Submitted by Valerie Byrd Fort, Secretary*