



South Carolina Library Association

SCLA Board of Directors Meeting

FINAL

September 25th, 2024

10:00 am to 12 pm, Virtual/ In Person Meeting

Richland Main Library

In attendance -

In person

VBF, Kelly Jones, Melanie Huggins, Christy Allen, Lisa Gieskes, Sonaite Debebe - Kumssa, Tiffany Hayes, Amanda Myers, Stacy Winchester, Sarah Schroeder

Via Zoom

Aimee Hiers, Angela Craig, Kristin Hare, Tucky Taylor, Jana Stevenson, Jonathan Newton, Matthew Smith, Virginia Cononie, Dr. Shamella Cromartie

Call to Order - Angela Craig, 10am

1. **Aimee Hiers**, Premier Management Partners
 - 157 registered for conference
2. **Minutes of the Last Meeting**, Valerie Byrd Fort, Secretary
 - **July minutes approved**
3. **Treasurer's Report**, Jana Stevenson, Treasurer
 - Report emailed to the board
 - Conference registrations / membership dues are coming in

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

- Shared membership updates
- Institutional membership is making a difference in membership numbers.
- There was discussion about how to celebrate membership numbers at conference

5. **ALA Councilor Report**, Sarah Schroeder, ALA Councilor

- 24-25 President of ALA is Sam Helmick
- ALA new membership model went into effect September 1
- Executive Director search is still ongoing
- Reader. Voter. Ready.
<https://www.ala.org/advocacy/reader-voter-ready>
- Freedom to Read Community Day of Action - October 19
- Upcoming webinar for Public Loan Forgiveness
<https://www.ala.org/news/2024/08/ala-host-free-webinar-library-workers-about-public-service-loan-forgiveness>

6. **2024 Conference**, Kelly Jones, 1st Vice President/Conference Chair

- There will be a vendor passport to encourage interaction with vendors at conference
- Registration is looking great
- Conference is October 29 - 31, 2024
- Preliminary schedule has been sent out
- If anyone has questions, they can contact Kelly Jones
- All conference reception at Stormwater Studios - There will be BBQ and a shuttle from conference hotel to event space
- There will be a Happy Learning Hour at Richland Library
- Poster sessions - 20 posters - 2 sessions on Tuesday, October 29
- Columbia Museum of Art - if attendees take their nametag to the museum they will get \$10 off admission

- There was discussion about if we should give contact information to vendors

7. Committee Updates

- **Awards** - Christy Allen
 - 50 nominations for awards
 - All applications were reviewed by at least 2 reviewers; rubrics were created to eliminate bias
 - **Slate of awards was voted on and passed**
- **Bylaws** - Tucky Taylor
 - Changes to voting passed.
 - Discussion about Handbook
- **African American Concerns** - Dr. Shamella Cromartie
 - Shared information about upcoming programs
- **Management** - Amanda Myers
 - There will be a panel at conference
- **Marketing** - Sonaite Debebe - Kumssa
 - Working on marketing for conference
- **College & University** - Stacey Winchester
 - Open seats on committee - question about voting for new officers
- **Public Library** - Matthew Smith
 - Will have a business meeting at conference
 - Question / discussion on how members select what sections / committees / round tables that they are interested in.
 - Tiffany will create a tip sheet to help members

- **Continuing Ed** - Lisa Gieskes
 - Shared updates about upcoming programs
- **Rainbow Roundtable** - Kristin Hare
 - Working on conference program
 - Will have a social at Queer Haven Books during conference
- **Nominating** - Melanie Huggins
 - There are candidates and the slate will go to membership at least 30 days before the conference.
- **SCASL** - Virginia Cononie
 - Board meeting on Monday, September 30
- **Scholarship**
 - Angela shared that they are in need of donations for conference
- **Advocacy** - Virginia Cononie and Jonathan Newton
 - Public Library challenges tracking form is live
 - Share your story submissions are live
 - Meet your Representative event is in November - working with SCASL

8. New Business

- Section leaders / roundtables if you are having an election - be sure to share the names with the Board and prepare a small report of what you have done throughout the year.
- Free to Read Fest, September 29 at Art Bar in Columbia
<https://www.facebook.com/share/Dz9u2kwfXefi5rXg/>

Meeting adjourned at 11:35am

*Submitted by Valerie Byrd Fort, SCLA Secretary
 September 25, 2024*