



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*