

SCLA Board Meeting June 30th – Richland Library - Columbia, SC

10am meeting started

Attendance on Zoom:

Jonathan Newton

Amanda Myers

Cathi Mack

Doris Felder

Kristin Hare

Megan Palmer

Jimmie Epling

Virgina Cononie

Attendance in Person :

Melanie Huggins

Sarah Scholder

Matthew Smith

Donald Wood

Tucker Taylor

Lisa Gieskes

Tiffany Hanes

Sonnie Debebe- Kumssa

Randy Dantrell Heath

Tomeka Jackson

***Approving meeting from March meeting – All in favor ***

Today's agenda has been adopted

President's Report- Melanie Huggins

- Sarah Schroder will be SCLA treasurer for the next three years until new officers are elected and will be ALA councilor, taking over for Josh Greer.
- Executive committee meeting discussed support services with Capital consultants. There has been no updated agreement in over ten years. We decided to do a new RFP and bid for that to clarify what is needed.
- We are separating member engagement and administrative work from conference planning.
- We want to put a task force for RFP review and a committee to document responses.
- **{Taylor Tucker and Jimmie Epling volunteered for the RFP review task force}**
- Want SCLA board members to be a signatory for Freedom to Read SC. Freedom to Read is an information-sharing group about censorship challenges in SC. The goal is to mobilize people (citizens) to speak against censorship.
- If SCLA is at the table of conversation, we can shape how things move forward, and we are benefiting from Freedom to Read already
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***Motion for SCLA to be signatory for Freedom to Read – Jonathan 1st and Sarah/Virgina 2nd**

All in favor that SCLA become a signatory for Freedom to Read- everyone in favor

Executive Secretary- Donald Wood

- Registration is live next week
- Exec committee vote to move meal to be all inclusive
- Working on Sponsorship packet
- Melanie- if your organization has worked with any vendor contact them to be a sponsorship for SCLA conference.

Membership report- Amanda Myers filling in for Kelly Jones

- Unchanged from March with one new member, currently 287
- Created two interest meetings seeking volunteers for the conference
- Recruited chairs for new members round table, archives, etc. All chairs are in place
- Updated new officers guide.
- Creating updating welcome emails for new and returning members
- Researching new ways to recruit institutional members
- Staff engagement for SCLA recruitment.
- New members roundtable new officers early in their careers.
- Send out a call to join SCLA to round up membership.
- Kelly is working on re-engaging with Lasp members in SCLA.

Treasurer report- Sarah Scholder

☐ Current balance in MBSC 37,682. 41 cents .

We will have more income when conference gets closer

- 2023 anticipated budget – 80,000 (membership and conference fees)

ALA Councilor- Sarah Scholder

- Scheduled to attend ALA Chicago and councilor orientation
- ALA - Resolution to reaffirm ALA's position on Freedom to Read and Unite against Book Bans
- Condemning discrimination against library workers and supporting the LGBT community.
- Resolution on the Selection of Dubai as the location for the IFLA 2024 World Library and Information Congress (WLIC)
- Resolution to change ALA future conference dates in June – raised by Rainbow Roundtable, school, and public libraries.

- Vote to approve 2023 standards for library services for incarcerated or detained.
- Encourage members to participate in Freedom to Read and Unite against Book Bans.- (movements, not organizations)

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Conference Update- Jimmie Epling

Skip Jimmie is temporary out

Megan Palmer- Nominating Committee

- Nominating committee – 2 current chairs, Amanda Myers and Allison Read.
- We will meet in mid-July to look at nominations and at the beginning of August to vet the nominations received. Put a link on the website for nominations.

Committees/Roundtable section reports

Jonathan Newton and Virginia Cononie Advocacy committee

- Submitted program for SCLA conference on hour-long advocacy block.
- Unfortunately, the transport and education bill was passed, but we had a lot of member engagement against it.
- Invited the chair of RACK and Kristin Hare to advocacy meetings
- Janice Davison to take over in October
- Trying to convince Sonny Petterson to be co-chair
- In SCLA, by law, the advocacy committee, still named the legislative committee, needs the name change to advocacy committee and wants it confirmed at the conference.

Southeastern library liaison – Doris Felder

- Joint conference with Arkansas in Hot Spring Arkansas October 13th-15th
- Sponsoring webinar for engaging library lobbyist on state level still setting date.

Cathi Mack- Scholarship for Diversity in Librarianship Committee

- We need to provide a signature silent auction fundraiser for SCLA conference. We will send out an email blast..
- Silent auction is from Oct 17th- 18th
- Want to donate an item ccoopermac@scsu.edu include title of donated items, description, bid, and contact info of who is contributing the donation.

Amanda Myers – Library Management section

- sent emails to 141 past and current members; four responded interests in officers' positions .
- Over six months -select vice , host zoom meeting in fall, hosting library management social during SCLA conference.

Kristin Hare– Rainbow Roundtable

- Full slate of candidates for officers positions .
- Submitted conference proposal and want to do more social engagement
- talking about name change because of the conflicting info of what our roundtable name is
- 2016 handbook has outdated language for transpeople, and we want our name changed to match the language of ALA
- 32 people on our discord page / 40 on email list

Tucker Taylor Governance and Bylaws-

- Term limits for officers. - shorter terms more structure.
- People are confused with what the rules are and the conflicts between by laws and handbook.
- More engagement suggested for new officers guidance and definite roles

Lisa Gieskes / Tiffany Hanes Continuing Education Committee

- Get ready stay ready project community action toolkit- Valarie Byrd Fort
- Diversity and picture book webinar at Richland Library.
- submitted conference proposals

Sonaite Debebe- Kumssa Marketing committee

- Selected officers
- permissions needed for marketing

Randy Dantrell Heath New members roundtable -

- Co chair Sonaite Debebe- Kumssa / Jennifer Jean secretary
- Working on developing six months plan to get people involved more in SCLA.
- Focused on value of roundtable that is clear and desirable.
- Wants - Non traditional library workers want to be apart of this roundtable

Matthew Smith- Public Library section

Reaching out for more officers

(Donald Wood fill in for Jimmie Epling – Conference Updates)

- Last week of October for next two years . T.W.TH format works better.

Jimmie will give more updates next time.

***Melanie- The executive committee voted for the next two years in Columbia to get more attendance and sponsorship . Even better rates for 2024- 2025**

New Business- Melanie Huggins

- Moving away from gmail account for SCLA business to go to memberclicks software.
- Talk to Donald to set up section or roundtable for memberclicks .
- Conversation with APLA, SCASL, and PASCAL for shared cost of government liaison. (not lobbyist)
- SCLA and NCLA co-conference soon.

Next meeting dates

***October 7th Executive Committee meeting**

***October 13th next SCLA Board meeting 10-12pm
(focus will be all conference meeting)**

Adjourn meeting- 11:59pm

