



FLORIDA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Doubletree at the Entrance to Universal Studios, Orlando, FL
May 8, 2009

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

(VM=Voting Member)

Wendy Breeden, President (VM)
John J. Callahan, Vice-President (VM)
Alan Kornblau, Treasurer (VM)
Gladys Roberts, Secretary (VM)
Mercedes Clement, Past President (VM)
Harold George, Director (VM)
Carol Russo, Director (VM)
Sarabeth Kalajian, Director (VM)
Corinne Jorgensen, ALA councilor (VM) and FSU Representative
Debra Sears, SELA Representative (VM)
Cynthia Kisby, Director (VM)
Katrina Evans, Board Fellow
Jared Hoppenfeld, Board Intern
Faye Roberts, Executive Director
Bernadette Storck, FLA Parliamentarian and FF & B Member Group Representative

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Pamela Grigg, Director (VM)
Diana Sachs-Silveira, Chair, Planning Committee
Dr. Jim Andrews, USF Representative
Judith A. Ring, Director, State Library and Archives of Florida

GUESTS PRESENT:

Meghan Wozniak - CMC
Lisa Manners – Legislative Committee Chair 2008-2009
John Van Berkel – Planning Committee Chair 2009-2010
Ruth O'Donnell – Conference Committee Chair -2009-2010

Follow-Up Item from May 8, 2009 Board Meeting

- Date for pre-conference Board meeting – Faye Roberts will propose a date and location for the 2010 pre-conference Board meeting ; currently thinking of a time frame several weeks before the conference.
- Executive Director Faye Roberts was asked to send a list of last year's (2008-2009) Committee Chairs and Member Group Leaders to 2009-2010 Board members.

1. Quorum and Agenda Review

President Wendy Breeden called the meeting to order at 1:45 PM and Secretary Gladys Roberts established that there was a quorum. Wendy Breeden introduced the meeting guests.

There were four changes to the agenda:

- Add 1.D Opening Remarks
- Add 8 Member Comments
- Add 5. H. Discussion for a Technical Advisor to the Board
- Add 5.G. Standards Committee Information

John Callahan moved approval for the amended agenda, Alan Kornblau seconded. Motion carried.

President Wendy Breeden made opening remarks to urge board members to stay engaged and focused on the business of the board during meetings. She announced her theme for the year: *FLA and Florida Libraries – Thinking Outside the Book.*

2. Consent Agenda – n/a

3. Treasurer’s Report – n/a

4. Unfinished Business – n/a

5. New Business and Committee Reports

A. 2009 Conference Committee Report

Carol Russo, Committee Chair 2009 reported that members seemed pleased with the conference and that everyone liked the content of the sessions. Meghan Wozniak from CMC reported that there were 550 preregistrations, 54 onsite registrations, and record attendance at many of the events, with average session attendance of 35. Attendance at the luncheon on Friday was 235. The Conference had 85 Exhibits and 145 Exhibitors. The Committee was particularly pleased with the AV people on site. Meghan advised the Board that they are contracted by CMC and are local to Orlando. The Board then discussed the pros and cons of the Doubletree Hotel accommodations. The summary of the discussion was that the staff was responsive, but there were some facility issues.

B. 2010 Conference Hotel options and Conference dates (Document 5B)

Ruth O’Donnell, Committee Chair 2010 presented options for conference dates and locations in 2010. The Doubletree would be available April 28 – 30; Rosen Plaza would be available April 7-9. Alan Kornblau moved that we select the Rosen Plaza for the 2010 FLA Conference on the proposed dates and negotiate for rates. Corinne Jorgensen seconded. Motion carried.

The Board then discussed the concept of a shorter conference next year. A proposed schedule was included on document 5B. This year’s Conference Committee looked at the document at their meeting on May 8, 2009 and request that they be given the opportunity to discuss ideas at their September meeting. John Callahan moved that the FLA 2010 Conference be a 3 day event. Cynthia Kisby seconded. During discussion Ruth O’Donnell was asked to develop two questions regarding the length of next year’s conference and whether a preconference should be included. Meghan Wozniak was directed to add the two questions to the survey CMC was sending out to this year’s attendees. Motion was amended to include the words “Wednesday, Thursday, Friday.” A show of hands vote was called and was 8 Aye’s, 2 No’s. Motion carried. Wording for the survey questions was presented to CMC.

C. Board Liaison Assignments (Document 5C)

President Breeden presented the proposed Board Liaison Assignments for the 2009-2010 Board.

D. Meeting Dates and Locations 09-10 (Document 5D)

Board meeting dates for 2009-2010 will be: Friday, July 24; Friday, October 23; Friday, February 5, 2010. The proposal presented by Faye Roberts was that all meetings be held in Lake City, due to the need for specific technical resources for video conferencing capabilities. Faye reported that Tom Sloan has agreed to let us meet at SEFLIN in October. The current calendar stands at July in Lake City; October at SEFLIN; February in Lake City. President Breeden asked that Faye bring back a proposed date for the pre-conference meeting (in April 2010) for the July meeting.

E. Board Speakers Forum (Document 5E)

Faye Roberts asked that Board members review the known list of events, add any additional events they are aware of, and let the Executive Director or the President know if they will be attending any of the events listed, The Board was also asked to contact Faye as they learned the dates associated with any of the events listed.

F. Proposed Bylaws Changes (Document 5F)

Mercedes Clement moved that there be an appointment of a committee to review Bylaws for any needed changes with report due by June 15. Sarabeth Kalajian seconded. Motion carried.

President Breeden appointed Bernadette Stork, Wendy, Katrina, and Lisa Manners to the committee. Bernadette Stork was appointed chair.

G. Reports of Committees

Standards Committee – Committee will remain the same this year and will become an ad-hoc committee next year.

Legislative Committee - Lisa Manners reported on the Lobbyist's evaluation. The Committee gave him the highest ratings possible in all areas but one, and awarded an exceptional in that category. Manners reported that the Committee was VERY pleased with his performance. Debra Sears moved that the Board accept the Legislative Committee's review of Chris Lyons, Lobbyist for FLA. Mercedes Clement seconded. Motion carried.

Faye Roberts reported that Dr. Gathegi is no longer the Board representative from USF. The new representative will be Dr. James Andrews, the new Director of the USF School of Library and Information Science program.

- H. Technical Advisor to Board* - President Wendy Breeden recommended that a technical advisor position (non-voting, ad-hoc) be added to the Board. Corinne Jorgensen moved that we add a technical advisory non-voting capacity position to the Board. Carol Russo seconded. Motion carried.

6. Other Reports

- A. State Librarian's Update* – (Lisa Manners reported for Judi Ring) – The State Library is still under Sunshine review, and lost 8 positions in the budget. On a positive note, the Legislative Library will remain in the Capital Building; and the microfilming program through the State Archives was also preserved. The State Library staff are looking at writing rules for Children's Internet Safety (from legislation passed) and for Broadband Opportunities from the Stimulus Package.

- B. ALA Councilor* – Not written, will be sent by e-mail

- C. SELA Representative* –

Debra Sears reported that SELA was not able to meet virtually, as they had planned. Sears expressed some concerns about the viability of partnering with SELA in future conferences and is planning to talk to other State representatives and report back to the Board.

- D. Board Liaisons (including assigned Committees and Member Groups) – Membership Committee and Personnel*

(Mercedes Clement reported that the Job Fair was a big success and that the Membership and Personnel Committees did an excellent job of working together this past year.

- E. Executive Director's Report*

Faye Roberts asked that Member Group leaders be sorted out by June, and that Board Members work with their Liaison assigned groups to get leader information to Faye. Committee and Member Group reports are due in two weeks. Liaisons were asked to ensure that reports are turned in to Faye on time, with pictures.

Announcements

President Wendy Breeden commented that the "We did it...again" Stickers created by Danny Hale and his staff were a wonderful idea.

Member Comments

None.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:40 PM.

Gladys F. Roberts
Secretary