

FLORIDA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

FLA Annual Conference
April 22, 2008

1 **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

2 (VM = Voting Member)

- 3 1. Charlie Parker, President (VM)
- 4 2. Mercedes Clement, Vice-President/President-Elect (VM)
- 5 3. Carol Russo, Treasurer (VM)
- 6 4. Barbara J. Stites, Secretary (VM)
- 7 5. Sol Hirsch, Past-President (VM) by phone
- 8 6. Phyllis Ruscella, SELA Representative (VM)
- 9 7. Lisa Manners (VM)
- 10 8. Tom Sloan (VM)
- 11 9. Tomaro Taylor (VM)
- 12 10. Vicki Gregory, ALA Councilor (VM)
- 13 11. Gloria Colvin (VM)
- 14 12. John Van Berkel, Planning Committee Chair
- 15 13. Corinne Jorgensen, FSU Representative
- 16 14. Bernadette Storck, Parliamentarian
- 17 15. Ruth O'Donnell, Executive Director

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19 **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

- 20 1. Lois Eannel, Board Fellow

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22 **GUESTS PRESENT:**

- 23 1. Faye Roberts
- 24 2. Pamela Grigg
- 25 3. Laura Kirkland
- 26 4. Gerry Brent
- 27 5. John Gathegi
- 28 6. Wendy Breeden
- 29 7. Cynthia Kisby
- 30 8. Pat Ventura

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32 **Action Items for Follow-Up (Responsible party):**

- 33 • Faye Roberts, new Executive Director who begins work June 1, was directed to investigate
34 implementing financial audits for FLA and bring information back to the Board at the next Board
35 meeting.
- 36 • Let Judi Ring know that the FLA Board approved a motion (Hirsch moved/ Clements seconded)
37 to request that the State Library seek collaboration with the Florida Attorney General's
38 SafeFlorida.net (SafeSurf) program and the Department of Education to develop a comprehensive
39 Internet Safety Program that can be used by public libraries to comply with HB 411/SB 1996
- 40 • Future suggested work for the Board:
 - 41 ○ Develop definitions for membership categories
 - 42 ○ Assess the usefulness of the ALA/FLA student membership category

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44 **1. Quorum and Agenda Review**

- 45 A. A quorum was established and President Charlie Parker called the meeting to order at 2:20 p.m.

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- 46 B. Guests were introduced.
47 C. Amendments to agenda
48 i) New business – Conference Registration & Membership Dues (5B)
49 D. February 8, 2008 Minutes were approved.
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51 2. Consent Agenda

- 52 A. The electronic vote to approve revised Bylaws and FLA Manual revisions, March 14, 2008 was
53 affirmed.
54 B. The electronic vote to approve the February 8, 2008 Minutes was affirmed.
55 C. The electronic vote to approve the March 3, 2008 Special Meeting minutes was affirmed.
56 D. Meeting follow up items from October 26, 2007 were reviewed (Doc 2C).
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58 3. Treasurer's Report

- 59 A. The Treasurer's Report was accepted and filed for audit (Doc 3A).
60 B. Faye Roberts was directed to investigate implementing financial audits for FLA and bring
61 information back to the Board at the next Board meeting.
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63 4. Unfinished Business

- 64 A. Faye Robert' employment contract (Doc 4A) was revised to reflect 3E. typo 'heath' to 'health';
65 insurance date changed to 2009. Signature name 'Walker' changed to 'Parker'.
66 Hirsch/Clements moved/seconded to approve the contract as revised.
67 B. The 2009 Conference hotel (Doubletree at the entrance to Universal Orlando) contract (Doc 4B)
68 is in process. CMC will return the hotel's 10% commission (on the committed conference room
69 block) to FLA.
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71 5. New Business

- 72 A. Internet Safety Program – two Florida Legislature bills, HB 411 and SB 1996 were filed during
73 the 2008 session encouraging public libraries to teach children and their parents/caregivers
74 Internet safety. This service is not required in the bill but the bill does require the State Library &
75 Archives of Florida to formulate a rule that would award a 10 point bonus to LSTA grant
76 applications if a library trains 1% of their registered voters. The bill was amended to move
77 implementation to 2010-2011. Hirsch moved/ Clements seconded a motion to request that the
78 State Library & Archives seek collaboration with the Florida Attorney General's Office
79 SafeFlorida.net (SafeSurf) program and the Department of Education to develop a comprehensive
80 Internet Safety Program that can be used by public libraries to comply with HB 411/SB 1996.
81 Approved.
82 B. Conference Registration & Membership Dues (5B) – Ruth O'Donnell suggested that the Board
83 develop definitions for membership categories in the future, including the student registration
84 category. She also recommended that the Board review the ALA/FLA Joint Student membership
85 category to see if the Association is making enough money from the \$16 dues received from each
86 member of this type to cover the cost of processing membership and providing services.

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88 **6. Reports**

89 A. State Librarian's Update – None provided

90 B. Committee Reports

91 i) Conference Planning Committee – Pat Ventura reported that all is on schedule; 53 people
92 registered for the pre-conferences

93 ii) Legislative Committee – Wendy Breeden reported that the Budget Committee met today;
94 Charlie Parker reported that the Legislative Budget Conference/TED met and the Senate
95 accepted the House proposal for State Aid which is \$1M more than the governor's budget
96 but \$4M less than the Senate version; he does not expect public library construction projects
97 to be funded this year; Community Libraries in Caring are at \$100K; the Senate counter
98 proposed \$1.5 to the House's \$0 for MLCs; the final outcome will be known when the
99 Legislative leadership delivers the final budget next week.

100 C. Board Liaison's Reports - none

101 D. Executive Director's Report (Strategic Plan Update). During April and May Ruth O'Donnell will
102 meet with Faye Roberts regarding the office transition and selecting office space. Ruth purchased
103 used furniture for the office bookkeeper/administrative assistant (desk, file cabinet, computer
104 table, three task chairs, worktable, and metal bookcase) for \$72!

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106 Move to adjourn at 3:30 p.m.

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108 Barbara J. Stites, Secretary