

Florida Library Association Board Meeting
Minutes
November 15, 2019, 11:00am

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

(VM = Voting Member)

FLA Staff

Lisa O'Donnell, Executive Director
Karen Layton, Membership & Events Manager

Voting Members

Eric Head, President (VM)
Laura Spears, Vice President, President Elect (VM)
Sarah Divine, Secretary (VM)
Matt Selby, Region 2 Director (VM)
Cheryl Wolfe, Region 4 Director (VM)
Heather Sostrom, Region 5 Director (VM)
Renaine Julian, Region 6 Director (VM)
Donna Vasquez, Treasurer (VM)

Non-Voting Members

Leila Gibradze, FSU
Peter Cannon, USF
Natalie Taylor, USF
Matthew David
Robert Stuart, GrayRobinson
Katie Flury, GrayRobinson

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Sarah J. Hammill, Past President (VM)
Ava Brillat, Region 1 Director (VM)
Christine Patten, Region 3 Director (VM)
Sara Gonzalez, ALA Councilor (VM)
Amy Johnson, State Library of Florida
April Frazier, Planning Committee Chair
Lorrain Stinson, FAME

1. Quorum and Agenda Review

- A. Call to Order: President Eric Head called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM.
- B. Establishment of Quorum: Secretary Sarah Divine confirmed that a quorum was present at that time.

2. President's Remarks (Eric Head, President)

- Eric has been busy with New York Times and Citrus County Board issues and media coverage, and is working with commissioners and Library Advisory Board to explain and educate on library perspective. He has also been working with the FLA Professional Development Committee on One Book, One State events for the annual conference.

3. Consent Agenda (Eric Head, President)

- A. Minutes of September 20, 2019 FLA Board Meeting
 - Matt moved to accept the minutes and Cheryl seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

- B. Financials as of October 31 (Donna Vasquez, Treasurer)
 - Budget and Year-End Projections as of October 31, 2019 presented.
 - Matt motioned to accept and file the financial reports as presented and Heather seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.
 - 2020 Budget was presented for review, approval in January.
- C. Balance Sheet; Money Market Statement
- D. Executive Director Report (Lisa O'Donnell, Executive Director)
 - Lisa has been assisting Eric with Citrus County developments. She has also been working on the Annual Report for December.
- E. Citrus County Response
 - Eric noted that everyone has been very supportive of the libraries in Citrus County, including the responses provided by FLA and ALA.

4. Old Business

- A. Florida Civic Advance – Decision for Membership
 - File: *4B Florida civic advance Membership Structure and Levels.pdf*
 - FLA would be in organizational level category - \$300/year
 - Goal is to promote Florida civic engagement and education
 - Motion to move forward with \$300 membership for first year and will evaluate as we go. Laura motioned to approve trial year membership. Matt seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

5. New Business

- A. 2021 Annual Conference Site Approval
 - Hilton Daytona chosen as ideal site for FLA 2021 Conference based on meeting planner and FLA analysis
 - Still negotiating for multi-year (2021/2023) arrangement
 - Motion to approve moving forward with Hilton Daytona for FLA 2021 Conference. Laura motions to, Donna seconds. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Reports

- A. ALA Councilor (Sara Gonzalez, ALA Councilor)
 - Not in attendance.
- B. GrayRobinson (Robert Stuart, Katie Flury)
 - Procedure updates
 - Budgets being worked on behind the scenes, will most likely be received by Governor during next committee week. Looking at areas to cut costs
 - State Aid
 - Met with House and Senate Appropriations Subcommittee Staff re: increases to state aid. In process of organizing follow-up meeting with State Libraries, House/Senate staff. Why number is increasing, how it's increasing, what to expect in years ahead.
 - Innovation Grants
 - Finding sponsors, filing requests. Senator Fetterhoff from Daytona Beach area has agreed to sponsor. If given the chance between Innovation Grants and State Aid, we want more State Aid.

7. Strategic Plan Updates

- Goal 1 (Laura Spears)
- Goal 2 (Heather Sostrom)
- Goal 3 (Sarah Divine)
- Goal 4 (Matt Selby)
- Goal 5 (Cheryl Wolfe)

- Goal 6 (Renaine Julian)
- Goal 7 (Staff/Eric Head)
- Representatives from each goal provided anecdotal updates on their planning progress. Groups may continue to meet throughout December.
- Goal is to approve and adopt the Strategic Plan at the January Board Meeting.

8. Committee Reports - Postponed

9. Regional Director Reports - Postponed

10. Announcements/Member Comments

- December 20 Board Meeting cancelled.
- Next meeting will take place in-person in Tallahassee on January 21, 2020.

11. Adjourn

- A. The meeting was adjourned by President Eric Head at 12:35PM. Heather moved to adjourn the meeting, and Donna seconded. No further discussion.