

Florida Library Association Board Meeting
Minutes
July 17, 2020, 11:00am

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

(VM = Voting Member)

FLA Staff

Lisa O'Donnell, Executive Director

Melissa Stocks, FLA Administrative Assistant

Voting Members

Laura Spears, President (VM)

Phyllis Gorshe, Vice President, President Elect (VM)

Eric Head, Past President (VM)

Donna Vasquez, Treasurer (VM)

Sarah Divine, Secretary (VM)

Ava Brillat, Region 1 Director (VM)

Kresta King, Region 2 Director (VM)

Cheryl Wolfe, Region 4 Director (VM)

Michael Sullivan, Region 5 Director (VM)

Keila Zayas-Ruiz, Region 6 Director (VM)

Non-Voting Members

Amy Johnson, State Library of Florida

Athanasia Fitos, Planning Committee Chair

April Frazier, Planning Committee Past Chair

Leila Gibradze, FSU

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Heather Sostrom, ALA Councilor (VM)

Christine Patten, Region 3 Director (VM)

Douglas Crane, Advocacy & Legislative Committee Chair

Lorrain Stinson, FAME

Matthew David, FLA Member

Robert Stuart, Jr., GrayRobinson

Katie Flury, GrayRobinson

Natalie Taylor, USF

1. Quorum and Agenda Review

- A. Call to Order: President Laura Spears called the meeting to order at 11:03AM.
- B. Establishment of Quorum: Secretary Sarah Divine confirmed that a quorum was present at that time.

2. President's Remarks (Laura Spears, President)

- A. Remember to share and acknowledge each other in this challenging time.

3. Consent Agenda (Sarah Divine, Secretary)

- A. Minutes of June 19, 2020
 - Motion (Donna) to accept the minutes as presented. Michael seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Financials (Donna Vasquez, Treasurer)

- A. Financials as of June 30, 2020 were presented.
 - Includes projections based on 2020 Virtual Conference.
- B. Balance Sheet is healthy.
- C. Money Market Statement (reserves) also healthy.
 - All documents available at https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/1gPz2iflb8SuwC_NKHGK8ykLL2639uOly
 - Motion (Kresta) to approve the financial statements as submitted. Cheryl seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

5. FLA Office Updates

- A. Executive Director Report
 - Released from Hotel Contract for 2020 Annual Conference
 - FALSC Funding program will be eliminated. Lisa hoping to support through FLA.
 - CARES Act Grant at DLIS
 - Requesting Photos of FLA Members/Events for Video (Send to Lisa or Use Form on Website)
 - Author Series Webinars – Monthly Virtual Events
 - DEIA Task Force – Lisa and Laura are developing.
 - Pivoting to Virtual for October 2020 Annual Conference
 - 2-Day Conference: Day 1 – Engagement, Day 2 – Education
 - Lisa on Leave July 20-24 and July 31-August 7

6. New Business

- A. DEIA Task Force (Laura Spears, Cheryl Wolfe)
 - Working on membership reflective of all kinds of diversity, including USF students, paraprofessionals, library types, regions.
 - Committee led by Cheryl Wolfe and Kelvin Watson will meet twice a week to bring DEIA to value statements and strategic plan.
 - Member suggestions are still welcome.
- B. Strategic Plan/Committee Structure (Laura Spears, Lisa O'Donnell)
 - Laura asking for approval to suspend Article 7, Section A1 of bylaws in order to re-write committee and member group descriptions and shift what working committees are and what they do. Includes streamlining groups redistribution of some Conference Planning Committee functions. Committee and member group structures will move to Policies & Procedures.
 - Motion (Donna) to approve suspending Article 7, Section A1 of FLA Bylaws and Cheryl seconded. Discussion followed with support for motion. Motion approved unanimously.
- C. Approval of Virtual Conference Registration Fee (Laura)
 - Proposed registration rate of \$99 for members. No distinction between Early Bird and Regular rates.
 - Complimentary registrations available for organizational members.
 - \$149 for non-members, \$59 for student members, \$99 for Friends, Foundations & Boards
 - Eliminate ticketed events and fees.
 - Members who have already registered will be given options: Keep previous payment, partial refund, cancel registration, or move registration to the 2021 Conference.
 - Motion (Donna) to approve October 2020 FLA Annual Virtual Conference Fees as presented by Lisa. Phyllis seconded. Discussion followed. Motion passed unanimously.
- D. Barratt Wilkins Tribute (via Past Presidents) (Eric Head)
 - Barratt Wilkins, an influential State Librarian and mentor for many years, recently passed away. Past Presidents are developing a tribute, tying in with FLA's 100 Year Anniversary. Laura proposed an individual article about Barratt Wilkins in the Fall Florida Libraries Journal, then a comprehensive In Memoriam presentation at conference

including other notable tributes. Eric will work with Past Presidents, Conference Planning Committee, and others going forward.

7. Other Reports

- A. Division of Library & Information Services (Amy Johnson)
 - Division staff is working on a virtual tribute to Sandy Newell.
 - DLIS Open Discussion Meeting on Monday, July 20.
 - CARES Act applications are available, due August 17th. \$1.9 million available for organizations of all types, with no minimums or maximums. Amy is available for questions. Applications will be evaluated and approved in September.
 - Working to manage recent state funding and veto decisions.
- B. GrayRobinson (Robert Stuart, Jr.)
 - No representative present.
 - FLA Advocacy and Legislative Committee meets in August. Contact Doug Crane for more information.
- C. FAME / FACRL
 - No representative present.
- D. Other

8. Announcements/Member Comments

- None.

9. Adjourn

- A. The meeting was adjourned by President Laura Spears at 12:16PM. Motion (Phyllis) to adjourn the meeting. Michael seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Next regularly scheduled Board meeting: August 21, 2020.