

Florida Library Association Board Meeting
Minutes
February 19, 2021, 11:00am

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

(VM = Voting Member)

FLA Staff

Karen Layton, Communications and Events Manager
Melissa Stocks, Member Services Coordinator

Voting Members

Laura Spears, President (VM)
Phyllis Gorshe, Vice President, President Elect (VM)
Eric Head, Past President (VM)
Donna Vazquez, 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
Robert Stuart, Jr., GrayRobinson
Natalie Taylor, USF
Leila Gibradze, FSU

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Lisa O'Donnell, Executive Director
Heather Sostrom, ALA Councilor (VM)
Christine Patten, Region 3 Director (VM)
April Frazier, Planning Committee Past Chair
Douglas Crane, Advocacy & Legislative Committee Chair
Lorrain Stinson, FAME
Matthew David, FLA Member
Katie Flury, GrayRobinson

1. Quorum and Agenda Review

- A. Call to Order: President Laura Spears called the meeting to order at 11:02 AM.
- B. Establishment of Quorum: Secretary Sarah Divine confirmed that a quorum was present at that time.

2. Consent Agenda (Laura Spears, President)

- A. Minutes of January 15, 2021 (Sarah Divine)
 - Motion (Donna) to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Cheryl seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Membership Report (Melissa Stocks)
- C. ALA Councilor December Report
 - Not available this month.

3. Financials (Donna Vazquez, Treasurer)

- A. Not available at this time.

4. Business

- A. Advocacy Project Updates (Phyllis Gorshe, Vice President)
 - Shared document: Calling all Library Lovers: Light up the Lines.
 - March 8-12 is FLA Virtual Advocacy Week.
 - Update on status of Love Your Library Video.
- B. Membership Development Committee Update (Kresta King, Director, Region 2)
 - Shared document: Membership Report
 - Ideas to support advocacy efforts of Friends of the Library groups.
 - Membership survey is in development.
 - Discussion of ways FLA can increase relevance to librarians and organizational members.
- C. DEIA Task Force Update (Cheryl Wolfe, Director, Region 4)
 - FLA Value Statements have been posted to the website.
 - Working on a proposal for FLA Diversity Discussions Book Club, DEIA LibGuide, transitioning task force into an official FLA committee with a 2-year service term.
- D. Annual Conference Update (Sarah Divine, Secretary & Chair of Conference Planning Committee)
 - Call for Board to help contact exhibitors who have participated in conference over the past two years. Kayla Kuni, Exhibits Subcommittee Chair, will send voting members 6-7 exhibitors to contact in the beginning of March.
- E. Awards & Honors Committee Fundraising Request (Keila Zayas-Ruiz, Director, Region 6)
 - Virtual Fundraising Request – Krispy Kreme Donut Sales (April 2021)
 - Motion (Ava) to approve FLA participation in the Krispy Kreme Digital Dozens fundraiser. Michael seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.
- F. FLA Executive Director Evaluation (Phyllis Gorshe, Vice President)
 - Overview of evaluation results and goals for coming year.
 - Motion (Donna) to accept the Executive Director Evaluation as presented. Cheryl seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Other Reports

- A. Division of Library & Information Services (Amy Johnson)
 - LSTA Grant applications due April 5th.
- B. Advocacy & Legislative (Robert Stuart, Jr., GrayRobinson)
 - Recap of Robert's and Lisa's meeting with FL Speaker of the House
 - Possibility of an in-person FLA advocacy component at state capitol at House level, not Senate.
- C. ALA Councilor
- D. FAME/FACRL Representative
- E. Other

6. Announcements/Member Comments

- A. Keila would like to meet with Membership Committee representation to continue the discussion.

7. Adjourn

- A. President Laura Spears adjourned the meeting at 12:41PM. Motion (Keila) to adjourn the meeting. Eric seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Next regularly scheduled Board meeting: March 19, 2021