

SELA Councilor Report for NCLA July 15th, 2005

SELA provided a successful Leadership Conference May 13th, 2005 in Decatur, Georgia. The minutes and links to pertinent information are posted below in this report. Many important decisions were voted on which implemented the relevant portions of the SELA strategic plan. I was not able to attend, but John Via's participation is noted in the Executive Board minutes outlined below. I served on the Continuing Education Committee and participated in the selection of the Ginny Frankenthaler Scholarship. Other North Carolina SELA Committee Members are as follows:

Budget—Nancy Fogarty
Conference (Site)—David Fergusson
Continuing Education---Evelyn Council, Mark Pumphrey, Charlotte Divitci
Honorary Membership---Neal Martin
Legislative---Jane D. Rustin
Nominating---Sylvia Sprinkle-Hamlin
Outstanding Author---Erica Fields
Outstanding Program—Susan Benning
President's Award---Wanda K. Brown, Ann Viles
Public Relations---Doris Mitchell, Carol Walker Jordan

Below are the notes that were posted from the SELA Leadership Conference and the links to other pertinent information. The 2006 TNA/SELA Joint Conference will be held on April 6-7, 2006 in Memphis, Tennessee. The link below provides the information necessary to propose a program. I have also provided a membership link to join SELA. The latest issue of the *Southeastern Librarian* is also available online.

***Tennessee Library Association/Southeastern Library Association
Joint Conference Program Proposal Form***

[Program Proposal Form](#) (MS Word file)

SELA Leadership Conference
May 13, 2005
Decatur, Georgia

Attendance: 40

Call to order: President Gibbons opened the conference at 9:05 AM and introduced the officers.

President's Report: Judith Gibbons reported on the following:

- The Executive Board met yesterday, May 12th, 2005
 - The current state of SELA.
 - The need for volunteers to serve on sections, roundtables and committees.

Secretary's Report: Carol Brinkman reported the following motions passed at the May 12th Executive Board meeting:

- Elimination of state association membership dues.
- Sponsorship, in name only, of an advocacy pre-conference at the 2005 Annual ALA Conference.
- Partial payment of registration fees by SELA for Vice-President Faith Line to attend the membership pre-conference at the 2005 Annual ALA Conference as a representative from SELA.

Introduction to the Leadership Conference: Judith Gibbons laid out the following as a foundation for the conference:

- Focus will be on long range planning.
- Input from all attended is desired, but not criticism and complaining.
- Look at SELA today and in the future, not what has been done in the past or what is traditional.
- Aim high.
- Keep in mind
 - 1> the context of the association: who our members are and the financial situation,
 - 2> why we and our colleagues are members of SELA.
- The basis for discussion will be the planning survey published in the *Southeastern Librarian*.
- Attendees will break into 6 groups to discuss SELA's role in the following areas:
 - 1> Training and Continuing Education
 - 2> Technology
 - 3> Electronic Resources
 - 4> Leadership and Mentoring
 - 5> Advocacy and Assessment
 - 6> Future of SELA
- Groups were asked to consider the following questions:
 - 1> is anyone else providing this service/need?

- 2> is it worth doing?
- 3> is it an added benefit to SELA members?
- 4> Will it increase SELA membership?
- 5> is it cost effective for SELA?

Breakout groups: 9:45 - 11:15 AM

Treasurer's Report: Bill Nelson

- Financial report was distributed and reviewed.
- Chairs were encouraged to contact Bill with questions about their finances.
- Bill explained the process for requesting reimbursement and for approval/writing of checks.

Southeastern Librarian Report: Perry Bratcher, Editor

- Reported on the status of the *Southeastern Librarian*.
- Reported the deadlines for submission and the publication dates.

President's Update: Judith Gibbons

- Several attendees have volunteered for positions in SELA.
- Drawings were held for door prizes.

Breakout Group Reports:

- The following groups reported on their discussions. Notes are attached to these minutes.
 - 1> Training & Continuing Education
 - 2> Assessment & Advocacy

LUNCH: 11:30 - 12:30

Breakout Group Reports:

- The following groups reported on their discussions. Notes are attached to these minutes.
 - 3> Leadership & Mentoring
 - 4> Electronic Resources (combined with Technology)
 - 5> Technology
 - 6> Future of SELA
- Following the breakout group reports, priorities areas were listed and a vote taken to identify the most important areas for action.

Section, Roundtable and Committee Meetings:

- Sections, Roundtables and Committees met from 1:55 to 2:30 PM.
- Those not involved in another meeting participated in a general planning session to address two priority actions identified earlier. These were to:
 - 1> Revise the committee list. Recommendations will be posted on the web and listserv for feedback, and then voted on by the Executive Board.

2> Revise the job description for the State Representatives. This will also be posted on the web and listserv for feedback prior to a vote by the Executive Board.

Conference Wrap-up:

- Vice-President Faith Line reported on the recommendations for revision of SELA committees and the job description for State Representatives. These recommendations will be posted on the SELA web for member review and input, and then presented to the Executive Board for approval.
- Faith noted that the Section and Roundtable structure still needs to be reviewed and that this will be done by the Executive Committee via e-mail.
- Ann Hamilton pointed out that the SELA Handbook on the website is not the current edition and some of the recommended changes have already been made in the current edition of the Handbook.

Adjournment: President Judith Gibbons adjourned the conference at 3:25 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Carol S. Brinkman
Secretary
Southeastern Library Association

Leadership Conference Documents

(MS Word files)

[Breakout Group Notes](#)

[Executive Board Minutes](#)

[Committee Restructuring](#)

[Recommendations for State Representative Duties Draft](#)

[Long Range Plan 2005-2010](#)

[Long Range Plan Goals](#)

SELA Membership Information

Membership Year runs Jan 1 - Dec 31.

You will:

- receive the quarterly *Southeastern Librarian*
- share in the successful practices and ideas of other librarians in the area
- Add your strength to that of many who are already working with SELA for the

betterment of YOUR profession.

[Southeastern Library Association Membership Form](#) (in PDF format)

The information for the mailing label should be your preferred mailing address. If you wish to change or update any information (address, employer, position, etc.) please contact [Bob Fox](#), SELA Administrative Services. Jun-22-05

Respectfully submitted,
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