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For those who missed it the SELA/SCLA conference in Charleston was a blockbuster brimming with educational and entertaining events. One hardly knows where to start. All four headline speakers were outstanding. Many thanks go to our SELA members for their hard work planning events and making presentations, and to our friends at SCLA for hosting so successfully. This issue features capsule summaries of the headline events, reports on selected programs, and an overview of SELA awards presentations. Pictured below is SELA president Barry Baker at the Saturday awards brunch.

SELA Breakfast Meeting

Outgoing President Barry Baker welcomed all and thanked Doug McNamara and Mumford Library Books of Jacksonville, Florida for their sponsorship of the breakfast. He introduced the incoming SELA officers for 2002/04: Ann Hamilton, President; Judith Gibbons, Vice-President/President-Elect; Diane Baird, Treasurer and Faith Line, Secretary. Barry expressed his thanks and appreciation to the SELA officers of the current biennium: Ann Hamilton, Vice President; Glenda Neely, Treasurer and Sybil Boudreaux, Secretary. Barry also thanked members of the Executive Board, State Representatives, Section and Roundtable Officers and Committee chairs, and SELA administrative coordinator Lauren Fallon for their service to SELA during his presidency. Barry recognized Mr. Ed McBride, of Thompson/GALE for his company’s continuing support of the Gale Group Professional Grants.

In his final formal address to the association Baker touched on several highlights of the past two years, in particular the solid financial condition of SELA; the revitalization of The Southeastern Librarian; updating of the SELA website; revision of the SELA handbook; and the establishment of the Ginny Frankenthaler Memorial Scholarship in Library Science. Barry wished to thank Bud and Barbara Frankenthaler for their wonderful generosity in establishing the scholarship. He also recognized Betty Paulk and the SELA Continuing Education and Professional Development Committee for their work in establishing the application procedure for the scholarship. Barry was pleased to announce that the 2004 SELA conference will be held jointly with the North Carolina Library Association at a location to be determined. He then handed the gavel over to Ann Hamilton. Ann (pictured below at the Saturday brunch) shared with us some of her vision for the next biennium, to which we all look forward. It was a wonderful breakfast event full of celebration of the past two years and promise for the future.