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## Message from the President

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## **Message from the President**

This is going to be another great biennium for SELA! Working together, we can accomplish a lot on behalf of the library and information profession in the southeast. The joint SCLA/SELA Conference in Charleston was a great celebration of a successful biennium under Barry Baker's outstanding leadership. We had more SELA members at this year's conference than we had at our last conference on Jekyll Island. Everyone seemed to enjoy both the conference and the city of Charleston. I want to take this opportunity to thank all the SELA members who planned programs, presented programs, and chaired or served as members of SELA committees for the 2000-2002 biennium. It was thanks to all your hard work that the conference was so successful. I would also like to thank our many colleagues from the South Carolina Library Association who made us welcome and did so many things to make the conference so enjoyable.

The Southeastern Library Association has a tradition of being one of the most active regional library associations and a reputation for providing excellent programs at its conferences. It offers beginning librarians an opportunity for professional service and allows them to make contacts at the regional level that can serve as a springboard for involvement at the national level. It is not too soon to start thinking about the opportunities that will be offered at our next conference. In Charleston the SELA board accepted an invitation from North Carolina to hold a joint conference in 2004 to help celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of the North Carolina Library Association. The SELA state representatives are helping determine an appropriate date for that conference.

We will begin planning the 2004 conference at our Leadership Conference in Atlanta in spring 2003. If you want to participate in that meeting and in planning for the conference, be sure that your committee preferences are on file with the SELA executive office. We will probably be using the preferences noted on your 2002 membership form to name committees for the 02-04 biennium. If you have changed your preference or want to submit a preference, please contact me at <ahamilton@gasou.edu> or by letter or phone. My information is correct on the SELA web site under <Current Officers>. I look forward to working with each of you.

Please keep in mind that involvement in SELA activities does not have to involve travel. You can learn the latest Association news, pose questions to your colleagues, post job openings, and discuss area wide issues via SELA-L. You can subscribe by sending an e-mail message to <selmaj@mail.ucf.edu>. It is also helpful to regularly consult the SELA web page at <http://sela.lib.ucf.edu/listserv.html>. To send a message to the listserv, send mail to SELA@NEWS.CC.UCF.EDU. Many of the plans for the coming biennium involve putting information on the web page. Another way to become involved is to participate in a SELA committee. Much work can be done electronically or at a single time like the Leadership Conference. I want each of you to have as much input as possible into the Association's activities. I hope you will make this a biennium to get more involved in SELA, so you can say that you helped improve southeastern libraries and the Association!

- Ann Hamilton

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