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Message from the President

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Message from the President



Whether you are new to the profession and/or the association or you have many years of library experience, there is something you can do to become more active in the Southeastern Library Association. Now that my biennium as president is more than half over, I'd like to use this column to encourage both membership recruitment and increased participation in the association at all levels.

Recruitment:

- Do you have a mentor whom you met via SELA?

If you do, encourage colleagues and friends to join so they may have the same opportunity.

- Do you need/want a mentor?

If you do, join SELA, and meet some of the many experienced librarians who contribute to SELA - one of the two largest regional organizations in the nation.

- Do you have fond memories of a conference in a city you might not have visited if not for attending a SELA biennial conference?

If you do, encourage colleagues and friends to join SELA so they will have a similar opportunity through attending the joint conference with NCLA in Charlotte in November 2004.

- Do you think it is important to attend programs given by presenters from other states and to network with librarians from other states without going to a national conference?

If you do, encourage friends and colleagues to join SELA so they will have that opportunity in Charlotte in 2004 and at future conferences.

- Do you know someone who would like to expand her/his resume through professional presentation experience?

If you do, encourage him/her to join SELA and start planning a presentation for an upcoming SELA conference.

If each member of SELA recruits one new member, we would double association membership!

Increased Participation:

- Do you have editing experience?

If so, apply to serve as the editor of *The Southeastern Librarian*.

- Do you have web experience that you'd like to expand?

If you do, let Judith Gibbons know you'd be interested in working with the SELA web site for the next biennium.

- Do you want to add professional section, round table or committee service to your resume?

If you do, let me know so that we can start preparing to appoint committees for the 2005-2006 biennium. There is a place for every interest through the sections, round tables, and committees that make up SELA.

If you would like more information about SELA, please see the web page at <http://sela.lib.ucf.edu/>.

--Ann Hamilton