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Friday, October 21, 2022. The meeting was called to order, and minutes from the July 15 board meeting were approved with nine aye votes.

Karen Manning, 2022 president of the Georgia Library Association (GLA) would thanked everyone who was involved or attended the 2022 Georgia Libraries Conference (GLC)! With 340 in person attendees and 190 virtual, the conference was a smashing success. Karen introduced Ben Bryson as the 2023 conference chair. Accessibility issues were noted for next year, such as signage in future pointing to the elevator and easier access from the hotel. Vegetarian and vegan options for the all-conference meals and snacks would be much appreciated.

Karen is working to create two grants which would be included in the GLA awards. One would be for library personnel with accessibility issues to receive funding to attend the conference. The other would be for funds for a school library. GLA continues to work on how to pay for group or institutional memberships via Wild Apricot. In addition, the GLA awards process will be improved and streamlined.

Linh Uong, 2022 GLA administrative liaison, noted that the second round of fall elections were complete as of the time of the board meeting. As of the meeting date, committee selections in Wild Apricot were not completed. Work continues with IMPACT, the company that runs the GLA membership website, to revise committee selection processes in order to reflect handbook changes from August.

Cathy Jeffries, the handbook committee chair, opened a discussion on how affiliate groups can receive emails about handbook updates. Linh

and Karen planned to bring this up at the next meeting with IMPACT.

Ben Carter, 2020–2022 Southeastern Library Association (SELA) representative, let everyone know that a Georgia librarian won the Jenny Frankenthaler scholarship. Additionally, Athens Regional Library System won an award for their reading program, and Piedmont Regional received an honorable mention.

Justin Nobles, 2022 GLA treasurer, shared information that \$120,000 of GLA funds was invested into a 13-month CD in January of 2022, and will be reinvested when it matures. Funding from the conference fees and from the scholarship raffle was still coming in. When everything is tallied, the final bill from GLC will be completed.

Action items:

- Handbook updates put forth by Constitution & Bylaws Committee Chair Laura Burtle passed with nine aye votes.
- The outgoing conference chair suggested GLA pay for room and registration for future conference chairs to attend GLC. Issues discussed were what line item this would be in the budget, as well as a caution to be extremely specific about who receives this funding. The discussion was tabled for a future meeting.
- Black Caucus put forth a vote to pass a BIPOC travel grant to help with attendance to GLC. The motion passed with nine ayes.

Closing remarks from Karen Manning were shared and the meeting was adjourned.

Kelly Williams was the 2022 secretary of the Georgia Library Association