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**F**riday, April 21, 2023. The meeting was called to order and minutes from the January 13, 2023, board meeting were approved with ten "aye" votes.

GLA President Rebecca Ballard announced the upcoming 2023 Georgia Libraries Conference (GLC) is scheduled to take place from October 4–6 in Athens, GA. The theme for the conference will be "We've Got Stories to Tell." It was announced that the call for conference proposals would be released on May 1. Additionally, it was mentioned that the Southeastern Library Association (SELA) will be hosting a joint conference with the Arkansas Library Association (ArLA) from October 13–15 in Hot Springs, AR. Ballard encouraged members to actively participate and contribute content to the quarterly emailed newsletter.

Administrative Services Liaison Linh Uong announced the promotion of Alyssa Merkle to IMPACT operations manager. Treasurer Justin Nobles provided financial updates, stating that the checking account balance is sufficient for daily expenses. However, he also highlighted a projected negative net income at year-end, due to membership revenues typically coming in later in the year. Rosemary Humphrey, chair of the Interest Group Council, reported positive progress in filling chair positions for three out of the four previously inactive groups. She also informed the board about ongoing discussions with the Handbook Committee to revise the bylaws of the interest groups. Ballard provided an update on the strategic plan and shared an implementation plan, emphasizing the importance of teamwork and encouraging interested individuals to contribute.

During the board meeting, several new business matters were discussed and approved. The

Society of Georgia Archivists (SGA) received approval to cohost the 2024 Georgia Libraries Conference, and collaboration will be initiated by the vice president. The ALA Sustainability Roundtable's suggestion of including a sustainability pledge in the conference was approved in concept, with the conference committee tasked to tailor it to fit the organization's context. The board also gave the green light to establish a member code of conduct, with the president collaborating with the handbook committee chair to create a plan for drafting the document.

A proposal for a new dues structure was accepted, proposing a phased transition to a progressive dues structure over the next three years. Steps to implement the changes and communicate them with the membership will be taken. The board also approved the proposal to establish a standard for the association's bank account balance, with the Handbook Committee and Budget Committee assigned to draft the appropriate language. The 2023 budget was approved, and discussions were held regarding its projected deficit in relation to the new dues structure.

In addition, the Conference Committee received approval to sell items featuring the association's logo. The slate of nominees for the 2024 Executive Board elections was presented and approved. Lastly, a proposal by the New Members Round Table (NMRT) to establish a mentorship program was approved as a pilot project, with progress reports requested during the January 24 executive board meeting.

### Announcements

- SELA/ArLA joint conference proposals were due on May 8.

- President Rebecca Ballard was named Georgia's Public Library Employee of the Year for 2022.
- Marshes of Glynn Libraries held a community celebration on May 5 for being named the state's Library of the Year.
- Jon Bodnar is the contact for any website issues.

**Action items**

- Vote to approve the Impact contract renewal for 2023 was approved with 10 "aye" votes.

The meeting adjourned at 11:32 am.

*Betty Wright is the 2023 secretary of the  
Georgia Library Association*