

Society of Georgia Archivists  
Business Meeting  
Athens, GA  
13 November 2008

12:22 AM -- Called to order by President Morna Gerrard.

President Morna Gerrard welcomed everyone to the 2008 Annual Meeting. She noted that over 80 members were attending the Annual Meeting and that SGA has a record 228 members. She recognized the Board and committee chairs and gave special thanks to Elizabeth Russey, Teresa Burk, speakers, committee chairs and members who organized and participated in the Annual Meeting.

She then noted that the Board had decided to reduce the number of Business Meeting speakers, so written reports only were provided by Archivist Muriel McDowell Jackson, Administrative Assistant Frances Overcash, SGA Newsletter Editor Renna Tuten, Website Editor Abby Griner, Listserv Manager Nora Galler, Subscriptions Manager Jody Thompson, Education Committee Chair Nancy Davis Bray, Nominating Committee Chair Jill Severn, Scholarship Committee Chair Luciana Sprache and Archives Week Chair Sara Saunders.

## **OFFICERS' REPORTS**

### **President:**

President Morna Gerrard reminded members that the SGA directory is now online and members can update their entries themselves. The directory is not compatible with MS Explorer 6.0, so use an alternate browser. She also reminded members that SGA has a blog and is on Facebook and encouraged Web 2.0 dialogue.

Gerrard said that online payment/registration is now much easier and recognized Jamal Booker for his efforts in arranging SGA's PayPal payment system. She encouraged all members to pay dues if outstanding. The Pre-conference workshop was well attended: 25 attendees with six on the waiting list. Gerrard thanked Education Committee Chair Nancy Davis Bray for her efforts with the workshop.

Gerrard noted that Archives Month is now a SGA entity for funding responsibility purposes. SGA's 40th anniversary is next year, and Gerrard thanked Susan Potts McDonald for heading the Anniversary Committee.

Gerrard then introduced the incoming committee members appointed by the Board: Education Committee Chair Elizabeth Russey, Scholarship Committee Chair Courtney Chartier, Listserv Manager Jeffrey Seymour and Subscriptions Manager Traci Drummond.

### **Treasurer:**

President Morna Gerrard reported for Treasurer Jamal Booker: SGA's Paypal account has handled over 80 online transactions. Year-to-date income is at \$16,268.91 and year-to-date expenses are \$7,896.54. Overall accounts total \$67,857.53 through November 9, 2008.

## **PUBLICATIONS REPORTS**

### **Provenance:**

Editor Reagan Grimsley reported that the new editor Brian Wilson, of the Georgia Archives, will

be working with him on transition of duties. The 2007 issue of Provenance is in the mail. Had a large number of submissions for 2008, and a couple of articles for 2009 already.

Grimsley recognized the David Gracy award co-winners: Catherine Stollar Peters, "When Not All Papers are Paper: A Case Study in Digital Archivy" and Laura Botts and Lauren Kata "Are the Digital Natives Restless?: Reaching out to the Ne(x)t Generation."

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Membership:**

Membership Committee Chair Christine de Catanzaro described the successful launch of the online membership directory. She recognized new and returning members and noted a larger than usual influx of new members this year. She thanked the Membership Committee, and mentioned that they are working on a plan to honor longtime members and a mentor/mentee program.

### **Scholarship:**

Scholarship Committee Chair Luciana Spracher reported that SGA awarded five scholarships in 2009, including two new ones. She recognized the recipients:

- Carroll Hart Scholarship, for the Georgia Archives Institute, was awarded to Cynthia Horne, of North Georgia College and State University.
- Brenda S. Banks Educational Workshop Scholarship, for the SGA spring/summer workshop, was awarded to John P. Kennison, Director/Archivist for the Bryan-Lang Historical Library.
- Edward Weldon Scholarship, for the Society of American Archivists Annual Meeting, was awarded to Alison Bentley, Reference Archivist for the Georgia Historical Society.
- Larry Gulley Scholarship, for the Society of American Archivists Annual Meeting, was awarded to Rebecca Morris, Historian/Archivist for the Georgia Baptist Historical Archive and Museum.
- Anthony R. Dees Educational Workshop Scholarship, for the SGA pre-conference workshop, was awarded to Brittany Bennett Paris, Assistant Archivist for the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Atlanta

### **Nominating:**

Nominating Committee Chair Jill Severn announced the SGA election results: Vice-President/President Elect Jodi Thompson, Secretary Marie Force, Director Lynette Stoudt, Archivist Suzanne Durham, Nominating Committee Laura Botts and Katherine Shirley.

Severn noted that the numbers of voters was higher due to e-mail ballots and all races were contested. She thanked everyone who ran in the election.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Annual Meeting Director Teresa Burk announced that the 2009 Annual Meeting location will be Savannah. Morna Gerrard added that the Annual Meeting dates are November 4-6, 2009.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Jill Severn gave the schedule for University of Georgia buses to shuttle attendees to and from the evening reception and auction. Annual Meeting Director Elizabeth Russey urged everyone to ride the buses due to limited parking at the event site.

Vice-President/President Elect Christine de Catanzaro thanked President Morna Gerrard for her wonderful work this year.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted on January 20, 2008.

Marie Force  
SGA Secretary