

The SELA leadership/summer conference was held at University of Alabama, Birmingham, AL in the Mervyn Stern Library on August 14-15, 2015.

At the board meeting it was reported that currently there are 19 members from Tennessee; however, due to SELA changing to a rolling membership a couple of years ago, our numbers have only increased slightly from last year.

I am the new co-chair for the membership/mentoring committee and ideas for improving membership numbers in all 12 states were discussed. A few other TN members were also in attendance at this meeting. The lower membership fees for new members of only \$10 seems to have increased membership in the other states and I would like to try to work with the TLA membership committee to recruit new members into SELA if that would be permitted. All committees, roundtables, etc. met along with a tour of the Lister Hill Medical Library which is still in the process of combining with UAB library and the medical library will continue to house the historical collection and study or conference spaces for students and classes in that building. Also under one director for both institutions, very interesting tours. A special training session for all state representatives as to what job descriptions or responsibilities each state contributes to this organization and very informative of things I didn't know but hope to implement in the next year.

The next SELA event will be the 2016 annual joint conference with COMO (Georgia Library Associations) in Athens, GA on October 5-7, 2016. All future board meetings will continue to be on a quarterly basis and done online through software similar to GoToMeeting. Announcements will be sent out via e-mail or TLA list for anyone/everyone to attend or possibly submit a program/poster proposal closer to the date of the conference.

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