

Representative: Southeastern Library Association

TLA Board Meeting, April 2016

The SELA board meet via electronic method on February 25, 2016.

The 2016 GA COMO/SELA joint conference will be October 5-7, 2016 in Athens, GA. The theme is “Reinvent, Reimagine, Re-discover Libraries”. As state representative of TN I was asked to give a report and did. I mentioned our upcoming conference which should have been put in the SELA correspondence to members as well as the link on the SELA page to TLA directs people to the registration, etc. As the TLA conference is in Kingsport this year, a number of board members stated they might like to attend as it’s close to NC, SC, KY or GA but not sure who if anyone would be signing up.

Report of the description guide/suggestions for each state representative was updated, discussed and passed. A few changes to what has been submitted before for the TLA handbook of responsibilities for this position, and an updated version for the manual or handbook will be provided.

As co-chair of the SELA membership/mentoring committee I had the privilege of redesigning the new poster boards to be put in the poster display that will be distributed throughout the 12 states at their individual conferences; however the final draft almost ready to start production next month. The timing wasn’t right for our conference but will be ready for others especially with fall conferences planned or the joint conference in Athens. I may post a picture when it’s released to one of our websites or social media TLA or SELA board approve if I would be allowed.

SELA membership starts when the application and check are received (rather than like TLA is on the calendar year). As of Nov. 2015 TN had 19 members; whereas Feb 2016 we are currently at 17 and may fluctuate in the coming months as well. The poster board for SELA is being sent to me by UPS and I will put it up on the table along with brochures. I also wanted to remind people that for the first year in SELA no matter your salary is only \$10 for the year; then each year after is on a sliding scale of \$0-\$35,000 = \$25 / \$35,001-\$50,000 = \$45 / \$50,001 and up is \$65 – Student remains at \$10; Friends/Trustee/Retired remains at \$20 or a lifetime is \$1,000 and much lower than most charge especially for a regional group of 12 states. A total of 237 members in SELA as of February 2016.

Next board meeting will be online in late April or early May the dates are being selected at this time.

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