

**SEAALL Business Meeting
Knoxville, TN
April 5, 2014**

Pamela Melton called the meeting to order at 8:28 a.m. On behalf of everyone who attended the conference, Pamela showed her appreciation for the sponsors and the Local Arrangements Committee. Katherine Marsh, of the Local Arrangements Committee, thanked several people who worked with her to put the conference together. Pamela then asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the last business meeting, held in Seattle, WA, on July 15, 2013. The motion was made and seconded. All voted aye and the minutes from the July 2013 business meeting were approved.

Pamela noted that the SEAALL treasurer, Kate Irwin-Smiler, could not attend the conference but that Kate had submitted a treasurer's report that was on everyone's table. Pamela then asked the chairs of the various committees to make their reports to the membership.

Ed Hart, of the Articles and Bylaws Committee, was not in attendance so Pamela gave his report. Pamela said that AALL had amended its bylaws, and that we have proposed changes to SEAALL's bylaws to be in line with theirs. These changes have been posted on the SEAALL website. They include substantive changes, with issues related to gender identity and changing the process for selecting the nominating committee. Ed asked that a vote be taken to approve the changes. A motion was made to do this and it was seconded. The changes were approved.

Robert Brammer, chair of the Community Service Committee, reported that \$1,130 had been raised from member donations and the sale of the T-shirt quilt. This money will be donated to Dolly Parton's Imagination Library.

T.J. Striepe, chair of the Education and Publications Committee, said that there were no proposals for AALL last year. The committee is working on a database for ALR materials; it's currently under construction.

The chair of the Government Relations Committee, Beth Williams, didn't attend the conference, so Pamela gave Beth's report. Pamela listed the committee's officers and noted that every SEAALL state is represented on the committee this year. The committee passed along local advocate day. Pamela summarized a list of items that had taken place during the past year.

Ryan Valentin, the chair of the Membership Committee, reported that SEAALL now has 555 members. Since his last report, SEAALL has gained 112 members and lost 95: a net gain of 17 members. Ryan encouraged members to participate in SEAALLsucker. He noted that SEAALL will host a table at CONELL and the exhibit hall at the AALL conference in July.

The Newsletter and Public Relations Committee chair, Heather Casey, was not in attendance, so someone else gave the committee's report. SEAALL's Twitter account continues to post tweets. The SEAALL Newsletter is coming out on schedule, and thanks were given to Brian Barnes, its longtime editor. Heather is now serving as editor of the Newsletter, but the committee is looking for someone interested in editing it. Webmasters Sharon Bradley and Tina Brooks are responsible for updating the SEAALL website.

Scott Childs, chair of the Nominations Committee, reported that a slate of officers was selected in October. Scott thanked his committee for their work.

Placement Committee chair Beau Steenken said that the website had 21 position announcements this year, and that the committee had a room reserved at the conference.

Fran Norton, chair of the Program Committee, thanked the committee for its work. The SEAALL Institute was filmed this year thanks to a grant from AALL and Bloomberg. Fran noted that there were good submissions for programs this year. An online survey of the conference will be sent out later.

Louis Rosen, chair of the Scholarship Committee, reported that the committee had given \$14,000 to 12 librarians, and that \$9,000 had been handed out in student scholarships. In February 2014 there were two Lucile Elliott Scholarships and two Kathryn P. Mattox Memorial Scholarships. AALL and CONELL grants were awarded. Louis thanked the committee for its work.

Pamela announced that Jonathan Rountree had gotten the grant to attend AALL this year.

The locations of future meetings were announced. In 2015 SEAALL will have its conference in Lexington, Kentucky; in 2016 it will be a joint SEAALL/SWALL meeting in Dallas, Texas; and in 2017 the meeting place will be Raleigh, North Carolina.

Pam Deemer announced that this year's Service to SEAALL Award winner is Carol Watson.

The Lifetime Membership Award went to Nancy Johnson.

There was no old business.

In new business, Pamela asked that the membership consider a resolution in support of UELMA. Someone moved that it be considered, and that was seconded with no opposition. The motion carried.

In announcements, Pamela had the newly elected officers stand before the membership. New officers were welcomed and retiring officers were given the membership's thanks.

The gavel then passed from Pamela to the new president, Fran Norton, and he adjourned the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Nichelle Perry
SEAALL Secretary