

Louisiana Library Association  
2021-2022 Annual Membership Meeting  
Saturday, July 9, 2022  
2:30pm

**Call to Order & Welcome**

Jeremy Bolom

**Approval of Minutes**

Jeremy Bolom

**Treasurer's Report**

Giovanni Tairov

**President's Report**

Jeremy Bolom

- Incoming Officers for the 2022-2023 Year
- The Year in Review
- Online Store
- Online Auction

**Officer & Committee Reports**

- Past President – Sonnet Ireland
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Jenny Mayer
- Academic – Angela Dunnington
- GODORT – Vacant
- LASL – Kim Howell
- LaSSAL – Theresa Tademy
- Public – Hilari Melerine
- Subject Specialist – Lindsey Reno
- Trustee – Mary Jo Cooper
- ALA Councilor – Vivian McCain
- SELA Representative – Blair Jones
- Louisiana Libraries Editor – Celise Reech Harper
- Conference Chair – Celise Reech Harper

**President-Elect's Comments**

Lora Amsberryaugier

- 2021-2022 Award Recipients
- 2022-2023 Theme
- Future Endeavors of LLA

**New Business**

- Resolutions – Chris Achee

**Additional Comments**

**Adjournment**



## Annual Membership Meeting

Date: June 23, 2021

Time: 10:00 AM

Location: Virtual; Zoom

### Attendance:

Sonnet Ireland, Erin Chesnutt, Kristin Evans (Amigos), Kori Koerner, Vicki Nesting, Jeremy Bolom, Angela Dunnington, Allison Gallaspy, Caitlin Cooper, Christopher Achee, Connie ?, Michael?, Sheryl Curry, Susan Richard, Crissie Molina, Elissa Plank, Celise Reech-Harper, Amanda Jones, Elisa Huber, David Duggar, Lora Amsberryaugier, Lindsay R, Erin Ware.

Additional members continued to enter the virtual space after the meeting began with total attendance peaking at 93.

### Minutes:

Agenda	Discussion	Tasks/Conclusion	Responsibility
<i>Call to order</i>	Sonnet Ireland called the meeting to order at 10:01.		
<i>Approval of minutes</i>		Connie Phelps moved to approve; Caitlin Cooper seconded. Motion passed.	
President's Comments	251 members have already renewed & we have 23 new members registered so far the 2021-2022 year. Ireland announced the incoming officers for 2021-2022: President: Jeremy Bolom President Elect / 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President: Lora Amsberryaugier		

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	<p>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Jenny Mayer</p> <p>Past President: Sonnet Ireland</p> <p>Secretary: Jessica Styons</p> <p>ALA Councilor: Vivian McCain</p> <p>Parliamentarian: Chris Achee</p> <p>SELA Representatives: Blair Stapleton</p> <p>Treasurer: Giovanni Tairov</p> <p>Editor: Celise Reese-Harper</p> <p>Academic Section</p> <p>Chair: Dunnington</p> <p>Vice Chair: Shanna Clevenger</p> <p>Secretary: Caitlin Cooper</p> <p>LaSSAL Section</p> <p>Chair: Theresa Tademy</p> <p>Secretary: Victoria Cienfeugos</p> <p>GODORT Section</p> <p>Chair: *Vacant *</p> <p>Vice Chair: Mark Love</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair: Elizabeth Outler</p> <p>Secretary: Jennifer Creevy</p> <p>LASL Section</p> <p>Chair: Kim Howell</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair: Amanda Jones</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair: Tammy Chaffin</p> <p>Secretary: Kelsey Baudoin</p>		

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	<p>Public Section</p> <p>Chair: Hilari Melerine  Vice Chair: Ellen John  Secretary: Luis Ineriano  Parliamentarian: Sally Cooper Gill</p> <p>Subject Specialist Section</p> <p>Chair: Lindsey Reno  Vice Chair: Erin Ware  Secretary: Zachary Stein</p> <p>Trustees Section</p> <p>Chair: Mary Jo Cooper</p> <p>In reviewing the 2020-2021 year, Ireland announced:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• that Giovanni Tairov had been appointed as our association's first treasurer.</li> <li>• 2020 and early 2021 have seen several instances of issues of censorship in Louisiana libraries. Lincoln Parish had issues regarding LGBTQ+ books in the childrens section and Lafayette Parish had issues with voter rights programs. Both LLA and the Intellectual Freedom Committee issued statements to both issues</li> <li>• A recap of the 2021 LLA Annual Conference, which was our first virtually held conference: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ 147 attendees; 119 live and 28 recorded only.</li> <li>◦ The conference brought in a small profit and featured great sponsors, including LOUIS, and</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		

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	<p>guest speakers such as Dr Theodore Foster and The Pharmacist Dan Schneider. Recordings, with closed captioning, are available to those who purchased access until July 23. We are working on a plan to make the recordings widely available after the 2022 conference.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Other virtual programs included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ the LLA virtual Past President’s program, Reclaiming the Fire: the Historic Up Stairs Lounge Tragedy and the Redeeming Power of Memory (about 20 attendees)</li> <li>◦ Social media marketing with Ashley D’Addezio of One Village Media (about 15 attendees).</li> <li>◦ social distancing dance parties with Casey Saba (about 10)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>As past president, Ireland will focus on increasing our virtual offerings for members to enhance the tangible benefits of membership. Additionally, she will work on a code of conduct and land acknowledgment statement for LLA.</p> <p>Ireland reminds everyone that renewing membership before the end of this month with the code ILOVELLA will save \$5 on dues.</p>		
<i>Treasurer’s Comments</i>	<p>Giovanni Tairov reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revenues: Conference income and membership dues are main sources. Interest income is estimated to produce about \$5,200 this year (FY20-21).</li> <li>• Expenditures are largely in the categories of administrative and conference expenses.</li> <li>• In FY 2020-2021, we estimated spending about \$30,000 more than we were taking in, per the budget. Similarly, the upcoming year’s proposed</li> </ul>		

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	<p>budget has expenditures exceeding income by nearly \$40,000. The budget is estimated using pre-COVID figures.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Association needs to balance the budget or will deplete all accounts in about 6 years at current trajectory.</li> </ul>		
<p><i>Amigos Representative's Comments</i></p>	<p>Kristin Evans, Association Services Management Supervisor, reported that Amigos is a non-profit service, Evans's department specifically works with library associations and supports LLA in areas of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Membership</li> <li>◦ Financial (manage accounts, receive deposits &amp; checks, pay vendors, monthly reports to Treasurer)</li> <li>◦ Clerical (manage elections, support printing/shipping journal, respond to general organizational requests, serve as physical headquarters, attend to routine correspondence)</li> <li>◦ Website support (regular maintenance, update content upon request, track website statistics)</li> <li>◦ Event support (online registration for conference, onsite assistance for conference (1 staff), conference reports for chair, nametags, event tickets, etc., support 2 town hall meetings per year, provide support for registration for 2 section events per year.</li> </ul> <p>Contact Kristin Evans or Hilary Padavan at <a href="mailto:lla@amigos.org">lla@amigos.org</a> or 1-800-969-6562 x 3 with questions.</p> <p>Based on questions and suggestions, we discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• including in the virtual membership directory a field</li> </ul>		

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	<p>for searching by committee members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ways to make sure award winners are always updated on the website</li> <li>• putting forms up on the website for members to use to volunteer for committees, nominate officers, etc.</li> <li>• a Who Do I Ask or FAQs page on the site</li> </ul>		
<p><i>President-Elect's Comments</i></p>	<p>Jeremy Bolom announced:</p> <p>2021 Award Recipients:</p> <p>James O Modisette Award for School Libraries: Caddo Parish Magnet; LaKeisha Graham &amp; Leslye Gilchrist</p> <p>Literary Award: <i>Spreading the Gospel of Books: Essie M Culver and the Genesis of Louisiana Parish Libraries</i> by Florence M Jumonville</p> <p>Recognition of Amanda Jones for being recognized as one of School Library Journal's School Librarians of the Year.</p> <p>2021-2022 Conference will be in Alexandria, La on Mar 9 -11. Our theme will be "Louisiana Libraries are for You" ... and "you" means everybody!</p> <p>Future Endeavors of LLA:</p> <p>Expect to receive several Doodle polls or Survey Monkeys surveys to get ideas on ways to increase revenues, should the journal be online only?</p> <p>Considering a pay-to-play trivia event at conference benefiting the association</p> <p>Considering a new branch of membership similar to United for Libraries (Friends, Trustees, and</p>		

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	Foundation members)		
<i>Old Business</i>	At the business meeting during the 2022 conference, we need to revisit updating the LLA Manual.		
Meeting adjourned at: 11:12 (motion by Elissa Plank; Caitlin Cooper seconded).			

Submitted by: \_\_\_Erin N Chesnutt\_\_\_\_\_ (Secretary)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_June 23, 2021\_\_\_\_\_