

**Virginia Library Association  
General Session – Annual Business Meeting  
Friday, October 13, 2017  
Hilton Norfolk The Main  
Norfolk, VA**

**Call to Order**

President Keith Weimer called the meeting to order at 3:04 pm and welcomed everyone.

**Secretary's Report**

Secretary Jennifer Resor-Whicker emailed the minutes of the annual business meeting held October 28, 2016 to all VLA members prior to this meeting. Keith Weimer made a motion to approve the minutes. Teresa Doherty seconded. The motion carried.

Last year's business meeting minutes can be found here:

<http://www.vla.org/assets/Business%20Meeting%20102816.pdf>

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Shaunna Hunter reported that VLA is in very good shape financially.

The full report can be found here:

<http://www.vla.org/assets/2017%20Statement%20of%20Activities%2010012017.pdf>

**Second Vice President's Report**

Teresa Doherty reported that the VLA Manual was moved to a Google documents platform. This will make it easier to update as necessary.

**Past President's Report (Elections)**

Martha Hutzler reported on the activities of the VLA Nominating Committee. She thanked the members of the committee for their service. She announced the officers elected during this year's election: Jessica Scalph (Prince William County Public Library) – President-Elect; Adrian Whicker (Roanoke County Public Library) – Second Vice-President; Cori Strickler (Bridgewater College) – Treasurer.

**President's Report & Presidential Citation**

Keith spoke about some of the highlights from this year. These highlights include:

- Updated our Mission Statement and Strategic Plan for 2017-2020; developed a Statement of Core Value.
- Forged new links with the Virginia Association of School Librarians (VAASL), by appointing Susan Catlett as liaison to that group.
- Partnered with the Virginia Association of School Librarians and the American Library Association in expressing opposition to HB 2191, which would have required each school board to have “procedures for annually notifying parents of course content which may be sexually explicit in nature.”

- Strengthened our internal and external communication plans for addressing future such challenges.
- Our Legislative Committee worked with the Library of Virginia and legislators in the General Assembly to recover some funding lost during 2016 budget cuts, as well as to restore archives personnel and public access hours to the Library of Virginia.
- Sent a strong delegation for the American Library Association's National Library Legislative Days in early May, which lobbied Congress for funding for the Library Services and Technology Act, for net neutrality, for copyright reform, and for other issues that are important to our users.
- Reorganized our website to make the pages more dynamic.
- Relaunched *Virginia Libraries*.
- Committed funds generously donated by the Tidewater Area Library Directors Advisory Committee (TALDAC) to a scholarship for the 2018 Joint Council for Librarians of Color Conference.
- Established a travel grant to assist members of groups underrepresented in the library profession increase their professional development opportunities.
- Hosted another successful Professional Associates Forum conference in Norfolk.
- Continued to provide scholarships to aspiring librarians, and to support Virginia library workers with travel stipends.
- Explored a change in our dues structure that should help more Virginia library workers to participate in VLA as members in an era of tight library budgets and economic uncertainty.
- Achieved our goal of having the balance our main investment account exceed our annual budget.
- Increased our membership to over 1,000.

Keith also awarded Elizabeth Land (York County Library), Marlene Brawner (Norfolk State University), and Greg Grunow (Portsmouth Public Library) of the Website Content Committee the Presidential Citation. The citation reads as follows: In recognition of their outstanding contributions to the Virginia Library Association through their work with the Website Content Committee, for tirelessly working to create a website that is user-friendly and accessible to all, and for going above and beyond to make sure that the VLA Conference Portal provides the most current and useful information to attendees, this VLA Presidential Citation is issued to Elizabeth Land, Marlene Brawner, and Gregg Grunow.

### **Executive Committee Recognition & Passing the Gavel**

Keith thanked the outgoing Executive Committee members for their service: Martha Hutzler (Past President), Teresa Doherty (Second Vice-President), and Shaunna Hunter (Treasurer). He presented them with tokens of appreciation, and then passed the presidential gavel to Todd Elliott. Todd thanked Keith for his service to VLA.

### **2018 Annual Conference**

Todd announced that next year's Conference will be held in Colonial Williamsburg on September 28-30, 2018. He introduced Clint Rudy as Chair of the 2018 Conference Committee. Clint encouraged everyone to think about what types of proposals they want to submit for next year's conference.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:37 pm.

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*Minutes prepared by Jennifer Resor-Whicker, VLA Secretary*