

**Virginia Library Association  
General Session – Annual Business Meeting  
Friday, September 28, 2018  
Williamsburg Lodge  
Williamsburg, VA**

**Call to Order**

President Todd Elliott called the meeting to order at 3:17 pm and welcomed everyone. Todd asked the conference committee to stand and be recognized. Clint Rudy thanked everyone for attending the conference and thanked those who filled out surveys during the conference. He reminded everyone to fill out the conference evaluation. Todd then introduced the Executive Committee.

**Secretary's Report**

Secretary Jennifer Resor-Whicker gave the Secretary's Report. The minutes from the annual business meeting held October 13, 2017 in Norfolk, VA are available on the VLA website along with the agenda for this meeting. Keith Weimer made a motion to approve the minutes. Shari Henry seconded. The motion carried.

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

<https://www.vla.org/assets/VLABusMeet101317.pdf>

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Cori Biddle gave the treasurer's report. The Report is broken down into 3 categories. At the top is Revenue, which outlines our budgeted revenue streams for the year, and the actual amount received in those criteria as of September 23<sup>rd</sup>. A few revenue highlights to point out include our income from our online job advertisements, Jobline. Postings on Jobline not only come from VA and surrounding states, but this week there were postings from Texas, Iowa, Connecticut, and Ohio. Each organizational and institutional member of the association receives a complementary posting to Jobline, but we are still able to gather \$12,400 of income from the service.

Another highlight continues to be our income from Membership Dues. In fact we have exceeded our budgeted income from Membership dues by \$6,000 so far this year. We continue to work with Memberclicks, who hosts our website and membership portal, to increase the value of the membership and ways members can communicate with each other. We hope to continue to increase participation and membership in VLA going forward.

VLA offered three scholarships this year, two of which were awarded Wednesday Night, and another that was awarded in May during the VLA Professional Associates Forum. Thank you all for your support of the scholarship, including purchasing raffle tickets for these awesome baskets!

The highlight of the year is always the Annual Conference. We have exceeded our budgeted revenue for the conference by about \$23,126. This is largely due to our ability to increase the

number of vendors and introducing new sponsorship opportunities above what we had originally planned. We had a waiting list for vendors and found ways to incorporate those vendors into the exhibit hall and other areas across the conference.

Below the revenue numbers you'll find the expense numbers. We are on track for this time of year, and have not had any major unexpected expenses. As the conference ends, we will see those expenses in the next few Statements.

Overall, the association is in really good shape, and is running within budget for the year. If there is any money left over at the end of the year it will move into our investment account, which is at the bottom of the report. The market has not been as favorable this year as in the past, but we still have a slight increase in the value. Our goal for this fund is 150% of operating expenses as a cushion against the any unforeseen events. We have already exceeded 100% of this year's operating budget (according to the statement).

The full report can be found here:

<https://www.vla.org/assets/Treasurers%20Report%2009232018.pdf>

### **Second Vice President's Report**

Adrian Whicker gave the Second Vice-President's report. In the past year we updated the VLA bylaws with language concerning various forums, committees, and the status of the ALA Councilor as a voting member of the Executive Committee.

With the help of the committee chairs, Adrian compiled and maintained rosters and member contact information for each of the committees, a master roster of all committee members, and a roster of VLA members who have expressed interest in joining a committee. If you do have interest in joining a committee or forum we have updated the interest for on the VLA website. You can also email Adrian if you have any questions or would like to join a committee or forum. With the help of the Website Content Committee we placed the committee and master rosters on the Website.

Adrian also assisted forums and committee chairs to fill member and officer vacancies throughout the year.

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

Keith Weimer reported on the activities of the VLA Nominating Committee. He thanked the members of the Nominating Committee for their service. He announced the officers elected during this year's election: Jennifer Resor-Whicker (Radford University) – Vice-President/President-Elect; Kayla Payne (Staunton Public Library) – Secretary.

### **President's Report & Presidential Citation**

Todd Elliott spoke about some of the highlights from this year. We updated the designated agenda. We are firmly committed to encourage broader and more diverse membership while improving lines of communication. We launched the VLA monthly e-newsletter. Todd thanked everyone for their feedback on this. We sent two librarians to the Joint Librarians of Color conference in New Mexico. Todd looks forward to continuing to work for VLA as the Past-

President. Todd asked members of the VLA Council to stand and be recognized. Todd encouraged everyone to read his farewell address in the latest issue of *Virginia Libraries*. It can be seen here: <https://ejournals.lib.vt.edu/valib/article/view/1603/2174>

Todd awarded Angie Sumner (Suffolk Public Library) of the 2018 VLA Conference Committee the Presidential Citation. The citation reads as follows: The 2018 Virginia Library Association Conference Committee has worked faithfully and well to make this year's event a success. Our timeline was shorter than average but this team approached it with enthusiasm. In recognition for her outstanding contributions and tirelessly promoting the conference almost daily for several months through the creation and release of posts, signs, and special features on social media and on the website this VLA Presidential Citation is issued to conference marketing coordinator Angie Sumner on September 28, 2018.

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

Todd Elliott thanked the outgoing Executive Committee members for their service: Keith Weimer (Past President) and Jennifer Resor-Whicker (Secretary). He presented them with tokens of appreciation, and then passed the presidential gavel to Jessica Scalph. Jessica thanked Todd for his service to VLA. She expressed how honored she is to be VLA President.

### **2018 Annual Conference**

Jessica Scalph announced that next year's Conference will be held in Norfolk, VA at the Hilton Main on October 23-25, 2019. She introduced Katie Kalil as Chair of the 2019 Conference Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:34 pm.

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