

Louisiana Library Association  
Subject Specialists Section

Business Meeting  
Wednesday, April 27, 2005  
Alexandria, LA  
3 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect Connie Phelps. Old business included a brief discussion of the status of the webpage. Jean Kiesel said she would serve as the liaison to the LLA website committee. Next the status of a newsletter for the section was brought up and it was the consensus that it is not needed at this time. There is interest in the section working on an issue of Louisiana Libraries but no one volunteered to serve as a coordinator. The chair asked if members wanted a separate email list for the section, but it was decided that the LLA list has so little activity that there would be no need for the section to have its own list. The item discussed under old business was the status of a Subject Specialists Conference Attendance Stipend. Ferol Foos presented the report of the committee appointed to investigate the possibility of the section offering an award to support a Subject Specialists member's attendance at the annual meeting. Generally the committee suggested an award covering enough for registration, a tank of gas, and one night's lodging. The committee members were: Ferol Foos, Judy Najolia, Judy Smith and Jean Kiesel. The following suggestions were made: change the description to specify exactly how much to cover conference expenses; the amount should be set by section officers based on the current budget or only offer the grant in years when the Subject Specialists budget has enough money to cover the grant. The suggestion was also made to give preference to individuals whose institution would not pay any portion of conference expenses. If a committee is set up to make the award it would be their responsibility to determine if an award is merited and if so they would notify the section chair and also should notify the winner before pre-registration.

As for new business, officers elected were named: Connie Phelps as Chair-Elect and Georgia Chadwick as Secretary. The 2005 Foote award winner was Mary Marix, Reference and Outreach Librarian, LSU Health Sciences Center, and she was present to receive the award at the ceremony. A proposed merger with GODORT was discussed but members were not interested in exploring this.

The meeting was adjourned.