



**The Society of Alabama Archivists Annual Meeting  
University of Alabama at Huntsville, Student Services Building  
October 17, 2024, 1:20 p.m.**

**Opening remarks by SALA president, Robin Watson:**

- Thanked Veronica Henderson, Vice President, and to Reagan Grimsley, UAH Libraries, for the time and effort put into planning this meeting.
- Jeff Hershey was not able to be at the annual meeting; there were two sessions instead of three in the last block.
- Reminder: anyone interested in going to the space and rocket center will get a SALA group discount through Saturday. Present SALA ticket/registration.
- Reminder: UAH Archives tour will meet in the lobby of the Student Services Building after the last session.

**Secretary's Report (Rachel Jones Lopez):**

- The Executive Board met four times in 2025, in February, May, August, and September, all on Zoom. These meetings primarily related to Annual Meeting planning, as well as the new show-and-tell series, discussions to make changes to SALA awards, and the increase in dues.
  - All of these meetings were well-attended with participation from members of the Executive Board, comprised of the Officers, Executive Committee, and Historian.
- Reminders:
  - Please remember to keep your membership active
  - To send emails to all SALA membership, feel free to contact the secretary, or send an email to [sala@gaggle.email](mailto:sala@gaggle.email)

**Treasurer's Report (Roland McDonald):**

- Please return name badges before leaving.
- Wix renewal fee is increased every three years.
- Final total for annual meeting expenses did not include sponsorships. Some prices slightly increased, and some slightly decreased.
- We will vote on increased dues for membership of SALA, from \$10 to \$25. This will bring us up to standards of peer organizations. SALA has not had an increase in dues in at least 25 years.

**President's Report (Robin Watson):**

- Thanked Dr. Dees, immediate past president, and Kerri Halford for stepping in for 2024 conference in Robin's absence.
- Dr. Dees thanked Robin and presented her with a gift in gratitude for her service to SALA.
- Robin expressed that serving as president of SALA has been an honor, and expressed gratitude for participation in show-and-tell programs. Robin also thanked executive officers and executive committee.
- Reiterated that we would vote on SALA's dues being raised from \$10 to \$25 for individual members and from \$5 to \$10 for students. Robin explained that the hop was to offer more student scholarships to invest in the future of our profession. Robin also shared that \$25 for membership is comparable to the dues of peer professional organizations.
- Reminder that 2027 will be SALA's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**Voting:**

- Floor nomination of Debbie Walker for secretary.
- No floor nominations for other positions.
- Robin passed out ballots at 1:32 to begin voting.
- Ballots were counted by 1:42.
- Robin announced results:
  - President: Veronica Henderson
  - VP: Rachel Jones Lopez
  - Secretary: Debbie Walker
  - Dues increase passed

**Adjourned at 1:46.**