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From the PRESIDENT

Dear Colleagues,

Spring has sprung! I for one am glad that this past winter, so harsh and long, has finally gone, even though it has left behind a not-so-subtle reminder in yet another layer of potholes on our roads.

Many of us have been made acutely aware of these potholes as we have traveled from all over Georgia to Clayton State University and to Agnes Scott College to meet and get on track with the Georgia Library Association's activities for the year, including planning for COMO this fall. On two Saturdays in March and April we held COMO Planning Committee meetings with the Georgia Association for Instructional Technology (GAIT), followed immediately by GLA Budget and Executive Board meetings. As for the Georgia Library Association (GLA), we now have a cautiously optimistic 2014 budget and have caught up on most of the business left from the January Mid-Winter meeting. As for COMO, planning for October is well underway, thanks to many volunteers from within GLA, who have been laying the infrastructure to make this a great conference! I really appreciate the many people who gave up part—or, in some cases, all—of their Saturdays to accomplish these things.

Since we just could not get enough of riding over rough patches and potholes, and since it has been many, many years since we last had an annual conference in Augusta, a group of us traveled to the Augusta Marriott and Convention Center on May 7 for a walk-through to decide on logistics for the conference, such as where to have the authors' reception and the poster sessions and to get a feel for the various

spaces we will be using for presentations. It was a very fruitful trip, and I think you will really enjoy the plush facilities where the conference will be held.

Program proposal forms for COMO 2014 are now available on the conference website at <http://www.georgiacomo.org/program/>—we'll spread the word far and wide, loud and clear. Other COMO 2014 web pages will be filled as other plans are firmed up.

The shedding of winter's woes puts me in the mood for spring cleaning. My own office space could use tidying up—something of an understatement! In my professional specialty of interlibrary loan, the ILL world is getting ready for yet another switch of OCLC platforms, so getting things in order there is also vital. My library is searching for new leadership, with the upcoming retirement of Dr. William Gray Potter after twenty-five years of service not only to the University of Georgia (UGA), but also the University System, the state of Georgia and the library universe in general. The University System itself is looking at the next generation of library systems to replace Voyager, which has been in place since the late 1990s. And there is a newly appointed State Librarian for those of us in the public library sector, our former GLA President Julie White Walker. Cleaning, sprucing up, change, and renewal are in the air everywhere!

For GLA, there is always the potential for cleanup and updating. The GLA *Handbook* in particular comes to mind. The information in the committee and interest group sections is only as good as the chairs provide; I urge all chairs to make sure that the descriptions of

your committees and membership lists are relevant to *this* year. Our *Handbook* webmaster makes changes promptly, but it is up to you to give her the correct information to update. Changes to the GLA Constitution and By-Laws requires a vote; if there is something in those sections that you believe needs changing, please contact me so that it can be discussed by the Executive Board and possibly put to a vote by all GLA members during this year's cycle.

So, clear those winter cobwebs from your mind! How are you transforming libraries, or how would you like to transform them? That is the general theme of COMO in Augusta this fall, and

this spring is a good time to start doing something about it. Share what you are doing, or propose what you'd like to do, by submitting a proposal form. As I said, the COMO 2014 website now includes the proposal submission forms, and I hope to see you at COMO in the fall. In the meantime, clean up, and watch out for those potholes!

Thank you,
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