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From the President

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From the PRESIDENT

What can I say about the 2016 Georgia Library Association (GLA) Midwinter Meeting? For those who were able to attend, I believe that it will be memorable. There were winter weather advisories, early closings, and lightning meetings. The energy during the conference was high, and we got a lot done in a very short time.

The most important accomplishment of the GLA Midwinter Meeting was the approval of several constitutional amendments. Approval of these amendments will move GLA—if not into the future—at least into the present. GLA can now hold virtual meetings of the association, accomplish the business of the association online, and vote electronically to amend the constitution, among other things.

These changes have had an immediate impact by allowing the executive board meeting, which had to be canceled in January due to weather concerns, to be rescheduled as an online meeting in February. More updates to the constitution are planned for this year, so keep an eye out for opportunities to discuss and approve these changes online.

If you were unable to attend the GLA Midwinter Meeting, please reach out to members of the executive board or the chairs of the various groups to find other ways to become involved in the organization. We value your participation and want to help you find ways to be more engaged in the work of the association. You can find contact information for the 2016 leadership listed here: [2016 GLA Leadership](#).

On another note...I thought that I would take a minute to tell you about the choice I made for the position of Advisor to the President for 2016. The Advisor to the President is someone chosen by the president who can provide advice that “can be invaluable to the President.” This person is usually someone who has previously served on the executive board and can provide information about the operation of the association. I decided to go in a slightly different direction this year. I asked Kathryn Greer who has been one of the leaders of the Atlanta Emerging Librarians (AEL) Group to serve as the 2016 Advisor to the President. I hope that Kat will bring a new perspective and fresh point of view to the executive board and that she can advise me on what newer/younger members want from the association. In this position, Kat will have the opportunity to learn more about how the association works and will be able to share what she learns with members of AEL to help improve communication within the association. I hope that all members will consider Kat to be an ombudsman of sorts and send her ideas and questions so that she can share them with me. Kat’s contact information can be found on the 2016 leadership list previously noted.

That’s all for this issue. Next issue I will update you on the items that came before the executive board during the first 2016 meeting and let you know how planning for the conference in October is going.

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