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From the President

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From the PRESIDENT

Every GLA president breathes a sigh of relief when the annual conference concludes without any major problems. For those of you who were able to attend, I hope that you found the conference to be worthwhile.

In this issue of GLQ you will find articles in which others will share information about their experiences at the conference. As this was the last conference under the COMO brand, many joined Gordon Baker and me as we wished a fond farewell to COMO and all that it has meant to us over the years.

I hope that you will mark your calendars for next October 4–6, 2017 and plan to attend the first Georgia Libraries Conference as we all begin a brand-new chapter.

This will be my last letter from the president in GLQ. I want you all to know how much I have enjoyed my year as the president of the Georgia Library Association. It has been a very rewarding experience. It is my hope that many of you will become more involved in GLA with similar results. There are any number of ways to do that. The obvious ones are to serve as an officer of the association, a division, an interest group, or a committee.

But you do not have to hold office in order to participate in GLA. You can contact the chair of one of these groups and ask about ways to get more involved. Maybe you have an idea for a program or an event that would be meaningful to the members that you would be willing to facilitate. Perhaps you have an idea to share with the Membership Committee or would be willing to host a membership “meet-up.” You might want to volunteer to help the Publicity

Committee with social media posts. The Scholarship Committee is always in need of help gathering donations for the annual raffle. Or maybe you have an idea that no one else has ever considered. My advice is to reach out to the 2017 leadership and volunteer. Our association needs you.

Having mentioned the need for volunteers, I would like to close by thanking everyone who volunteered to serve GLA in 2016. I want to call special attention to the entire 2016 leadership team including members of the Executive Board, the chairs of the divisions, interest groups and committees, and the members of the Conference Committee. I believe that we accomplished a lot this year and it took a lot of people to do that. It is dangerous to try to list everyone who has served in a leadership position in GLA this year because I will inevitably leave someone out but I do want to give you an idea of how many people it takes to run the association. So, with apologies to anyone that I omit, I want to thank everyone on the GLA Leadership Team for a great year including:

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