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## Georgia Library Association - GLA 2018 MidWinter Planning Meeting Reports

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**Georgia Library Association  
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Meeting Reports**

**Collection Development Interest Group**

Attendees: James O’Neal, Amy Eklund, Brenda Poku, Suzanne McCullough, Benjamin Barton

The meeting began with each member introducing themselves and stating their current roles and topics of interest to them. Topics of interest included collection evaluation and reports, weeding, selection policies, and collection development policies in general.



GLA MidWinter Planning Meeting held at Middle Georgia State University, Macon, Georgia

Benjamin Barton initiated a discussion of programming and activities for the 2018 year, and invited members to be thinking of topics for possible presentations or panels at the Georgia Libraries Conference, potentially sponsored by the Collection Development Interest Group. Brenda Poku suggested the topic of evaluating and revising collection development policies. She also suggested the topic of collection weeding. James O’Neal agreed that the topic of weeding criteria and procedures would make for a good panel discussion, and offered to revamp a presentation of his on the topic for a possible panel discussion. Amy Eklund recommended a panel of best practices in collection assessment, and noted that Cristina Hernández Trotter from

the Research and Assessment Interest Group (RAIG) expressed interest in co-sponsoring an event in Carrollton (University of West Georgia) focused specifically on the topic of assessment of library collections. Barton confirmed that Trotter had contacted him earlier regarding this effort and agreed this would be an excellent activity to pursue for the year. Barton agreed to follow up with Cristina Trotter, letting her know

that the Collection Development Interest Group would like to team up and co-sponsor an event on collection assessment. Barton will send updates to the group when the event is confirmed.

Barton invited members to consider serving as officers in the coming year. As the current vice chair and secretary positions are vacant,

Amy Ekland stated that if there are no objections from the group, she would like to serve as vice chair. Barton confirmed that he would put a call out to all members of the interest group to vote on the vice chair position via email.

**Facilities Interest Group**

Attendees: Alan Lebish, Harriet Speer, Catie Tierney

The discussion mainly focused on library design and space planning issues and challenges. Catie Tierney talked about her visit to the Dokk1 Library in Denmark, one of the most innovative

public libraries that is renowned for its unique designs and user experiences.

The attendees reviewed the interest group's statement of purpose and other sections of the group's information in the Georgia Library Association (GLA) Handbook. The name of the interest group was also a subject of debate. There was some thinking that "facilities" denotes just building maintenance issues. Several possibilities that were mentioned were Facilities and Space Planning or Space Planning and Design. Facilities is an umbrella term, though, that covers many aspects of managing physical spaces.

The group also discussed the election process, and possibly having a nominating committee, or recruiting a new chair and co-chair at the annual meeting in October. Finally, the group discussed some program ideas for the Georgia Libraries Conference. One idea mentioned was having a panel presentation on the topic of library renovations.

### **Intellectual Freedom Interest Group**

At the GLA Intellectual Freedom Interest Group meeting, Mack Freeman was re-elected as chair and Mary Young was re-elected as secretary. The group would like to provide some continuing education in the form of a webinar or programs at the Georgia Libraries Conference. Potential topics include: Intellectual Freedom 101, navigating difficult subjects in a politically correct world, social justice versus intellectual freedom versus equity, diversion and inclusion, and collection development and self-censorship. If you have any ideas for a program, please contact the listserv at [glaifig-l@list.georgialibraries.org](mailto:glaifig-l@list.georgialibraries.org) or the chair at [johnmackfreeman@gmail.com](mailto:johnmackfreeman@gmail.com).

### **Library Services for Persons with Disabilities Interest Group**

Will Smith and Stephanie Irvin attended and talked about efforts to generate interest in the

group, including ways to get members more involved in the group.

### **Reference and Instructional Services Interest Group (RISIG)**

All members were greeted and introduced themselves. A total 17 members attended the meeting.

Election: The RISIG chair held a call for nominations for the positions of vice chair/chair-elect and secretary:

- Secretary: Teresa Nesbit, University of North Georgia.
- Vice Chair/Chair-Elect: Catherine Manci, Savannah College of Art and Design.

Discussion: RISIG sponsored a program titled "How to Market Programs on a Budget" at the 2017 Georgia Libraries Conference (GLC) in Columbus, Georgia. The program was a panel presentation featuring librarians from various types of libraries including school and public.

Suggestions for next GLC:

- Reference discussion unconference.
- Share-a-rama.
- Accessibility best practices, handouts, in general (timely topic).
- How to handle a reference question in general; doing a reference interview (interactive; round table).
- Training program for instruction librarians; developing a mentor program and improve quality of instruction.
- Student assistants and reference.

Suggestions from the meeting at the 2017 Georgia Libraries Conference, Columbus, Georgia included:

- Critical information literacy style and presentation; libraries are moving

beyond just access to information. Are they learning? Is it changing their information behavior? Use information to benefit.

- Fake news; social justice; how can critical information literacy be applied?
- How to develop a YouTube channel and podcast.
- How to go beyond the web to find information; how to make it relevant; how our own biases can hold us back as far as information literacy is concerned.
- Reference consultations in the 21st century.

A call for proposals will go out to the group and the officers of the group will select the program to be sponsored by RISIG for the 2018 Georgia Libraries Conference.

The group also discussed professional development opportunities: funding is available from GLA for professional development. Brittani Sterling, Georgia State University, and Kristen Bailey, Mercer University, will investigate professional development opportunities.

### **Technical Services Interest Group**

Shelley Rogers, 2017–18 chair, Alexis Linoski, 2018–19 chair, and Carey Huddlestun, secretary, met with six others to talk about what sessions and preconference workshops

are wanted for the Georgia Libraries Conference (GLC) in October 2018. Topics discussed included batch processes like MarcEdit and OpenRefine; round-robin Q&A on Alma/Primo; BIBFRAME; RDA Toolkit changes; and coding in libraries. The group thought a preconference workshop on batch processes was the best choice and will begin planning for this. All technical services librarians in Georgia are encouraged to propose topics for GLC. Please write to Shelley Rogers at [shelley@westga.edu](mailto:shelley@westga.edu) if you are interested in having the Technical Services Interest Group sponsor your proposed session.

### **Handbook Committee**

Shelley Rogers, chair, met with Mary Young, vice chair/chair-elect, and Teva Sweet. The committee discussed the three items approved by the Executive Board at the December 2017 meeting and a new item proposed by the Scholarship Committee to have the Charles E. Beard Scholarship amount changed from \$1000 to \$1500 in the GLA Handbook. This change was approved later that day by the Executive Board. Shelley will make the change in the GLA Handbook and submit a PDF version to webmaster Sofia Slutskaya.

*The Georgia Library Association's MidWinter Planning Meeting was held January 19, 2018 at Middle Georgia State University in Macon, Georgia.*