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## From the President

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## *From the* PRESIDENT

Thank you all for your patience and support during the Georgia Library Association's (GLA) Administrative Services transition. Change is often difficult, but it has given us the opportunity to choose the direction for GLA. Change plus direction equals progress. I'd like to begin with a huge thank you to the Administrative Services transition team of Eli Arnold, Ashley Dupuy, Benjamin Bryson, and Gordon Baker. Technically, I participated in the process, but I am completely humbled by the knowledge, experience, and dedication of this group of individuals.

The GLA team has participated in a series of conference calls to transfer administrative duties to Impact Association Management. The transition has created a few minor bumps for our membership. Some members have noticed a bit of a lag in the processing of memberships received in recent weeks. This is being resolved and should not have any lasting impact on any individual members. An additional frustration was a bump with the listserv. Thank you to Elizabeth McKinney who is working to make sure that the listserv is fully functional and monitored. Thank you for your patience during the process. Our members are dedicated to the association and willing to draw attention to problem areas. This dedicated membership is an asset, so please don't hesitate to let us know if you feel something isn't right.

We are now very close to completing the transition to our new Administrative Services team. As you know, this change was spurred by our internal change. Our prior Administrative Services team of Kara Mullen and Gordon Baker

had sustained us for a number of years. We appreciate their dedication. Kara and Gordon have shifted focus to other areas and/or retirement, and this provided an opportunity to evaluate the best practices in similar associations and make some decisions for GLA.

Impact Association Management is a firm with considerable experience supporting organizations similar to ours. The team evaluating our options highly valued Impact's experience and transparency. One of their key objectives is to support organizations in attaining their forward-thinking objectives. This is completely consistent with our culture and goals. This transition will develop the administrative structure to allow our organization to maintain continuity as we continue to grow and offer more to our members.

As we near the time to register for our upcoming conference, I would like to draw your attention to a couple of items. For the first time, the conference registration fee includes the All-Conference Lunch. The lunch still needs to be selected so that we can accommodate everyone who plans to attend. The planned speaker is Jessica Walden of Rock Candy Tours. Her presentation will definitely be entertaining but also offer just enough historical information to also qualify as a working and educational lunch.

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