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From the President Diana Very

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From the PRESIDENT

I am thrilled to accept the role of GLA president for 2013. Thank you for the opportunity. My plan for this year is to design a strategic plan of vision and programs that will enhance the organization for the next few years. It's been several years since we've addressed strategic and vision planning, so we'll work on it this year. Look for notices of Web conferences and surveys inviting you to participate in decision making and development. Newcomers can find new avenues of participation and put their mark on projects of their choosing. This is a time to gain strength – to be ready for the renewed budgets and opportunities that will come soon.

The mid-winter meeting was held on January 11, 2013. I hope many of you were able

to attend. The meeting served as the kick off for several projects that are planned for the year. One project, mentioned above, is strategic planning; a process that will be discussed in more detail through newsletters and e-mails. Another is a photo contest. The winning photos will be featured in a 2014 calendar available for purchase at COMO 2013 in October at the GLA exhibit booth. Another project that I'm working on is a GLA summer event such as a picnic or get-together where we can come together in a social event for networking and fun. We're looking for volunteers to pull these projects together. If you're looking for a place to get involved, these opportunities are open to all.

We have several open positions for chairs, divisions

and interest groups. Please let me know if you would like to volunteer for one of these positions. Don't forget about COMO coming up in October 2013. COMO will be held in Macon again this year. The COMO 2012 evaluations provided many good comments about the facilities in Macon. We'll need suggestions from GLA members to make sure we address the needs of our members. Poster sessions will be held again this year, but hopefully in a more prominent location.

Best wishes for the New Year and I hope to see you soon.

Thanks,
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