

Minutes of the
GLA Academic Library Division
Midwinter Planning Conference
Clayton State University

January 13, 2006

Present: Michael Aldrich, Liz Bagley, Stacy Brown, Katharine Calhoun, Yolanda Carson, Rubye Cross, Margaret Ellingson, Jack Fisher, Cynthia Frost, Guy Frost, Kathy Gallo, George Gaumond, Tanji Gibson, Ravonne Green, Ann Hamilton, Jeff Heck, Cathy Jeffrey, Michelle Jones, Adam Kubik, Eva Lautemann, Lori Lester, Li Li Li, Callie McGinnis, Eddie McLeod, Tessa Minchew, Amy Moore, Susan Morris, Bill Nelson, Joan Osborne, Betty Paulk, Patty Phipps, Gene Ruffin, Debra Skinner, Ken Smith, Carol Stanley, Kate Stirk, Joan Taylor, Susan Vines, Dewi Wilson, Toni Zimmerman.

Elizabeth Bagley, Chair of the ACRL Georgia Chapter/GLA Academic Library Division (ALD), called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m. She introduced the other officers of the Division:

Callie McGinnis, Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect
Kathy Gallo, Secretary
Bill Nelson, ACRL Chapters' Council Rep.
Betty Paulk, Academic Presented Papers Coordinator

Debbie Holmes, Past Chair, was unable to attend. Liz said she and Callie will coordinate the division's programs for COMO 2006. Callie will be securing the ALD luncheon speaker. The conference is scheduled for September 20-22, 2006, at the Classic Center in Athens.

Liz began by asking if the group was pleased with the lunch presentation on local library history at the last conference in Columbus. The consensus was that it was popular, so Liz asked for other suggestions of this sort for 2006. Gene Ruffin offered to investigate possibilities in Athens. Bill Nelson suggested that Ed Cashin, Director of the Center for the Study of Georgia History in Augusta, is knowledgeable about the whole state and could be a possibility. Another idea was the new Chancellor, Erroll B. Davis, Jr. Final ideas were a speaker from the Georgia Center for the Book or perhaps a Georgia author. This prompted a question about funding for a speaker. Liz said that perhaps a small honorarium or mileage reimbursement could be arranged, but there is no large "slush fund" for such expenses. It's at the discretion of the COMO Planning Committee.

Next, Liz opened discussion of ALD program suggestions. The Academic Library Division typically sponsors six to eight programs, plus two sessions of academic presented papers. Ideas included:

1. Measuring the impact of a learning commons environment
2. Media formats and their collection development, access, and copyright issues
3. Instant messaging for virtual reference service
4. Georgia virtual high schools and their impact on our libraries (possibly a joint program with GMLA)
5. Instructional design tools for tutorials

6. How to get started in publishing. This was an idea from the previous year and it was suggested that Bill Potter from UGA might speak on this topic.
7. (HBCUs) Historically Black Colleges and Universities' Library Initiative. Lillian Lewis at SOLINET may be able to help with this.
8. Bill Nelson suggested libraries' impact on student retention.
9. Susan Morris suggested a presentation on LibQUAL+ or assessment in general.
10. Callie suggested information literacy and how to integrate it into the curriculum.
11. Callie also suggested the role of libraries in WebCT or other course management software use on campus.
12. Electronic portfolios
13. Gene Ruffin brought up management of institutional repositories and digital assets.
14. Margaret Ellingson asked about library and IT collaboration with regard to WebCT/Blackboard.
15. Cathy Jeffrey mentioned a program on how smaller institutions manage without a systems librarian, which perhaps could tie in with #14.
16. Carol Stanley suggested best practices for motivating student assistants.
17. Kate Stirk suggested a session on generating interest in library blogs for students and faculty.

Liz asked that any further ideas be sent to Callie McGinnis at Columbus State University <mcginnis_callie@colstate.edu>. These minutes will be emailed to those present and posted on the GLA ALD website. ALD members are encouraged to begin planning panels and programs on these topics or others of personal interest, in order to be prepared when the official proposal form is posted online this spring.

The deadline for program proposals will probably be in May. Academic librarians who wish to propose a program for ALD sponsorship should complete a proposal form and email it to Callie <mcginnis_callie@colstate.edu>. Those with the broadest appeal for academic libraries will be sent forward to the COMO schedule/program planners. Any program proposals not chosen for the ALD track will be returned by Liz and Callie within sufficient time for the individuals to submit a proposal to COMO, independent of the division.

Other business: Callie asked Betty Paulk to talk about the difference between such programs and the presented papers. Betty said the papers are often research-based. Sometimes they relate to the conference theme, but it's not essential. They are selected by peer review. An abstract must be submitted in May and the paper by July. There are two cash awards (from EBSCO and Blackwell) for the winners, who must make a 10-15 minute presentation of their work at the conference. The papers often can be turned into articles for publication, too. Betty said that anyone who would like to be a peer reviewer could contact her <bpaulk@valdosta.edu>.

Liz asked Dr. George Gaumond for an update on the Valdosta State University MLIS program. The program is in its second year of candidacy for ALA accreditation. ALA will visit in February 2007 and announce a decision in June 2007. The faculty are working on a self-study document now. Accreditation, if granted, will be retroactive to those who graduate this year.

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Recorded by Kathy Gallo, Secretary