

2009 GLA Committees

Below are the descriptions, appointment specifications, and committee size limitations of the 2009 GLA Committees. Please consider serving on one or two of these for the 2009 calendar year.

AWARDS COMMITTEE

Committee functions are: (1) to establish criteria for all GLA awards, (2) to publicize awards, (3) to receive & review nominations, (4) to determine whether or not awards should be given and, if so, who will receive them, and (5) to make award presentation arrangements [plaques, monetary award, certificates, proclamations, etc.]

Members: a Chair and representatives from public, school, special, and academic libraries.

COMO STORE

Committee functions are: (1) to suggest items for COMO store inventory, (2) to coordinate purchasing/inventory of store items with GLA Administrative Services, (3) to coordinate setup/display/take down of store at conference, and (4) to solicit volunteers to staff store at conference.

Members: a Chair and any member of GLA who volunteers to serve.

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE

Committee functions are: (1) to keep the Constitution and Bylaws up-to-date and reflective of the needs of the Association, and (2) to make recommendations of changes to the Executive Board.

Members: a Chair and any member of GLA who volunteers to serve.

GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Committee functions are: (1) to serve as liaison between GLA and the legislative bodies of local, state & national governments, (2) to communicate desired goals of libraries to these legislatures, (3) to inform the Executive Board of pending legislation affecting libraries, and (4) to coordinate Library Day activities in Atlanta and Washington.

Members: a Chair and representatives from public, school, special, and academic libraries.

HANDBOOK COMMITTEE

Committee functions are: (1) to collect information about the GLA's history, purpose, organization, & functions, (2) to update & revise the handbook on a continual basis, and (3) to provide online access to the handbook.

Members: a Chair and any member of GLA who volunteers to serve. The Chair is invited to attend Executive Board meetings. The Immediate Past President and 1st VP/President-Elect are ex-officio members.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Committee functions are: (1) to suggest & foster plans designed to solicit new memberships, (2) to encourage renewal of memberships of all librarians, active and retired; paraprofessionals; MLIS graduate students; and library trustees, friends, and advocates; and (3) to host membership tables and exhibits at conferences.

Members: a chair (2nd VP/Membership Chair) and representatives from public, school, special, and academic libraries. The Administrative Services Coordinator serves as an ex-officio member.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Committee functions are: (1) to recommend to the Executive Board candidates willing to run for office, (2) to prepare a slate of officers for presentation to the membership, (3) to collect candidate biographical information to include in the summer issue of the *Georgia Library Quarterly*, and (4) to submit the biographical information to the GLA webmaster prior to the election.

Members: limited to a Chair or Co-Chairs and four other members.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Committee functions are: (1) to promote Georgia libraries, Georgia librarians and GLA, and (2) to develop means of communicating library concerns with lawmakers at the local, state, & national levels.

Members: a Chair and representatives from public, school, special, and academic libraries.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Committee functions are: (1) to create or revise requirements for awarding any scholarship granted by the Association, (2) to publicize the scholarship program, (3) to answer all requests for scholarship information, (4) to judge the applications and award the scholarship(s), (5) to assure that the conditions of the award are adhered to by the recipients, (6) to solicit additional funds for the scholarship(s) and encourage the establishment of additional scholarship grants, (7) to recognize scholarship donors, and (8) to request the disbursement of funds to scholarship winners.

Members: a Chair and any member of GLA who volunteers to serve.

STUDENT ASSISTANTS COMMITTEE

Committee functions are: (1) to serve as the liaison between GLA and GAMA (Georgia Association of Media Assistants), (2) to provide support, encouragement, and cooperation to the Executive Board of GAMA, (3) to give more recognition to the activities of K-12 student library groups, and (4) to support endeavors & activities, and extend assistance & advice when the need arises.

Members: a Chair (serves as State Advisor for GAMA) and any member of GLA who volunteers to serve.

STUDENT MEDIA FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

Committee functions are: (1) to serve as the liaison between GLA and GAIT, (2) to help coordinate and serve at district and state media festival events.

Members: any member of GLA who volunteers to serve.

Below are the committees appointed by the GLA President and committee members must meet specific requirements to serve.

COMO CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Committee functions are: (1) Overall Conference Chair, (2) Registration, (3) Program, and (4) Exhibits. Conference responsibilities are rotated among GLA, GAIT, GLMA and GEPA.

Members: The GLA President, 1st VP/President Elect, and the Administrative Coordinator(s) serve on the COMO (Council of Media Organizations) Board. The Treasurer serves on the COMO Board during the year GLA is Overall Conference Chair.

RECORDS COMMITTEE

Committee functions are: (1) to receive, sort & prepare the records of GLA, specifically Division, Interest Group & Committee files, (2) to keep copies of conference programs; the *Georgia Library Quarterly*; Executive Board minutes; Treasurer's records; and other official records of the Association, and (3) to forward all records to the archives housed at Valdosta State University.

Members: a Chair (the GLA Archivist), the Secretary of the Executive Board, plus one other member appointed by the Chair.

AUDITING COMMITTEE

Members: The past Treasurer, the current Treasurer, and a Public Library Director appointed by the President.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Members: Immediate Past President (Chair), the past Treasurer, the current Treasurer and the Administrative Services Coordinator(s).