GLA Technical Services Interest Group (TSIG) Minutes
GaCOMO Conference
Classic Center, Athens, Georgia
October 6, 2011, 10:00 a.m.

Present
Ben Davis (Georgia College & State)
Amy Eklund (Georgia Perimeter)
Elaine Hardy (Georgia Public Library Service)
Vonda Henderson (Truett-McConnell College)
Laura Herndon (Clayton State)
Cathy Jeffrey (Clayton State)
Linda Jones (Columbus State)
Adam Kubik (Clayton State)
Kyle McCarrell (Augusta State)
Tessa Minchew (Georgia Perimeter)
Jolanta Radzik (Chattahoochee Valley Libraries)
Melissa Roberts (Georgia Perimeter)
Olga Russov (Kennesaw State)
Shelley Smith (Univ. of West Georgia)
Sofia Slutskaya (Georgia Perimeter)
Linh Uong (Hall County Library System)

Welcome

Shelley Smith called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. She asked attendees to introduce themselves.

Old Business

1. The minutes from the last meeting were unanimously approved.

2. Shelley passed out copies of the proposed changes to the TSIG bylaws (see January 2011 minutes) and attendees unanimously approved it.

New Business

1. Elections: Shelley asked for nominations from the floor for Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, as there were no pre-selected candidates; Amy Eklund nominated Jolanta Radzik. Linh Uong was the pre-selected candidate for Secretary. Jolanta and Linh were unanimously elected as the 2012 officers. Kyle McCarrell will be the 2012 Chair.

2. Shelley listed the sessions sponsored by TSIG.

Thursday:
Acquisitions Roundtable: Best Practices for the Digital Age (11 a.m.)
Panel Discussion: Serials Management (1:30 p.m.)

Friday:
Fundamentals of RDA (9 a.m.)
Panel Discussion: The Effect of RDA on Georgia's Libraries (11 a.m.)

3. Program ideas for COMO 2012 will be discussed in more detail at Mid-Winter GLA.

General Discussion

1. Shelley thanked Cathy Jeffrey and Gordon Baker for re-scheduling the TSIG sessions so that they did not run concurrently. Cathy said that there were similar scheduling conflicts in the past, and explained that protocol was to have the Program Committee choose the proposals and then one person scheduled all the sessions. That was how 3 of the 4 TSIG sessions happened to be scheduled concurrently; ILL sessions also had the same problem this year and Government Information didn't get any sessions at all. To prevent future problems, the GLA Executive Committee proposed in their meeting Wednesday to make a push for better scheduling by:
1. having a committee do the scheduling versus one person and 2. expanding the proposal form to add categories for TSIG, ILL, Circulation, etc. Cathy asked attendees to voice their support for better scheduling on the evaluation forms, available at COMO and online.

2. Kyle asked attendees, "What can TSIG do to support you and grow the group?"

Shelley said the TSIG website, updated by Amy and Linh, provided some good cataloging-related links, and that this group was a good place for folks to meet and discuss issues. Laura Herndon added that Valdosta required their MLS students to browse listservs (like the ones listed on the TSIG website). Tessa Minchew said that her goal was to eventually move all the webpages for the GLA divisions, interest groups and committees to their own wiki pages (login required), like the wiki for the Carterette Series.

Sofia Slutskaya asked if there was a TSIG mailing list. Cathy explained that about 10 years ago, Robin Fay set up a listserv hosted by UGA, but it wasn't very active and didn't last. She said the USG libraries do have listservs for cataloging (G2CAT) and acquisitions (G2ACQ-SER); they were very active in the beginning, but interest has declined. So Cathy suggested that (Kyle) ask Merryl Penson if other libraries could join G2CAT and G2ACQ-SER.

Elaine Hardy said that GPLS maintains cataloging listservs for PINES (CAT) and non-PINES (CATTECH) public libraries, and traffic is relatively light/moderate on both listservs. She agreed to look into the possibility of opening up CATTECH to academic and other libraries in Georgia so it would serve as a forum for all technical services related issues, e.g. cataloging, acquisitions.

3. Cathy asked if RDA was coming.

Elaine said yes it is and that it would be good to bring all the library communities together to talk about RDA. GPLS is open to facilitating such conversations, e.g. pre-conference workshops next year, possibly inviting speakers from the Library of Congress (Barbara Tillett and Judith Kuhagen led workshops for GPLS's Georgia Cataloging Summit this past summer).

Elaine also brought up the point that the bigger questions are: What will the carrier be, how will it work, and can we afford to have two ILS systems running at the same time as we transition to RDA?

Shelley asked if the system folks are spear-heading the RDA movement. Kyle related that at a recent conference, a presenter from GALILEO mentioned that they are working with the people at Ex Libris (Voyager's developer) on how a new ILS would look and what it would incorporate since Voyager is nearing the end of its life. Cathy added that the academic libraries had once talked about moving to Evergreen, but there was a hold up because the acquisitions module wasn't up and running. Linda Jones asked Elaine if all public libraries used Evergreen; Elaine answered, no. Only the 51 PINES libraries use Evergreen; the remaining 10 non-PINES libraries use other ILS's, e.g. Sirsi, Polaris.

Elaine said that OCLC's web-based management system is leading the ILS race and it will be something to watch. Kyle added that OCLC also offers a number of free webinars.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Next Meeting
TBA, Mid-Winter GLA

Respectfully submitted,

Linh Uong
Secretary