

GLA New Members Round Table, Midwinter meeting, 1/25/08

Attendees:

Sarah Steiner, Chair
Jennifer Link Jones
Tessa Minchew
Julie Poole

Goals for the meeting:

1. Identify our purpose and scope
2. Identify ideas for marketing
3. Identify ideas for programs (continuing and for COMO 2008)

Purpose and Scope:

Current statement: The objective of the New Members Round Table is to recruit new members into the Georgia Library Association and to help the individual members to orient themselves to their new profession; to provide new members of the profession with a common meeting ground and with an opportunity for a period of professional growth; to assist the Georgia Library Association in promoting a greater feeling of involvement and responsibility for the development of library service and librarianship; and to act as a sounding board for ideas of the New Members Round Table membership and identify potential leaders within the Georgia Library Association.

Notes:

1. Though we focus on new members, the division is open to all GLA members. The purpose of the committee is to bring individuals who are new to the profession or state closer to the “veterans” who can support them.
2. We generate programs for new members and host open attendance events.
3. We welcome people with no committee experience; this division is a great gateway to become involved in the leadership of GLA.

Update GLA website to reflect intended constituency. (Follow up: Sarah)

Marketing Ideas/questions:

1. Can we get a list of new GLA members and send them information when they first join that explains the merits of involvement in NMRT? Contact Gordon Baker (Follow up: Sarah)
2. Focus recruitment on current students and new graduates in the state of Georgia. Get information on student message boards for FSU in GA, Emory/UNT, Valdosta, and GSU. (Follow up: Tessa Emory, FSU and Valdosta, Sarah GSU)
3. Can we get NRMT ribbons for COMO? (Follow up: Sarah)
4. Establish a presence at the GLA membership table at COMO with a handout and a rep at high traffic times. Contact Jane Hildebrant, Chair of Membership. (Follow up: Sarah)

Program Ideas:

1. Resume review for COMO 2008 (Follow up: Sarah):
 - a. Gauge interest—how?

- b. Accept appointments, but also walk-ups.
 - c. Expect each session to take from 20 to 30 minutes.
 - d. Be sure to include representatives from different library types and departments (media, academic, public, public services, technical services).
 - e. Recruit veterans or people who've been on search committees to act as reviewers.
2. Food Event for COMO 2008
 - a. Investigate which past programs were most successful—morning coffee, happy hour? Keep low or no cost.
 3. Mentoring program, ongoing (Follow up: Jennifer)