

GLA/NMRT Mid-Winter Planning Meeting – Clayton State University  
January 27, 2012; 12:45-1:30pm

Approximately 10 people in attendance

Meeting conducted by Chair – Virginia (Ginny) Feher, Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect – Kim Kruthaup, and Secretary - Ayaba Logan

- 1) Ginny introduced the current NMRT officers (Ginny, Kim, and Ayaba) and thanked outgoing officers [Ashley Dupuy, Chair; Jennifer Detweiler, Secretary/Treasurer; and Natalie Clewell (Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect for part of 2011)]
- 2) Ginny thanked the outgoing AEL Planning Committee members and introduced new members (Sandra and Oscar were in attendance). AEL is a sub-group of GLA/NMRT.
  - a) Ginny Feher & Kim Boyd/Outgoing Co-Chairs
  - b) Sara Norris/Outgoing Communications Officer
  - c) Steve Eberhardt/Outgoing Social Media and Education Coordinator
  - d) Sandra Mannings/Cindy Holmberg/Oscar Gittemeier/Melanie Kowalski – Incoming AEL Planning committee
- 3) Ginny recapped 2011 events:
  - a) AEL Events included: Tips for the Real World Reference Transaction (Speaker: Sarah Steiner, GSU); Navigating the Job Search Process (Speakers: Christian Steinmetz, GSU; Jan Hudson, UGA; Dana Miller, UGA); User Experience, Rock ‘n Roll, and Libraries (Speaker: Ameet Doshi, Georgia Tech); Mingle with the Admins 4 (8 speakers). All events were successful, and the Mingle was very popular, with almost 50 in attendance.
  - b) In 2011, NMRT hosted two happy hours – one at the Marlay in Decatur and one at Trappeze in Athens. While the Decatur event was not very well attended, the Athens happy hour had about 20 people in attendance.
  - c) Overall, COMO 2011 Programs sponsored by NMRT and the Dutch Treat Dinner were successful.
- 4) Discussion shifted to ideas for 2012 events, including who will organize and coordinate:
  - a) Happy hours and/or events that are not held in a bar or at night:
    - i. Kim will organize a brunch in Atlanta sometime in the spring and also a happy hour in Atlanta/Decatur area, day and time TBD.
    - ii. Ginny will organize a happy hour in Athens, most likely in the summer.
- 5) Ideas for COMO 2012, which will be in Macon in October (held jointly with SELA)
  - a) Ginny proposed a panel discussion with librarians who do what may be considered non-traditional librarian work to show library school students and new librarians the diversity of employment that is available for those with MLIS degrees. This will mainly focus on academic and public librarians and not librarians who work in special libraries, such as corporate or medical. One example is a user experience librarian. Ginny will look into speakers and moderate the panel.

- b) Kim suggested contacting a friend at Coca-Cola to see if she would be interested in participating in a panel. Kim will organize a panel that will focus on librarians who work in corporate, law, or other specialized libraries.
  - c) Ginny has already started organizing a panel proposal with librarians who began library school without any prior experience working in a library. This will demonstrate the challenges involved, including finding ways to obtain experience working in a library while in school.
  - d) Ginny will also take care of submitting proposals for the Dutch Treat Dinner and the Resume Review.
- 6) Oscar suggested starting an online space where students and new librarians can share tips and provide advice. He also asked about starting a mentoring program. Ginny asked him to do some preliminary research with regards to mentoring and send it to her before the next GLA Executive Board meeting. SELA already has a mentoring program – is it something that GLA members should be encouraged to use?
- 7) Meeting adjourned.