

**GLA PARAPROFESSIONAL DIVISION MEETING
MINUTES
January 13th, 2006**

The meeting was held at the Continuing Education center at CSU at 10:45 a.m.

Attendance

Heidi Benford, Rhonda Boozer, Barbara Dantzler, Chris Gabriel, Laura Herndon, Karen Manning and Kara Mullen.

Business

Elections were the first order of business. The current Chair is Rhonda Boozer. Karen Manning agreed to be Vice Chair and Laura Herndon agreed to continue as Secretary. Heidi Benford will remain in charge of membership. Rhonda Boozer will be in charge of awards.

Elaine Yontz briefly spoke at the meeting about the importance of encouraging GLA Membership and about the Library Science program at VSU.

Discussion then turned to presentations for the upcoming COMO in September 2006. The Paraprofessional Division typically does 2 to 3 programs a year. Our goal is 2 programs for this year. Rhonda Boozer requested new ideas from the meeting participants. The suggestions included Career Development, transcribing presentations into PowerPoint format or virtual interaction presentations.

Kara Mullen suggested a pampering theme for a presentation with massages, mediation, relaxation techniques, hand care, etc. Healthy food such as bottled water, fruit and granolas could be served. We could give book shaped stress balls and lotions with the Parapro logo as goodies, soliciting COMO vendors as sponsors. There was a suggestion that the Paraprofessional motto could be "the heavy lifters (or backbone) of your library." The seminar could be presented as a pampering and networking event.

It was agreed to have a separate business meeting with a round table, not at 7:30 in the morning.

The possibility of a separate Paraprofessional Conference was also discussed. The DeKalb Public Library system was mentioned as a good role model for such events. April or May might be a good time to hold the conference. It was also suggested that we work with a business to get low price box lunches and have the speaker sponsored by GLA.

Adjournment

The meeting was concluded at 11:27a.m.

Submitted by
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