

GLA PARAPROFESSIONAL DIVISION MEETING MINUTES
January 17th, 2014

The meeting was held at the Harry S. Downs Continuing Education Center on the Clayton State University Campus in Morrow, Georgia at 9:17 a.m.

Attendance

Barbara Dantzler (Clayton State University)
Jennifer Duke (Clayton State University)
Laura Herndon (Clayton State University)
Michael Law (University of Georgia)
Karen Manning (Georgia Tech)
Annisia Roberts (Sue Kellog Public Library)

Welcome

Karen Manning opened the meeting.

Old Business

The need to get administrators involved to encourage participation was the first topic of discussion. Chris Snell (Fayette County Public Library Director) was mentioned as a possibility for collaboration and ideas, as well as Carol Stanley (Athens Technical College Library Director). Having directors and administrators present for Paraprofessionals at COMO was another idea. Michael Law stated that his boss Susan Morris (University of Georgia Libraries Interlibrary Loan Head) is very approachable and might be open to helping with the next COMO.

New Business

Karen Manning talked about an international Paraprofessional Group that she has discovered online. She suggested inviting the group and hosting an international conference here or perhaps holding a preconference session to find out what other states and areas do for their paraprofessionals. Karen has set a deadline for a response of interest from the group at the end of February. She will also send out a link to the group's webpage to the Paraprofessional Division.

Michael is interested in having a place for articles sponsored by the Paraprofessional Division in the Georgia Library Quarterly publication. If there are no articles the space could be filled with a newsletter. It was suggested we might tap Valdosta MLIS students currently employed in paraprofessional capacities in library for papers. We will also submit a call for the GLA Paraprofessional Awards nominations (Michael will work to increase the awards back to five in number again).

The creation of a Facebook group or a blog for the Paraprofessional Division was discussed. Laura Herndon volunteered to work on a Facebook group.

We need ideas and proposals for at least one Paraprofessional sponsored program at COMO2014.

The Paraprofessional email list needs to be updated. Sofia Slutskaya is the GLA webpage administrator and should be contacted for this.

A tentative Skype meeting was proposed for the middle of March 2014. Karen will send out email updates before this meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was concluded at 9:44 a.m.

Submitted by Laura E. Herndon
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