

GLA Reference Services Interest Group (RSIG)

Meeting at the 2015 GLA Midwinter Conference

Clayton State University, Morrow, GA

Friday, January 16, 2015, 1:35 PM

Attendance: Eli Arnold, Jean Cook, Oscar Gittemeier, Evelyn Merk, Mary Moore, Erin Prentiss, Ruth Rowell, Claudia Shorr, Rita Spisak, Donna Watkins, and Pat Ziebart

Welcome and Agenda (Claudia Shorr, RSIG chair)

Election of officers

Claudia presented the names of persons who have agreed to serve for this year:

- Claudia Shorr, chair claudia.shorr@ung.edu
- Oscar Gittemeier, vice-chair oscar.gittemeier@fultoncountyga.gov
- Pat Ziebart, secretary pziebart@gpc.edu

She asked for further nominations from the floor. There were none and the election was by acclamation.

Review of minutes from fall

Many thanks to Rita Spisak who served as secretary. Minutes were approved as printed and will be posted to our website.

Business

1. *Bylaws* – All interest groups were asked to review their bylaws. Claudia and Jean Cook worked on changes reflecting the discussion at COMO to incorporate instruction into our purpose and general updates to make the rules more aligned with actual practice of the group as it has evolved since the last update. Copies of changes were distributed and discussed. Most changes reflected a name change from Reference Services Interest Group (RSIG) to Reference and Instructional Services Interest Group (RISIG). Evelyn Merk serves on the bylaws committee; she suggested that Article II be a simple statement of objective without enumerating activities and that Article V, Sections 2 and 3, be preserved in case there is a need for establishing committees in the future. Several other small changes were made, and the group informally approved the new bylaws by consensus. Claudia will make sure a copy of the suggested changes gets to the Bylaws Committee. Final approval will be voted on by the group at COMO.
2. *Activities related to our purpose* – Jean posed the question: what do we want our group to be? There was discussion of some activities to help achieve our purpose beyond the sessions we plan for COMO. Possibilities mentioned: encouraging discussion of topics of interest related to R & I, writing articles for *GLQ* on tips or advocacy; sharing information and ideas from sessions

following COMO. (Slide Shares of some sessions are on COMO website.) Members from the Promotion Committee mentioned that they want to help promote activities before and after events. Their committee will be conducting a poll to learn how the membership's promotional needs can best be served.

3. *COMO planning*- time was running short, but some ideas mentioned were: "Unconventional Reference Instructional Strategies (particularly with teens); "What's Good for the Goose is Good for the Gander," Public ideas for academic libraries and vice versa; "Financial and Legal Resources for Small Businesses and Entrepreneurs" (content based session); another content based session for STEM. Many of the ideas marked on papers during our whole group session might also fit with our interest group. Claudia will get a list of those ideas, and we will find a way to continue the conversation online.

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