

Technical Services Interest Group Minutes
Friday, January 13, 2006
2006 GLA Mid-Winter Conference
Downs Continuing Education Center
Clayton State University
Morrow, Georgia

Present: Jack Fisher, Tessa Minchew, Adam Kubik, Laura Herndon, Patty Phipps, Rubye Cross, Karen Manning, Carolyn Fuller, Cathy Jeffrey, Kathy Gallo, Debra Skinner

Call to Order and Welcome:

Jack Fisher, Chair, called the session to order at 1:15 pm. He introduced himself as the new chair of the GLA Technical Services Interest Group and told everyone a little bit about his background. The other new officers and attendees then introduced themselves.

Programming Ideas for GaCOMO 2006:

Ideas for technical services oriented programming for GaCOMO 2006 were discussed.

Suggestions began with programs discussing the cataloging of government documents and the cataloging of Internet resources (with and emphasis on online government documents). Cathy Jeffery mentioned that Guy Frost might be a good person to present on this topic. Patty Phipps noted that Guy presented a similar program last year, but that perhaps he could give the topic a different spin.

Jack Fisher then discussed tour options, as pre-conference tours have been popular in the past. He suggested the National Bindery in Roswell, Georgia, which would need to be conducted as a pre-conference tour due to its time consuming nature. Costs would include food and transportation. Cathy Jeffrey and Kathy Gallo noted that the National Bindery is not very convenient to Athens and the traffic might be a deterrent for conference attendees not familiar with the area. Some attendees suggested that the tour should start from Athens, and everyone would go as a group. It was noted that this has been attempted in the past, but there were some issues associated with obtaining transportation for everyone. Patty Phipps suggested a behind-the-scenes tour of the new Georgia Archives building in Morrow, Georgia. Cathy Jeffrey and Kathy Gallo noted that this is more conveniently located to Athens than the National Bindery in Roswell. Kathy Gallo also suggested a tour of the Baker and Taylor facility in Commerce, Georgia. Cathy Jeffrey noted that there have been two tours of that facility in the last five years and it might be a bit soon for another.

Jack Fisher noted that the Ask Technical Services session (a combined business meeting and brief presentation or roundtable discussion) has been well received and should be kept on the schedule. Cathy Jeffrey suggested conducting a roundtable this time, as opposed to a presentation, and said that we should get a good description of this session in the program to promote attendance.

Patty Phipps suggested that we enlist people to report on what they have learned at the ALA Midwinter and the ALA Annual meetings, perhaps in the form of a panel discussion.

Questions were raised about the new edition of AACR2 (RDA), and interest was expressed in seeing a program on that topic. Adam Kubik and Tessa Minchew noted that RDA is still only in draft form and not scheduled for publication until 2008, however, drafts are available to the public at this point and we could discuss that.

Cathy Jeffrey suggested creating a technical services oriented program that would be of interest to public librarians and Jack Fisher said that school librarians would be a good target group as well.

Jack Fisher also suggested a program regarding disaster preparations and recovery for collections. Cathy Jeffrey wondered if this topic might be a little broad for technical services. Tessa Minchew offered to contact Jefferson Davis Home and Presidential Library and see if they had anyone who might be willing to speak on their preparations and recovery efforts for Hurricane Katrina. Cathy Jeffrey noted that the Technical Service Interest Group doesn't really have a budget for out of state speakers. Other attendees noted that public library divisions might also cover this topic.

Cathy Jeffrey suggested a program on systems from the standpoint of smaller libraries without a systems librarian, or a panel discussion for people in this situation.

Kathy Gallo noted that we should lobby for better scheduling at the upcoming GaCOMO meeting. In the past technical services programs have been scheduled at the same time, or given very early time slots that may have lowered attendance.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Next Meeting:

To be announced

Respectfully submitted,

Tessa Minchew

Secretary/Treasurer