

Georgia Library Association Mid-Winter Conference
Minutes of Academic Division
25 January 2008

Chair Cathy Jeffrey opened the meeting at 11:10 a.m. at the Downs Continuing Education Center of Clayton State University in Morrow, Georgia. The first order of business was introductions. Ms. Jeffrey introduced the past chair, Callie McGinnis and this year's division officers: Gene Ruffin, Vice Chair/Chair Elect; Judith Brook, Secretary; Cathy Carpenter, ACRL Chapters Council Representative; and Ravonne Greene, ACRL Legislative Liaison.

Next, the Chair brought up the academic papers that are customarily read at COMO. These papers are 2000 words long. Each presenter/reader has fifteen minutes. The best papers are published in Georgia Library Quarterly. Carol Stanley volunteered to coordinate the gathering and reading of these papers this year and to see that something is posted on the website about these very soon. If anyone wishes to help Carol read these please contact her at cstanley@athenstech.edu or phone her at (706) 213-2116.

There was a question from the floor about luncheon arrangements. GLA takes care of planning the lunch, but ADL must submit a proposal for how the room should be arranged -- should there be a head table, media equipment, etc.

Chair Jeffrey asked that if anyone is doing a presentation for the Academic Division at COMO to please send it to her first. She will send them on. COMO will be October 15-17, in Athens.

There was a moderately lengthy discussion of possible topics for the fall program and some discussion about how the group wishes to spend the \$228 available for the division's use. The general opinion seemed to be that using the money for an honorarium for the lunch speaker and/or scholarship donation was the thing to do. Topics ranged from A to W:

Assessment of Information Literacy

Censorship

Collaborating with institutional effectiveness – how to prove the value of the library to your administration – how to collaborate and cooperate

Collaborations with IT

Credit Class – Library – Assessment/Improvements

E-books vs. physical books – a survey of how libraries are handling cost and collection development decisions

Graying of the profession – options for extending your career after retirement

How we teach – A program that would help in evaluating instruction

Innovative uses of space and furniture in academic libraries, what has worked, helpful vendors, student feedback, etc.

Library presence in distance education – instruction/presence in courseware

New vs. Old – a panel to discuss the tensions between seasoned librarians and new librarians who want a chance to begin their careers.

Panel discussion featuring people who have attended leadership institutes

Panel discussion on controlling noise

Reference service outreach efforts on campus, e.g. satellite reference service in residence halls

Staff transformation

Tech Services – Cataloging, Voyager, Marcive

Work redesign – e.g. combining circ and reference desks, staff reassignments, reorganization

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The chair asked for volunteers to run for office next year. If you are interested please send her your name and email address.

Someone mentioned that the archives of the Georgia Library Association are now going to Valdosta State University where graduate students are processing them. Officers were reminded to pass this information along to the next person as they leave office and to be certain to send any useful material to VSU for the archives.

Ann Hamilton mentioned that there is now a guide to building academic libraries on the ACRL/LAMA wiki.

Liz Bagley gave the group a Raffle Update. Over 124 items were raffled last year. \$5,000 was raised. Liz challenged the group to do as well this year. This money goes to fund two scholarships for people starting to library school or in library school now. The deadline to apply for a scholarship is May 1. All this information is on the website.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Brook
Secretary