Georgia Library Association (GLA), Mid-Winter Planning Meeting  
Academic Library Division  
Clayton State University, Downs Center for Continuing Education  
10:00 a.m. – 10:20 a.m., Room 101  
January 22, 2016

**Introductions and Welcome**

Rebecca Rose, University of North Georgia, Chair of the Academic Library Division for 2016, brought the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The meeting duration was shortened due to the inclement weather.

Amy Stalker was selected as Nominating Committee Chair.

ACRL chapter council representative Kim Boyd’s report was brief and concentrated on topics of most importance to GLA members.

- **Free ACRL webinars.**  
  This year ACRL will continue offering two free webinars for regional chapters. To accommodate regional chapters in geographically spread areas, ACRL will try to offer six site licenses for each webinar. Kim solicited volunteers to run each webinar in 6 different locations across the state.

- **ACRL conference in 2017 in Baltimore.** The theme is “Leading Transformation”. The deadline for presentation and poster proposals is May 6.

The complete report is included with these minutes.

Casey Long discussed ACRL Information Literacy Framework workshop that was organized last year. The workshop was a webinar that was broadcasted 8-9 different locations. Each location had a facilitator. Hands-on excises were offered in addition to the presentation, so participants were able to both share ideas and learn a new skill. One hundred people from 32 organizations participated in the workshop.

If ALD is interested in organizing a similar workshop this summer, Casey will need 6-7 volunteers for the planning team and about 8-10 host organizations in different parts of the state. Casey will send out a survey to solicit topics that are of interest to academic librarians in Georgia.

**COMO preparation**

ALD always sponsors speakers for the COMO conference.  
Last year ALD sponsored three presentations: The research paper competition winner presentation, the scholarly writing workshop (Scholarship of Teaching and Learning), and *Choose Your Own Adventure* (ACRL Framework for Information Literacy).  
The members discussed the research topic competition. Last year only the winner presented. The overall consensus for the coming COMO is to have top three papers present at the conference.

COMO presentation topics suggestions for ALD sponsorship:
- Assessment
- MLA students/recent graduates’ workshop on wring a philosophy statement of librarianship
- Working with graduate students: Teaching statistical software, data analysis in humanities; SPSS, SAS, NVivo
- How libraries can effectively work with student assistants

Since the meeting is so short and there is no time for brainstorming, Rebecca will compile a list of suggestions and will send out a survey that would list suggestions and asks for additional topics.

Meeting adjourned

Notes taken by Sofia Slutskaya.


In January 2014, the chapter’s council started a best practices presentation series. At ALA midwinter one state representative gives a presentation on a project or planning strategy that has worked well for their chapter. Phil Waterman, the representative of the New England chapter presented on communicating with membership when your chapter is dispersed over a wide geographic area. Linda Miles and Caroline Fuchs presented on communicating with membership in a concentrated/densely populated geographic area. The slides from these presentations are included in the meeting minutes of the ACRL Chapters Council on the GLA ALD webpage.

We will have access to two free webinars from ACRL again this year – there was discussion at Midwinter about the difficulties that larger states have with getting all their members to one location for each webinar – the executive director of ACRL, Mary Ellen Davis – said that there may be a way to get additional site licenses for the larger chapters so that we could meet in a few different places around the state rather than one location for each webinar. I’ll let you know when I learn more about this.

The Chapter’s Council newsletter is transforming into the Chapter’s Council Blog but were this will be hosted is still not decided upon. Susan Kromrie from the Missouri chapter is the new editor. She is soliciting stories focused on “New Member Initiatives: Best Practices.” Some potential subtopics mentioned are recruiting new members, student members, innovative benefits, and retention of members. I am thinking of writing up something about Carterette as an “innovative benefit” but I welcome other ideas or submissions.

Reminders:

Chapters can license workshops from ACRL and customize them for their chapter but these cost money.

ACRL’s conference in 2017 will be in Baltimore. “Leading Transformation” is the theme and May 6 is the deadline for presentation and poster proposals. Registration opens in May.