

April 17, 2010

Georgia Library Association – New Member’s Round Table Meeting

In Attendance: Shelley Smith, Ashley Dupuy, and Natalie Clewell

Notes:

The meeting was opened with introductions. Shelley then began to discuss the agenda of the NMRT for the year. It was decided that the primary focus would be on the Georgia COMO conference. Shelley reviewed what NMRT had done for the conference in the past. This included the pre-conference social, a resume review session, and the sponsoring of various conference sessions.

The pre-conference social is being replaced by a Red Carpet Movie Night. This will be a GLA-wide event. Shelley encouraged Ashley and Natalie to think of ways that the NMRT could tie into this theme.

It was decided to continue with the resume review session, as it has been a popular event in the past. Shelley will contact those who have reviewed resumes in the past to check their interest in participating this year.

Shelley also suggested that the NMRT sponsor a session on the intricacies of interviewing. Rather than a strictly “how-to” session, this would focus on the various legal aspects of interviewing, and what to expect when interviewed. Shelley will contact Chris Huff of the University of West Georgia libraries to act as a panel member. Ashley will contact the University of Georgia’s HR department for a panel member. Natalie will contact the University of Georgia’s law school to find a panel member to speak on the legal aspects of hiring.

Ashley suggested a session that focuses on marketing yourself in the Internet environment. She has some ideas of people to contact to present on this panel.

The final session suggested was a presentation by Kelly Caudle on the New Georgia Encyclopedia. Shelley will contact her to see if she is interested. It was noted that this presentation will appeal to both reference staff, as well as those new to the state.

Ashley asked for information about the NMRT wiki. Shelley noted that one existed; however, she was unclear as to the status of the development. Ashley and Natalie agreed to work together to update the wiki and continue its development. Ashley was going to contact Sarah Steiner to get more information on access to the wiki.

Ashley will provide information to Shelley about the Emerging Librarian’s group activities to report to the GLA board.

The president of GLA, Carol Stanley, forwarded an email regarding a new librarian leadership summit meeting hosted in Alabama. She proposed the idea that NMRT consider doing something similar for librarians in Georgia. There was concern about the cost that would be imposed on GLA, as this seminar in Alabama is free to 25 participants. Also, there are many other leadership opportunities available through other organizations that already have activities in place. However, the group members decided they would review the email provided by Carol and offer up any further suggestions or recommendations as deemed necessary.