GLA Paraprofessional Division Meeting Minutes October 3rd, 2014

This meeting was held at the GA COMO conference at 9:00 am.

Attendance

Denita Hampton, Dawn Dale, Cindy Ferrill, Sharon Williams, Regina Grant, Megan Aarant, Tangela McKibbens, Karen Manning, Annissa Roberts, and Rebecca Taylor

Business

Annissa Roberts was made Chair. One attendee expressed interest in the position of Vice Chair. The position is being held in the case that she accepts the position. Rebecca Taylor volunteered to serve as Secretary.

There was some discussion of mentoring paraprofessionals who expressed interest in returning to school. In addition, some discussion focused on doing informal mentoring.

Karen Manning intends to research the term paraprofessional. Many attendees showed interest in changing the name from "paraprofessional". There was some confusion surrounding the source of the term and how to change it.

Some ideas were put forth to try to promote the Paraprofessional Division more. Some of the suggestions included using the Facebook page, additional promoting of the Paraprofessional Grant, and promoting within one's own library during staff meetings. There may be some advertising done through listservs. Listservs should be sent to Annissa and Dawn.

Adjournment

The meeting concluded at 9:50 am.

Submitted by Rebecca N. Taylor October 7th, 2014