

Reference Services Interest Group Meeting
Clayton State University, Downs Center for Continuing Education
January 29, 2010

Chair: Wesley Stewart
Vice Chair: Patricia Kenly
Secretary: Lisa Smith

Welcome and Introductions:

Chairing the session, Wesley Stewart thanked those in attendance. Each person present briefly introduced themselves. Due to time constraints of this meeting and the fact that the office of secretary was vacant, minutes of the last RSIG meeting, held in December 2008, were not read but they may be found at http://gla.georgialibraries.org/interest_rs_minutes_2008_1205.pdf

Present:

Pete Bursi, Georgia Perimeter College, Dunwoody
Liya Deng, Mercer
Priscilla Dickerson, Woodruff, AUC
Brenna Helmstutler, Georgia State
Patricia Kenley, Georgia Tech
Jana Loneberger, Emory – Woodruff
Evelyn Merk, Retired Public Librarian
Debbie Meyer, Shorter College
Katherine Ott, Clayton State
Lisa Smith, Georgia Southern
T. Wesley Stewart, Georgia Perimeter College, Dunwoody
Joan Taylor, Clayton State
Stan Trembach, Mercer

Officers:

The RSIG needed officers to begin planning the work of the Group. Wesley was nominated to serve as Chair. Patricia Kenly and Lisa Smith expressed interest in service as Vice Chair and Secretary, respectively. The membership suggested having each person move to the next office each year to allow for continuity. Tessa Minchew, Chair of the Interest Group Council advised the group to review the By-laws to verify how officers are to be elected before we move forward with this plan. The membership approved the slate of officers listed below.

Wesley Stewart, Chair (Georgia Perimeter College)

Patricia Kenly, Vice Chair/Chair Elect (Georgia Institute of Technology)

Lisa Smith, Secretary (Georgia Southern University)

After reviewing the purpose of this interest group, we explored ways to revitalize it. Wesley reviewed the results of the recent RSIG survey he created on Survey Monkey. The survey, which required \$20.00 of his personal funds, provided some insight to the interests of members, and we agreed that he should be reimbursed for this expense.

Increasing participation and communication:

Below are ideas shared by the attendees to increase participation and improve communication:

All members are encouraged to join this RSIG discussion group at <http://lighthouse.valdosta.edu/mailman/listinfo/rsig-l>. Jana Lonberger volunteered to coordinate the discussion group. The discussion group may be used for announcing events, sharing ideas, and posting problems and solutions.

Send a message to the GLA ListServ to encourage people to join the RSIG

Develop a regular column in *Georgia Library Quarterly* on “Best Reference Ideas” to which each RSIG member may submit his or her ideas. Debbie Meyer will inquire about the possibility of developing this column in *GLQ* with its editor, Susan Cooley.

COMO Activities:

Ideas were shared about RSIG activities at COMO 2010.

Business Meeting: Information on the business meeting at COMO will be forthcoming as details develop.

Presentations: Once the Call for Proposals for COMO is announced, send an email to the GLA List stating that the RSIG is interested in sponsoring presentations relevant to the Group’s purpose.

