

Reference Services Interest Group (RSIG) Minutes

Georgia Library Association Annual Mid-Winter Planning Conference (GLAAMPC)

Friday, January 28, 2011

Downs Continuing Education Center, Clayton State University

Morrow, Georgia

Present:

Elizabeth Bradshaw (Clayton State); Liya Deng (Mercer); Bette Finn (Georgia Tech); Julie Higbee (North Georgia); Patricia Kenly (Georgia Tech); Ann Mallard (GPC); Evelyn Merk (Retired); Sandra Riggs (Univ. of Georgia); Joan Taylor (Clayton State), Stan Trembach (Mercer)

Announcements & Business (Patricia Kenly)

- Welcome to RSIG and introduction of officers:
 - Patricia Kenly, RSIG Chair -- patricia.kenly@library.gatech.edu
 - Liya Deng, RSIG Vice-Chair/Chair-elect -- deng_l@mercer.edu
 - Sandra Riggs, RSIG Secretary – sriggs@uga.edu

All in attendance were encouraged to join the RSIG discussion group at -- <http://lighthouse.valdosta.edu/mailman/listinfo/rsig-l>. Please contact Patricia if you need further information on the RSIG List-serv.

- RSIG needs to establish a Nomination Committee
The Nomination Committee solicits and organizes nominations for vice-chair and secretary. The committee then recommends a slate for election. The Nomination Committee solicits by issuing calls via the RSIG list-serv. The nomination committee collects a brief bio on the candidates and submits them with the slate. The RSIG membership votes for the slate at the annual COMO conference. Typically the Vice-chair (currently Liya Deng) becomes Chair at the end of COMO.

Julie Higbee expressed an interest in helping with the committee. Patricia will contact via e-mail to confirm, and make a call on the List-serv.

- Those that may be interested in nominating or self-nominating for an RSIG position should note that nominees attend the GLA Fall Conference. Officers should attempt to attend the Midwinter GLA meeting.

The 2012 Conference is not likely to be held in Athens. It will probably be held south of Atlanta. Please take this into consideration when self-nominating.

- Other RSIG service options

- Publications

- RSIG will submit a 500 word article on reference tips and/or best reference practices to the GLA Quarterly

- A few people expressed interest in writing the articles at the COMO meeting. Wesley Stewart, the former Chair, recorded the list of volunteers. Volunteers will be contacted to be advised of due dates for submission.

- Program Proposal Planning

- RSIG may sponsor a program proposal and plan the RSIG meeting format. Program Proposal deadline is in May. Potential program/meeting formats (and suggestions) include:

- Guest Speaker

- Panel

- Presentation/Discussion

- Co-sponsor

- Thematic topic (suggestions below)

- Business Reference Resources

- Health Reference Resources

- New Census information

- Statistics

- Government documents

Communications (Sandra Riggs)

Electronic RSIG newsletter

- Sandra will create a brief PDF newsletter for RSIG that includes Librarian profiles. She will contact those that attended Midwinter to see if they would be willing to be included in the first issue.

QUESTIONS

Who should we E-mail with updates to the RSIG section of the GLA pages – Wesley? Patricia will check on this and we will update.

Respectfully submitted by Sandra E. Riggs, RSIG Secretary