

GLA Reference and Instruction Services Interest Group (RISIG)

Meeting at 2015 COMO

Classic Center, Athens, GA

Friday, October 9, 2015, 8:00 AM

Attendance: Oscar Gittemeier, vice chair, and chair pro-tem; Jean Cook, Kitty Wilson, Pat Ziebart

New Business

1. Officers for next year:

- Chair: Oscar Gittemeier
- Vice-Chair/Chair elect: open
- Secretary: Pat Ziebart

2. Changes to By-laws

Sarah Mauldin reviewed the text of changes to flag any legal issues. There were none. Those present affirmed the proposed name and mission change to Reference and Instruction Services Interest Group as amended at our January, 2015 meeting. The new text of by-laws related to our interest group is included below and will be forwarded to the Handbook Committee.

3. Ideas for programs next year

Financial Literacy; lawyers helping with bankruptcy; citizenship; GSU students helping in public library (BioBus); how academic and public libraries can cooperate; Instruction 101

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Ziebart

Reference and Instructional Services Interest Group Bylaws

Adopted in October 1983, and most recently amended January, 2015

ARTICLE I. Name

The name of this organization shall be Reference and Instructional Services Interest Group, Georgia Library Association.

ARTICLE II. Object

The object of this organization shall be to promote the exchange of ideas and methods in reference and instructional services in all types of libraries in Georgia. At Midwinter, RISIG Leadership will encourage group discussion of topics to be developed into sponsored sessions at

GA COMO, possibly in collaboration with other interest groups. Recruits to assist with session development and potential speakers will be solicited.

ARTICLE III. Membership

Any member of the Georgia Library Association who is interested in reference and instructional services shall be eligible to full membership in the Reference and Instructional Services Interest Group.

ARTICLE IV. Officers

Section 1.

The officers of this organization shall be a Chair, a Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, and a Secretary. These officers shall be elected at a regular meeting and shall hold office for one year or until their successors are elected. In order to be nominated to an elected office, those who propose to become elected officers must agree to make every effort to attend and to agree to begin planning for the Midwinter Meeting and Georgia COMO for the following year, and in the case of the Vice Chair/Chair Elect, to make every effort to be available to perform responsibilities of the Chair in the absence of the Chair for the first year and to be fully available for the duties of the Chair in the following year. The immediate Past Chair will be invited to serve in an advisory capacity for another year.

Section 2.

Officers shall perform all duties usually attached to these offices. The duties of the officers shall be as follows:

Chair: The duties for the Chair include presiding at all meetings, such as the GLA Midwinter Meeting and the meeting of RSIG at the annual Georgia COMO conference, authorizing committees as needed, and representing the interest of RISIG with the Interest Group Council.

Vice-Chair: The duties for the Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect include presiding in the absence of the Chair and other duties assigned by the Chair to represent the interests of RISIG.

Secretary: The duties for the Secretary include recording and disseminating the minutes of all meetings, such as, and including sending the minutes to the GLA Webmaster to post to the RISIG Webpage on the GLA site.

ARTICLE V. Meetings

Section 1.

Regular meetings shall be held in conjunction with the annual Georgia COMO conference and with the GLA Midwinter meeting.

Section 2.

Nominations of officers will be gathered at the Georgia COMO conference. Every effort will be made to include officers from a variety of types of libraries, such as, academic, public, and special

libraries. Part of the GLA Midwinter RISIG meeting will include the election of Vice Chair and Secretary. The Vice Chair/Chair-Elect begins duties as Chair at the Midwinter meeting. The newly elected Vice Chair and Secretary also begin their duties at Midwinter.

ARTICLE VI. Amendment to the Bylaws

These bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Reference and Instructional Services Interest Group by a two-thirds vote of those present, provided such notice was given prior to the announcement of the meeting.