

Library Facilities Interest Group

Meeting Minutes

October 5, 2017 1:30pm – 2:15pm

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Attendees: William Dolson, Charles Forrest, Emma Ingle, Alan Lebish, Michele Rall

Alan Lebish welcomed the attendees and asked the group to make introductions.

The committee reviewed the Interest Group's statement of purpose. William Dolson suggested adding furnishings to the list of ideas for resource sharing.

The group discussed areas of mutual interest related to managing library facilities, particularly renovation issues. Emma Long, Sequoyah Regional Library, noted some of the challenges at her public library in renovating older buildings. One example, fixed versus mobile service points. Charles Forrest pointed out the importance of paying attention to your own user community in planning renovation projects.

We also discussed projects the interest group might work on. Alan Lebish proposed working on a list of current library renovation projects in Georgia. It was noted that there is such a list for public libraries that the state maintains, and Charles suggested that it would be difficult to maintain a listing covering various types of libraries from year to year. Another potential project might be to develop a GLC program in which the Interest Group brings in an architect, designer, contractor, and librarian as a panel discussion to talk about library renovation projects.

The group also talked about ideas for fostering communication with librarians interested in facilities and renovation. One example might be setting up a listserv.

The next meeting of the interest group will be held at GLA's Midwinter Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm.