

# Georgia Libraries Conference

GLA Distance Learning Interest Group Meeting

Columbus, GA

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*Notes recorded by Ashley Hoffman*

## Attendees

<b>Name</b>	<b>Email</b>	<b>Library</b>
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## Minutes

### Officer Elections 2018

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position Nominated</b>	<b>Elected?</b>
Mary Ann Cullen	Chair	Yes
Jason Puckett	Vice-Chair	Yes
Ashley Hoffman	Secretary	Yes

## Handbook Updates

- Point was raised about how little information was written about the Distance Learning Interest Group compared to other groups
- Future project would include updating our entry to detail our election process
- Many agreed that the Vice-Chair should become the Chair the following year

## Growing Interest Group Membership

- Tim suggested reaching out to other library associations, such as MALA or North Georgia Library Association
- GLA NMRT
- Targeted marketing to librarians listed as their university's Distance Learning Librarian (or equivalent)
- Several people discussed the possibility of a listserv
  - Need to ask current Interest Group Chair about rules surrounding listservs
  - Need to get current list of Distance Learning Interest Group members from Kara Mullen
  - Mary Ann will take on this project

## Sponsored Web Event

- Group discussed the possibility of hosting one event a year
- Ideas included a "Springy Camp" style even with multiple speakers giving short web presentations back to back as well as a more formalized webinar advertised through GLA or possibly partnered with Carterette Webinar Series
- Topic ideas:
  - Characteristics of distance learners
  - Engaging online students
  - Usability of online resources
  - Accessibility for learning objects
  - Instructional design (mentioned GSU CETL as potential speaker)
  - Marketing services to distance students
  - Embedded librarians in online courses
  - Distance learning strategic planning and program design
- Multiple speakers could present in 15 minute segments (3 total for a Carterette Webinar)
- Jason will create and distribute a survey of topics to the Distance Learning Interest Group

## Other Discussion Items

- Ashley brought up her idea of creating a “dummy” D2L course filled with library instruction modules that students would become automatically enrolled in when they registered for a research intensive course
    - Discussion followed about badging systems such as “Merit” as well as for-credit library courses
    - Jason mentioned a scaffolded program of certifications where students would have to earn certain certificates/badges depending on their year and course
    - Mary Ann suggested looking up an ACRL presentation on badging
    - Jeffrey (?) brought up a real-life example where students were surprised/confused to be enrolled in a second course and did not seem to understand what the library course was for
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## Committee Assignments for Next Meeting

- ★ Mary Ann
  - Discuss rules concerning Interest Group listservs with rising chair of Interest Group Council, Casey Long
  - Ask Sofia Slutskaya to create a listserv for the Distance Learning Interest Group
  - Get list of current interest group members from Kara Mullen
  - Ask Sofia to update the Interest Group website with list of new officers
- ★ Jason
  - Create and distribute a poll of webinar topics to interest group members
- ★ Ashley
  - Create shared Google Drive folder and invite committee members
  - Type up and share meeting minutes from GLC

## Next Meeting: GLA Midwinter 2018