

**Georgia Library Association – New Member’s Round Table
GLA Midwinter Meeting, Middle Georgia State University
January 19, 2018**

Attendees:

Emily Williams (Chair), Holly Hampton (Vice Chair), Catherine Mancini (Secretary)
Kat Greer, (Outgoing Chair), Monique Martinez, Oscar Gittemeier, Brenda Poku,
Kristi Smith, Alexis Linoski, Brittny Prenell, Harriet Speer, Rosemary Humphry

Kat Greer’s introduction & recap of 2017

- NMRT 2017 activities are outlined in GLQ article
 - [“New Members Round Table”](#)
 - Volume 54, Issue 4 *Fall 2017*
- There were multiple meet ups around the state (Atlanta, Savannah, upstate)
- Two groups we host: Atlanta Emerging Librarians & the Coastal Georgia Library Collaborative
- Meeting last year with North Georgia Library Association
- Recommends outreach to other parts of GA
- MLIS Programs Fair at Oglethorpe University
- Networking dinner at Georgia Libraries Conference 2017
- Conference Buddy program was new for 2017

Sofia Slutszkaya presentation on the GLA website

[\(https://gla.georgialibraries.org/\)](https://gla.georgialibraries.org/)

- Make sure NMRT pages get updated
[\(https://gla.georgialibraries.org/divisions/new-members-round-table/\)](https://gla.georgialibraries.org/divisions/new-members-round-table/)
- Blog on the website for a news feature—events to promote, stories to tell, or make link visible (GLA is flexible with what goes on the site)
- Submit events to calendar—both GLA and other library events
[\(https://gla.georgialibraries.org/events-calendar/\)](https://gla.georgialibraries.org/events-calendar/)
- Library Spotlight- make sure that we spotlight libraries, one program, one event, or a special collections

Emily Williams Leads Discussion on Plans for 2018

1. GLC Buddy Program
 - a. Incorporate into conference registration
 - b. Define expectations to buddy mentor and mentee
 - i. Mentor should encourage/help Mentee to become involved in GLA
 - ii. Help buddy understand how they can strike a balance between GLA and their existing responsibilities so that they do not overcommit
 - c. Designated meeting points at the conference (one upstairs, one downstairs)

- d. Guidelines for ways to engage
 - e. Feedback from 2017- people wanted a defined place to meet their buddy—maybe make this at the GLA 101 meeting
 - f. Post conference meet up?
 - g. Networking session 2017 feedback- fewer tables and more moveable situation
2. NMRT Sponsored Conference Presentation
 - a. Find funding for one NMRT presentation
 - b. Guidelines/who is eligible/judging
 3. NMRT Conference social meet-up
 - a. Instead of meeting at one restaurant, establish a pub crawl for everyone
 - b. Incorporate ice-breakers so people get to know one another
 - i. Create a “speed dating” design so people rotate their mingling group throughout the evening to encourage wider networking.
 4. Writing/Mentor program
 - a. Collaboration with Academic Library Division to pair novice and advanced writers/researchers
 5. Coastal GA Library Collaborative
 - a. Keep events on NMRT page
 - b. Wants GLA marketing materials for their events
 - c. Anything we can do to promote them
 - d. CGLC is interested in hosting a comingle with AEL
 6. Atlanta Emerging Librarians
 - a. 4 events a year
 - b. co-chairs, found on website
 7. Membership Committee
 - a. Invite Oscar Gittemeier
 - b. Email all MLIS programs (GA, SC, AL, FL, NC) to make them aware of GLA
 - c. Add a link to membership at the bottom of each email
 - d. Potential outreach to library directors to have them point them towards NMRT
 8. Ways to inform new librarians about GLA
 - a. Social media
 - b. Snail mail
 - c. Example: GLA 101 at the Georgia Libraries Conference. Something similar to this was done at GaCOMO in 2015 by Eli Arnold and Chris Sharpe
 - i. Online
 - ii. During the conference- on the first day
 - 1. Include ice breakers
 - iii. Video or just an infographic about the structure of GLA

2:00pm-2:50pm
COMO First Timers

Location: Grand Hall 4

Presenter (s): Eli Arnold, Chris Sharpe

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Is this your first GaCOMO? Come to this session to hear about the history of GaCOMO, ask questions, and get advice on having a great adventure at the conference.

Intended Audience: Multiple Library Types

Track(s): General Interest

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9. Additional Notes

- a. Make it clear that AEL and NGAL are a part of NMRT
- b. Help NMRT members learn about the rules of GLA and the people in GLA (leadership, etc.)
- c. Help members understand what some of the terms mean and the organizational structure of GLA
- d. Facilitate connections so people can nominate people they have met who they know want to be involved

Action Items:

- Membership Committee: Email all MLIS programs (GA, SC, AL, FL, NC) to make them aware of GLA
- Make sure that promotional and marketing materials for NMRT include Coastal GA Library Collective
- Add a link to membership at the bottom of each email
- Potential outreach to library directors to have them point new librarians/staff towards NMRT