

**Public Library Division Meeting
at the Georgia Library Association Midwinter Planning Meeting**

January 19, 2018 at 11:00 AM

Meeting held in Room 211 of the Middle Georgia State University PSC in Macon, Georgia

Officers:

Stephanie Irvin, Georgia Libraries for Accessible Statewide Services - **Chair**

Angel Abounader, Commerce Public Library – **Co-Chair**

Ben Bryson, Marshes of Glynn Libraries - **Secretary**

Attendees:

Stephanie Irvin, Georgia Libraries for Accessible Statewide Services - **Chair**

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Ashley Dupuy, Atlanta Fulton Public Library

Brenda Poku, Live Oak Public Library

Suzanne (Suzy) McCullough, Middle Georgia Regional Library

Cristina Trotter, Oconee Regional Library

Nancy Homes, Piedmont Regional Library

Linh Uong, Northeast Georgia Regional Library

James O'Neal, Middle Georgia Regional Library

Oscar Gittemeier, Atlanta Fulton Public Library

Wendy Cornelisen, Georgia Public Library Service

Jean Mead, Hart County Library

Elizabeth McKinney, Georgia Public Library Service

Ben G. Carter, Uncle Remus Regional Library System

Beth McIntyre, Piedmont Regional Library

Nancy Condon, Uncle Remus Regional Library System

John Mack Freeman, Gwinnett County Public Library

Mary Young, Uncle Remus Regional Library System

Catie Tierney, Middle Georgia Regional Library

Muriel M. Jackson, Middle Georgia Regional Library

Jennifer Lautzenheiser, Middle Georgia Regional Library

Justin Nobles, West Georgia Regional Library System

Harriet Speer, South University – Savannah

Amy Eklund, Gwinnett County Public Library

T. Wesley Stewart, Atlanta Fulton Public Library (Volunteer)

Minutes

Ms. Irvin called the meeting to order and thanked the previous Chair, Beth McIntyre, and previous Secretary, Geri Mullis, for their service to the Division. Ms. Irvin introduced Mr. Bryson as the new Secretary and Ms. Abounader (absent) as the new Co-Chair.

Ms. Irvin briefly reviewed the PLD activities at the 2017 Georgia Libraries Conference, which included the author lightning talks and the All-Conference Reception. The option to sponsor a talk or presentation next year was raised.

Ms. Cornelisen noted that there would be no Pinnacle presentations to sponsor this year, but encouraged other presentations.

Ms. McIntyre gave a brief history of the Authors' Reception at the annual conference and how it was transformed over the years from a contact list of authors across the state into the All-Conference Reception with a current cost of approximately \$10,000.

Ms. Mead related her experience as a participating author and the difficulty of giving the lightning talk.

The idea of a conference scavenger hunt was discussed. The shift in focus for the reception from authors to networking was also discussed.

Ms. Trotter informed the meeting that no Author Alley was planned for this year's conference.

Ms. Cornelisen encouraged members to attend the Governmental Relations Committee meeting later in the day.

Sofia Slutskaya, webmaster for the GLA website, announced an informal lunch meeting with others interested in further development of the website.

Mr. Gittemeier called for a brainstorm session following the meeting to generate ideas for a PLD-sponsored presentation at the GLC .

Ms. Irvin, receiving no further suggestions for topics of discussion, closed the business meeting and began the door prize portion of the meeting.