

Georgia Libraries Conference – Government Information Interest Group (GIIG)
Thursday, October 5, 2017 – 1:30 PM

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Attendees: Laurie Aycock (Chair), Kennesaw State; Patricia Kenly (Vice-Chair), Georgia Tech; Thomas Waters (Secretary), Univ. of West Georgia; Alison Cook, Columbus State; Tim Daniels, Univ. of North Georgia; Emily Rogers, Valdosta State; Kathy Piselli, Atlanta-Fulton Public Library; Rebekka Bernotat, Maneuver Center of Excellence/Ft. Benning; Sharlene Carter, Maneuver Center of Excellence, Ft. Benning

GIIG Chair Laurie Aycock began the meeting by introducing herself and asking Vice-Chair Patricia Kenly to introduce herself and Secretary Thomas Waters. Permanent Executive Secretary Hallie Pritchett, Georgia's Regional Depository Coordinator, was not in attendance, due to recent retirements and illnesses at UGA's Map and Government Information Library.

The annual Federal Depository Library Conference and Depository Library Council meeting will take place in Arlington, VA from October 16-18. On Monday, October 16, there will be a regional-selective lunch, and Hallie Pritchett has sent an email to the DOCSGA-L list requesting confirmation from those who expect to attend. In addition, Hallie, Laurie Aycock, and Thomas Waters will be presenting on "Effective Relationships among Depository Libraries" on Tuesday, October 17 at 11:15 AM. This presentation will be broadcast online.

Because Laurie Aycock is outgoing GIIG Chair, Patricia Kenly and Thomas Waters will serve as Chair and Vice-Chair for the coming year, necessitating the election of a new secretary. Alison Cook of Columbus State volunteered for this position, was officially nominated by Thomas, and seconded by Patricia. All in attendance were in favor of Alison's election.

As the conference took place in Columbus, GA, Laurie Aycock invited Alison Cook of Columbus State to speak to the group about the documents collection at her depository. Alison reported that her collection is currently undergoing a facelift—for instance, she is creating more prominent labels and signage to permit easier discovery of content by users. In terms of item selections, Alison emphasizes military and Department of Defense materials, due to the university's proximity to Ft. Benning, and she has completely weeded agricultural materials, with the exception of titles pertaining specifically to Georgia or Alabama. She is also conducting outreach to community schools and has been working with media specialists and students in Advanced Placement (AP) US History courses. Significantly, Columbus State will be GPO preservation stewards for several collections, and an official announcement regarding this will be forthcoming.

Laurie Aycock asked attendees whether there was interest in a regularly published government information column for *Georgia Library Quarterly*. The inspiration for this idea was a column in *Arkansas Libraries* entitled "What's up, Docs?" There was large support from attendees for this idea, and Laurie will contact Ginny Feher after the FDLP conference on October 18 to coordinate the implementation of this column. She will also send messages to the GIIG and DOCSGA listservs to request submissions for 2018.