

Georgia Library Association (GLA) – Government Information Interest Group (GIIG)
Georgia Libraries Conference
Thursday, October 4, 2018 – 11:00 AM
Columbus Convention & Trade Center, Room 202

MINUTES

Attendees: Patricia Kenly (Chair), Georgia Tech; Thomas Waters (Vice-Chair), Brenau University; Kathy Piselli, Atlanta-Fulton Public, Lori Gwinnett, Georgia Southern; Sarah Causey, Univ. of Georgia; Susan Clay, Univ. of Georgia

Thomas Waters (Vice-Chair) recording minutes for Alison Cook (Secretary), whose absence was excused due to family illness.

Updates from the Regional Depository at UGA:

Sarah Causey, Interim Head of UGA's Map and Government Information Library, reported that Valerie Glenn will begin her position as the new Regional Depository Librarian on October 15. Valerie has previously worked in government information for the HathiTrust, University of Alabama, and University of North Texas.

Sarah also reported that changes have been made to the MARCIVE import process for libraries within the University System of Georgia. These changes are anticipated to decrease the numbers of duplicate records, improper overlays, and ghost records in the Alma Network Zone. In addition, non-shipping list records will now be shared first with UGA, which will then share the records with the remainder of the USG.

Depositories in the state of Georgia have not previously used the FDLP eXchange for needs and offers. Valerie will future determine usage of this resource when she begins on Oct. 15.

Updates from GIIG Chair:

Sarah Causey and Susan Clay will be presenting on Friday, October 5 at 8 AM in Room 101. The title of their presentation is "You Can Ring Our Bell: Services and Resources at the UGA Map and Government Information Library."

ProQuest is present at the conference as a vendor, for libraries interested in the offerings of the Monthly Catalog of US Government Publications (MOCAT) and the US Congressional Serial Set.

Elections:

GLA is mandating virtual elections, which will take effect once GIIG's new bylaws are approved. Currently, GLA tabulates election results with a Qualtrics account managed by Clayton State; however, this is subject to change with the upcoming retirement of Gordon Baker.

Going forward, the GIIG Chair will form a nominating committee no later than May 31. The committee will recommend a slate of candidates, which will be reported to the Chair, who will then report the slate to the Interest Group Council by July 31. This time frame is necessary to ensure that suitable candidates can be identified and contacted by the time that ballots are distributed on September 1. Lists of past officers and members of the nominating committee was recommended as a means of ensuring wider participation.

Patricia noted that the nominating committee may wish to nominate only a single candidate, to avoid situations in which an election ends in a tie. Also discussed was the possibility of allowing for self-nominations, perhaps through a line on the ballot allowing for write-ins.

This year, the GIIG nominating committee, made up of Emily Rogers (Valdosta State), Kathy Piselli (Atlanta-Fulton Public), and Bette Finn (Georgia Tech), nominated Tim Daniels of the University of North Georgia to be Secretary of the Interest Group. This is a three-year commitment; after serving one year as Secretary, officers serve one year as Vice-Chair and one year as Chair.

No additional nominations were made by attendees at the business meeting. Tim was confirmed with no objections, by voice vote.

Bylaws Changes:

Patricia noted that the GLA Interest Group Council has done a solid job of keeping members aware of new developments. She recommended, however, that the interest group Chair always attend the meetings to ensure that unworkable ideas are not accepted without discussion. For instance, in one meeting this past year, an attendee recommended that interest groups not have separate bylaws; however, this would not be acceptable for GIIG, which allows the Regional Depository Librarian to serve as Permanent Executive Secretary to the group.

Patricia distributed copies of the current GIIG bylaws, as well as the Collection Development Interest Group's updated bylaws, for comparison. Several changes will be necessary to GIIG's current Constitution and Bylaws. First, Article V, Section 2 of the Constitution must be revised to indicate that the term of office will begin on January 1 and end on December 31. GIIG members in attendance noted that this may be problematic in the event that GLA Midwinter takes place in December, as the new Chair must be in place for Midwinter. Patricia will follow up with Casey Long, Interest Group Council Chair, to determine how this should be handled for

the remainder of 2018, as no date for Midwinter has been announced and the group's revised bylaws have not yet been approved.

Other changes that were discussed include:

- Including specific language regarding the timeline for the nomination and election of officers
- In Article V, Section 2 (Constitution): Requiring in-person attendance by officers at the annual meeting; requiring in-person attendance by the Chair at Midwinter
- Deleting all references to "quorums," instead including low numbers or "voting members"
- Copying (and revising where necessary) the Collection Development Interest Group's language in the following articles

Article VI, Section 1 (Constitution): "A business meeting shall be held..."

Article VI, Section 2 (Constitution): "Other meetings and votes..."

- In Article I, Section 2 (Bylaws) creating a separate article for Elections.
- Standardizing language between the "preamble" and Article IV (Constitution). For instance: "The membership of the Government Information Interest Group (GIIG) is made up of those who attend its business meetings and/or those who report their interest in the group to the GLA Administrative Services Coordinator."
- Providing details on handling elections that end in a tie

More information on these potential revisions will be forthcoming!

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM.