

Library Facilities Interest Group

Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2019

GLA Midwinter 2019

Attendees: Alan Lebish, Ben Bryson, James O'Neal, Yadira Payne

After introductions, Alan Lebish welcomed the attendees and provided a brief background of the Interest Group's history and purpose.

The Chair led discussion regarding a proposal to change the name of the Interest Group to better reflect the Group's focus on library renovation and remodeling topics, which tends to be of more interest to the membership. It was felt that the term 'facilities' may have a negative connotation implying just maintenance repairs and custodial-related issues in library buildings. After some debate, the members agreed to the name "Space Planning and Facilities," which the group thought incorporates renovation as well as broader facilities issues, and should help attract more participation in this IG. A. Lebish will ask the Interest Group Council about the process for changing an Interest Group's title.

The Chair discussed recent changes in the Bylaws concerning the election process, and asked those present to consider serving in leadership roles for the upcoming term. Yadira Payne expressed interest in serving as Vice-Chair/Chair Elect. We also discussed the need for a Secretary position, but the consensus was that this was not particularly necessary. The Interest Group Council Chair noted that the position of Secretary is in the Bylaws, but in reality is something a number of Interest Groups do not have.

B. Bryson suggested that the Interest Group propose doing a program at 2019 GLC. The Group agreed that a panel discussion on space planning could draw interest at the annual conference. One possible format might be a panel discussion comprised of a mix of librarians from academic, public and special libraries and an architect with experience doing library renovations. A. Lebish will approach the Council about the idea. He also noted the possibility of receiving some funding for something like an honorarium.

The Interest Group meeting adjourned at 1:20pm.