

Reference and Instruction Special Interest Group

Business Meeting      Georgia Libraries Conference      10/10/2019

Attending:

Chair – Catherine Mancini

Vice-Chair – Teresa Nesbitt

Secretary – Leslie Drost

Atlanta Area Bibliographic Instruction Group Past President: Karen Doster-Greenleaf

Alyssa Kowis

Mary Margaret Cornwell

Micki Waldrop

Vivian Bynoe

Elliot McNally

Evelyn Merk

Sara Jordon

Catherine Bowers

Michelle Jones

Brittani Sterling

Jo Fortner

Eli Arnold

Kyle DeBell

William Brogdon

1. Bylaws

a. Update Wording

Catherine Mancini noted the Phase 1 changes to the Bylaws, including changing the name of the GLA conference from GACOMO to GLC, updating the election process to be in compliance with interest groups election standards, and the deletion of Article IV.

The new interest group standards will require nominations made by mid-October, with biographies of the nominated sent to the interest group members for a vote in November. She noted that Mack Freeman, Chair of the Interest Group Council will set up the voting process so

that members of each interest group would only see those nominations for their group. The new officers will be announced December 1 and start January 1 of each year.

Catherine showed the attending members that minor changes needed to the bylaws in articles II, IV, V, and VI. The motion to approve the changes was made by William Brogdon, seconded and passed unanimously.

b. Update Election Structure

Catherine set out the nominations required for the coming election. They include Vice Chair/Chair elect, which is a two-year commitment, with the second year in the Chair position. The other nomination required is that of Secretary that is a one-year term.

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3. Proposal of Amendments

a. Formal Committees

Catherine explained the idea to make formal committees including a GLQ committee to produce articles for the journal.

Viginia Feher, editor of GLQ, recommended that RISIG not make a formal GLQ committee but instead encourage submissions from RISIG members. She noted that she would welcome more news items and articles from individuals. The news items could be written by the RISIG officers, because they know what is going on, according to Virginia.

Catherine decided to table this change and leave it informal.

b. Proposed Merger with Atlanta Area Bibliographic Instruction Group

Catherine discussed the major amendment proposed to put the Atlanta Area Bibliographic Instruction Group under RISIG as a committee. She passed the microphone to AABIG Past President Karen Doster-Greenleaf to discuss the proposed change.

Karen noted that AABIG as not, at this time, affiliated with GLA, that it was a grassroots group with the intent to benefit professional development in the Atlanta area, but that over the past 10 years the AABIG reach has expanded to outside the perimeter and outside the state of Georgia. She noted that the group was struggling with running and funding the group and its conference. She would like to formalize the relationship with RISIG to make the structure of AABIG sustaining. AABIG would fold into RISIG and the conference would continue with the same mission of instruction professional development. She noted that reference is under the instruction umbrella. She noted that the AABIG leadership voted to bring the proposal to RISIG and that the next step was for RISIG to consider the proposal.

She asked for questions and Catherine Bowers asked whether AABIG would stay Atlanta dedicated. Karen responded that future discussions could determine whether the conference would move around more than it has already, and that the name Atlanta would be dropped from the title. She noted that public libraries could be more involved in the future. She also noted that the content of the conference would stay attendee-directed.

There was a vote of confidence to bring the proposal to the GLA executive board. IT passed.

4. What's New with Reference and Instruction

The members met in smaller groups and discussed reference and instruction. Afterward, one member of each small group spoke about what was discussed.