

## GLA Special Libraries and Information Services Division Meeting January 11, 2019

**Attending:** Nikita Hines (Ga Tech) Yardia Payne (Fort Gordon), Laureen Kelley, (Dougherty County Law Library), Darlene (Dougherty County Law Library), Tamika Barnes (Ga State), Ernie Evangelista (*Vice-chair*, Federal Reserve), and Casey Long (*Secretary*, Agnes Scott College)

### I. Introductions

- Nikita Hines is a recent graduate of the Valdosta State University Masters of Library and Information Science. She would like to connect the group with library students in Georgia to expose them to career options in special libraries. She would like to see the SLIS Division highlight interconnectivity between different types of libraries.
- Yardia Payne is the director of an army library. Demonstrating value and creating an atmosphere that meets the needs of a range of library users is important to her. Management and funding of special libraries is a important topic for her. She enjoys keeping her skills fresh by presenting and publishing. She has a strong background in government documents.
- Laureen Kelley and Darlene work in a public law library in Dougherty County. This is funded by the state and provides self help legal services to county residents. Since June they have served over 7000 people. Fundraising, advocacy, sustainability with a small staff, are strong interests for these members.
- Asha works at GLASS which is part of the Georgia Public Library Service. She conducts outreach and provides services to libraries in need of materials and resources that serve people with disabilities. They serve all libraries in Georgia, but their biggest clients are organizations serving the elderly. (NOTE: SLA Georgia Chapter toured GLASS as part of its Brown Bag series in 2018. More at: <http://georgia.sla1.org/2018/06/glass-atlanta-tour-recap/>)
- Tamika Barnes is the past Chair of SLIS Division and a former EPA librarian.
- Ernie Evangelista is the vice chair of SLIS and works at the Federal Reserve.
- Casey Long is a former business librarian.

### II. Potential Conference Programs Based on the Interest and Needs Expressed by the Group

- The Best Legal Sources on the Internet
- Advocacy: Crafting Your Message
- Careers in Special Libraries
- Challenges of Special Librarian Round Table Discussion
- Increasing accessibility in your Library
- Special libraries as advocacy support

### III. Additional conference program ideas

- Vendor lightning talks, 45 minute session, selected vendors get to talk about something new feature, upcoming product developments or, perhaps, how their resource was used by a library (as part of a case study -- See next suggestion.)
- Case studies of programs - How I did what I did type session.

#### IV. One Day Track at Conference Idea

- Casey presented the idea of building out a day of programming at the conference that may appeal to people in Special Libraries and regular attendees at Georgia Libraries Conference. For a Thursday, this would involve planning 5 sessions. The single day member rate for a Thursday is \$120 (not including lunch which if catered through the conference normally costs the member \$35). This is the sample Thursday outline she presented that includes regular all conference events:
  - 8:00am - 8:30am: Coffee with Vendors (all conference event)
  - 8:45am - 9:45am: Welcome and Keynote (all conference event)
  - 10:00am - 10:45am: Copyright (SLIS Division Session)
  - 11:00am - 11:45am: Communicating Value / Marketing Services (SLIS division session)
  - 12:00pm - 1:15pm: Lunch (dine arounds or a planned division lunch with speaker)
  - 1:30-2:15: Leadership (SLIS division session)
  - 2:15-3:00: Data visualization / making great charts (SLIS division session)
  - 3:15-4:00: Competitive intelligence (SLIS division session)
  - 4:10-5:00: Keynote (all conference event)
  - 5:00-6:00: Conference Reception (all conference event)
  - 6:00-7:00: All Conference Awards (all conference event)
  - 7:30-9:30: Social (possible planned division social - this could also be an event that happens on Wednesday night as a networking event)
- Ernie was curious if this could be a schedule that could happen on Friday instead. Typically the conference officially ends at 1:30pm on Fridays. A Friday only event would involve three division sponsored sessions at 8am, 9am, and 11am. There could be a lunch scheduled at a restaurant and then a site visit to a local special library. The single day member rate for someone to attend on Friday is \$100.
- The full conference rate for members is \$180.
- To get non-GLA attendees the member rate for the conference they can either join GLA for \$35 or SLIS could help the other local library organizations become conference partners who do not share in the profit but get the member rate and are able to help plan programming for the conference. This has never been done and is a new idea that needs to be approved by the board and by the conference committee.

V. Potential Conference Partners

- Georgia Health Sciences Library Association - <http://ghsla.org/>
- SLA - Georgia Chapter - <http://georgia.sla1.org/>
- Atlanta Law Libraries Association (ALLA) - <https://atlantalawlibraries.org/>
- Metro Atlanta Libraries Association (MALA) - <http://matllib.org/index.html>

VI. Future Meetings

- We will send out an invitation to quarterly meetings.

VII. Funding

- Ask for \$500 for conference programming.