

Georgia Library Association (GLA)

Special Libraries and Information Services Division (SLIS)

Midwinter Planning Meeting

Virtual, via Zoom

10:00am

January 15, 2021

**MINUTES**

Attendees: Sheila Devaney (Secretary/Treasurer), Ernie Evangelista (outgoing Chair), Patricia Kenly, Cynthia Kutka (Chair), Casey Long, Karen Manning

Meeting began with introductions and Ernie led the group in a conversation rounding up what the division had done last year and then introduced Cynthia as the Division Chair.

The group welcomed Casey Long attending the meeting as the representative from the GLA Executive Board.

The group discussed on-going programming ideas for 2021 as the COVID-19 pandemic is on-going and we are also working under the assumption that the Georgia Libraries Conference will also be held virtually in Fall 2021.

Also talked about recruiting new members to the division. Casey Long provided background about partnering with the Atlanta Emerging Librarians (AEL) group. We could reach out to AEL to see about working with them as a focus group.

Sheila volunteered to be the division liaison to the GLA Membership Committee.

Conversation began about programming ideas for this coming year. The division is looking to also partner with the Society of Georgia Archivists as well as the Special Libraries Association Georgia Community this year to examine programming that could reach a broader audience.

Wendy Cornelisen joined the meeting halfway through to see how the planning was going.

**Of note:** Stephen Sherman (Vice Chair) and Sheila met with Rob Sarwark (SLA Georgia) on Zoom in mid-February to begin to brainstorm ideas.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00am.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Devaney, Secretary/Treasurer

**Also of note:** Cynthia Kutka has had to step away from her role as Chair for 2021 because of unanticipated work commitments and Stephen Sherman has moved into the Chair role for 2021. Sheila Devaney has moved into the Vice Chair/Chair Elect role for 2021. Stephen and Sheila are working to fill the Secretary/Treasurer role for 2021. (February 18, 2021).