

MidWinter Meeting

January 14, 2022 / 1:00 PM / Virtual

Meeting Began: 1:01 PM ET

ATTENDEES

Kathy Piselli, Laurie Aycock, Patricia Kenly, Emily Rogers, Kristine Stilwell, David Kearns, Caroline Kitchens

AGENDA

Welcome & Introduction of Officers

Kathy Piselli, Chair

Laurie Aycock, Vice-Chair

New Business

- ❖ Discussion about GIIG's focus
 - In the past, GIIG has been primarily FDLP-related. Officers have been Depository Coordinators, but job changes have kept people from being active. GIIG's constitution mentions promoting the use of "federal, state, and local government information as well as foreign and international government information."
 - Email discussions among officers asked if GIIG should continue. General consensus is yes, because it provides service, presentation and networking opportunities within the state.
 - "We need to put the 'interest' in Interest Group" – for people who have an interest in Gov Info or want to learn more or develop skills.
 - Possible reasons for low membership/attendance is that we likely have many constituents who are also involved in the reference IGs. Having multiple IG meetings & conference presentations scheduled at the same time means people can only attend one. Suggestion of talking to IG Council about having meetings & presentations be

scheduled at times that don't conflict with other reference & instruction sessions.

- Question - would partnering with political activity groups be within our scope?

❖ Bylaw Updates Discussion

- GIIG Constitution & Bylaws are part of the [GLA Handbook](#) (page 57).
- Permanent Executive Secretary (PES) description & role of the Regional Librarian in GIIG
 - Having the Regional Librarian as PES lends an "FDLP stamp" to the group
 - Q: When was the PES role created and why? A: No one present knows
 - Suggestion to remove PES role from bylaws but always copy Regional Librarian on information sent out by GIIG.
- Updating officer roles
 - The Information Technology IG has 2 officers: Chair and Vice Chair/Secretary. Is there interest in doing this in GIIG? Being secretary requires a 3-year commitment and job changes often occur during that time. Having just 2 officers & a 2-year commitment might make officer elections easier.
 - Members present agreed with this change. Kathy notes that we will also need to update bylaw about what happens if elected officers cannot fulfill their term. Bylaws updates will be drafted and sent out to members for review.
- Updating voting procedures
 - Current bylaws only mention voting by email. Members present agreed with the suggestion to update this to match the wording of the IG bylaw template, which also allows for virtual voting.

❖ GLC Presentation Proposals

- In the past, IG could sponsor GLC presentations. Not sure if this is still happening, but we would like to sponsor if possible.
- GLC presentation proposals are usually due in late spring/early summer so be thinking about possible presentation ideas.

❖ New ideas

- GIIG Newsletter
 - We'd like to revive the idea of having a GIIG newsletter and send it out to the GLA List, like NMRT and BCALA do.

- Idea is to create the newsletter quarterly and have a call for volunteers to submit articles/information to include. We could also highlight events & conferences from govt. agencies or other Gov Info groups (like the [Western States Government Information Conference](#) & the [Indiana Government Information Day](#))
 - We can explore the need for a newsletter committee. If anyone is interested, please contact Laurie.
- Events
- GLA offers financial support to IGs for events. Budget request is due 2/7.
 - In the past, GIIG officers submitted request to cover registration cost for a speaker.
 - If anyone has ideas about an event or project to request funding for, please contact Kathy or Laurie.
- ❖ Other business or questions? None

ACTION ITEMS

1. Think about presentation proposal ideas for the Georgia Libraries Conference (GLC).
2. Think about possible topics to write about for the newsletter.
3. Kathy & Laurie will review bylaws & send drafts out to the members for comment.

Meeting Ended: 1:53 pm ET

Minutes Completed by: Laurie Aycock