

**GLA-BC Mid-Winter Meeting**  
**Meeting Notes**  
**January 14, 2022 @ 2:00 p.m.**

**I. Welcome:** Priscilla Dickerson, 2022 Chair

**II. Mission (and vision stated)**

- Statement of Purpose: The Georgia Library Association's Black Caucus (GLA-BC) will provide leadership and advocacy, promoting equity, diversity and inclusion of library services in all communities. It will serve as a forum for collaborative endeavors and creative exchange of ideas. This network of professionals seeks to cultivate this broad spectrum through information and resource sharing, learning and developmental programs, events, activities, and channels of communication throughout the state of Georgia and nationally.

**III. Introduction of Officers**

- A. Chair:** Priscilla Dickerson- [priscilla.dickerson@fultoncountyga.gov](mailto:priscilla.dickerson@fultoncountyga.gov)
- B. Vice Chair/Chair Elect:** Sarah Rodgers - [srodgers1023@gmail.com](mailto:srodgers1023@gmail.com)
- C. Secretary:** Gina Viarrael- [gviarrael@gwinnettpl.org](mailto:gviarrael@gwinnettpl.org)
- D. Past Presidents:** Angiah Davis (2021, Gordon State College), Tamika Barnes (2020), Karen Manning (2019, GLA President, Georgia Tech)

**IV. Recap of 2021**

- A. Angiah Davis- Gordon State College**
  - a. Midwinter Meeting, January 2021
  - b. March 2021- Building your Biblio Brand (Marquita Gooch)
  - c. October 2021- Presentation for GLC
  - d. October 2021- EDI (Davis Kendrick)

**V. Introductions (10-15 seconds)**

- A. Who** (Your name), **What** (your professional title, work title, etc...) **Where** (name

of organization, institution, business), **2nd What** (Thing that interest you outside of work)

- a. Who: Gina Martin What, Where: GLS Outreach Manager, works with GPLS Hobbies: the beach
- b. Kay Coates, Research Librarian, traveller, gardener
- c. Janice Shipp, outgoing VP of Membership, Savannah State University (HBCU!), ILL Librarian
- d. Michelle Jones, Head of Reference Services, poetry
- e. Brandi Robertson, GLS (Gina ia her manager), spends time with daughter
- f. Karen Manning, likes to read to kids!

## VI. Open the Floor for Ideas for 2022

**A. Newsletter:** Sarah Rodgers- wants to do this quarterly (Feb, May, Aug, Nov)(\*:also suggested by members)

- a. Corner for programming?
- b. Featured library workers- how you got started in librarianship
- c. \*Feature Past Librarians (Janice Shipp)
- d. \*What are you reading/watching (articles or book)?
- e. \*Events
- f. \*Job announcements
- g. (For the website/newsletter) featured resources
- h. Call for contributions
- i. Featured members who present at conferences

**B. Website:**

- Internal: <https://gla.georgialibraries.org/interest-groups/>
- External: <https://blackcaucusgla.softr.io/>

**C. Use of Google platforms for doc sharing:**

- a. **Share ideas on events, activities etc**

**D. Request a Budget:** Gina Viarruel - Before January 28th, 2022

- a. Sponsorship for GLC
- b. Sponsor local/national conferences
- c. Sponsorship of a member
- d. Last year (2021), we didn't have a budget
- e. BIPOC Travel Grant
  - i. a line item separate from the budget)- scholarship to help BIPOC members
  - ii. \$500 to participate in professional development (registration, hotel, etc)
  - iii. Must be an active member o GLA and Black Caucus, must submit an essay
  - iv. Possibly replace suggestion c

**E. Additional thoughts, ideas, comments:** Everyone/All participants

- a. Black Caucus StoryCorps- sharing stories (This was GLA's: <https://archive.storycorps.org/communities/gla-story-project/>)
- b. Association of Southeast Research Libraries- they're doing a lot of DEI work right now, so we may be able to collaborate with them
- c. Maybe collaborate with the National Conference of African American Librarians?

**VII. Wrap-up**

**A. Email contact for officers:** [blackcaucus@georgialibraryassociation.org](mailto:blackcaucus@georgialibraryassociation.org)

**B. Thank you**