Georgia Library Association Black Caucus
Georgia Library Conference 2022
October 13th, 2022

- BIPOC Professional Development Grant (Travel Grant)
  - BIPOC-chosen for inclusivity
  - Scholarship, grant, or stand-alone?
    - A vote revealed that the majority of members wants it to be a stand-alone grant
  - Who manages the scholarship/grant?
  - If it’s a GLA Strategic Plan, should it be funded by GLA?
  - GLA-related conference?
    - A majority vote revealed that just being a part of GLC would be good enough
    - “Priority will be given to first-time attendees” instead of solely to first-time attendees
  - The majority vote was for the grant to be $500
    - Someone suggested writing an outside grant
    - Someone else suggested setting up a donation to just GLA BC

- Officers for Election
  - Accepting nominations (unofficially)
  - Check off Black Caucus to receive listserv messages
  - Can sign up for BCALA without being an ALA member

- General Ideas: What should we focus on in 2023?
  - A mix of in-person and virtual events
  - More mixers- so we can build community
  - Someone suggested a stand-alone website (we have one, and after the meeting, Roy Cummings volunteered to do some work on the website)
  - Having more of a web presence was suggested; we also talked about Facebook being our primary social media platform, with Instagram as a secondary platform.
  - Someone suggested us having more trainings
  - Someone else suggested service projects for the group
  - It was discussed that we should send out calls for contributions for the newsletter
  - We talked about having a meet-and-greet social at the Auburn Research Library in November, including a tour
○ More tours was a welcomed idea by the group
○ It was suggested that there be a Black mentorship program
○ Someone also suggested having a directory of black leaders within the field in Georgia