

## **GID Business Meeting**

MLA Annual Conference, Clarion Rm 311, Ocean City  
Thursday, May 3, 2007, 4:00 PM

**Attending:** Donna Colamatteo, Ashley Ecklund (President), Carl Olson (Vice President/President Elect), Cel Petro, Annie Young (notetaker)

### **Topic: Programming Ideas**

Annie and Ashley will come up with a survey to send to marylib requesting input on program ideas. Donna will contact the incoming PSD president to see about visiting a meeting to solicit program ideas. We hope that these activities will help us understand what non-government documents librarians might be interested in or find useful.

Last fall, Ashley tried to coordinate a program providing an update to the Patriot Act but there wasn't enough interest and we won't pursue that topic again. Ashley also tried to organize a Maryland.gov & Maryland State Archives program but the Archives wasn't able to participate since they're short-staffed.

We will aim at the 1st week in November for our fall program.

### **Ideas:**

- Maryland.gov overview – could be a 1.5 hour program for .5 CEU
- Catalog of Government Publications overview + USA.gov - a member of GID would have to present this
- Tour of GPO – not sure how many people would want to travel to D.C.
- Chesapeake Bay information
  - Scientific info. & what can you do to help
  - Soldier's Delight tour (park between Columbia & Baltimore)
    - Check with DNR about a speaker
    - Could talk about rare species
    - Coordinate with Ag. Extension
    - Ways to make of interest to kids?
  - Chesapeake Bay Foundation
    - They have a location for programs and lots of literature
- Tour of Maryland State Archives – they're short-staffed but maybe could give us a tour and then we can bring in a speaker, e.g. on genealogy (consult Mary Mannix for ideas)
- How a bill becomes a law – sit in on a hearing, tour the Senate library
- Free health resources – partner with HIP?, see Maryland Health – Go Local resources recent presentations
- Free cartography, getting maps
- Tours – NOAA (Carl will check on a contact)
- International information – UN in D.C. (Ashley will check into it)
- Gov info for kids - work with CSD?
- Providing digital reference using free government resources (including homework help for kids) - could be a potential conference program

**Topic: Updates to the workplan**

Noting an old item on our workplan, Annie will dig around for the membership survey she had been working on with Karen.

Carl will make the following changes:

- Under Build membership - delete "Invite student membership..." and add "and library school listservs" to the following bullet
- Under Plan educational programs - delete co-sponsors and all programs except Maryland.gov overview. Add "Solicit program ideas from PSD and MLA listserv."

**Topic: Our upcoming program on Census Information**

The program was announced in Happening and we have had @7 responses so far. Donna will get help setting up and Ashley will be there a bit early. Donna has paper products and Ashley will stop by Costco to get some snacks. Ashley will call Kate and make sure the program packets are available to pick up on June 4. Ashley will clarify with the speaker whether she'll be bringing her own laptop, needs access to ppt or Internet, and if she'll bring her own handouts.

**Topic: Pop Ups**

Donna will review our membership list to see what type of libraries our members are from.