

GID Business Meeting

Carter Library and Information Resource Center, Maryland DNR, Annapolis
Wednesday, June 15, 2005
10:30 AM

Attending: Pat Behles, Donna Colamatteo (President), Ashley Ecklund, Karen Lehmkuhl (Vice President/President Elect), Carl Olson, Cel Petro, Michele Ringger-Weil, Brenda Wilson, Annie Young (Secretary)

TOPIC: Approve minutes of May 5, 2005 meeting

Minutes were approved.

TOPIC: Finalize bylaws revision

One technical change suggested by MLA Planning Bylaws Committee Chair Marcia Dysart was noted (adding the word "Division" before "Steering Committee" in Article X). The bylaws were then approved unanimously.

TOPIC: Reflector

While there are still occasional spam messages to the reflector, the number has decreased dramatically, especially since the problem with the German email virus was fixed (this was a universal email problem). Some members did ask to be removed from the reflector because of the spam but the group felt that the major problems had been resolved and so decided to keep the current reflector for now and address any additional issues should they arise.

TOPIC: Review annual report/brainstorm for next year

Donna reviewed our progress on items from the 2004-2005 workplan including: adding new members, encouraging members to become more involved, obtaining an increased budget, promoting GID in *Crab* articles, and sponsoring more programs. Donna reported that we earned less money this year than we were supposed to, \$320 instead of \$400, but did not know how that might affect our budget for next year. Karen reported that we had a high of 60 members last year but are now down to 51. The two main reasons for leaving were moving/relocating and the feeling that the division is not relevant to their needs. This is an issue that will be important to address next year, especially through programming efforts.

One item that was included on the workplan that we did not address was a scholarship or grant; this may be something to consider in the future. Additional ideas for next year include posting programs on other listservs like LLAM, DCLA, and SLA, and using our free MLA mailing. It was also mentioned that there are some issues we might want to raise before MLA including lack of electronic preservation for state government documents, and single licensing for the entire state (like Texas). Addressing these issues might help attract librarians who work with state documents to remain in the GID.

TOPIC: Solicit/appoint members for Nominations and Program Committees

Cel and Michele volunteered to serve on the Program Committee and in the past Monica McAbee has also indicated a willingness to help out. Cel volunteered to be parliamentarian

when needed and Annie was recruited for the Nominations Committee. Any GID member interested in helping out with these committees should contact a GID officer.

TOPIC: Review and prioritize program ideas

- One activity we might pursue next year is getting involved in the SLA conference, scheduled to be held in Baltimore in June 2006. SLA has a new Government Information Division that we could offer to work with on a program or tour. Suggested contacts were Jim Gillespie and Steve Anderson.
- Bill Wilson has suggested a co-sponsored program with CLIS in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the University of Maryland. The program could celebrate the campus' agriculture roots by looking at the history of UM as a land grant institution and could include a speaker from the NAL (Peter). Brainstorming:
 - Content
 - Involve Katherine Faulkner, UM's AREC librarian
 - Archivists could help with documents
 - Maryland Cooperative Extension (<http://www.agnr.umd.edu/MCE/index.cfm>) – photos, speaker to talk about what they offer, tailor to different areas of Maryland (e.g. gardening in different areas of state) which might interest public librarians
 - History of program vs. resources available now
 - Feature county libraries' gov docs holdings
 - NAL speaker - Carl has a contact at NAL who is excited about outreach
 - How can we attract academic librarians?
 - Logistics
 - Have as pre-conference or 2 hr 45 min program
 - Panel works well
 - Poster display to include photos, timeline, sample handouts, landgrant docs like Morrill Act (Carl Olson has done a poster before and Towson has poster-making facilities)
- Arlene Klair from UMCP suggests a program on USMAI cataloging that we could co-sponsor with TSD. A program on how to interpret gov doc holdings in the UM Libraries' Catalog has been well-received in UM system. Would there be enough interest in this or is it addressing too specific of an audience? This might be a better program to look into next year since there's so much up in the air with GPO cataloging now.
- Karen planned a tour of GPO for CLIS students this spring; this might be something we could repeat although GPO is very volatile since they're moving in the near future.
- Nathaniel Kraft from GPO provides full-day instructional programs on using *GPO Access*. This might be of special interest since *GPO Access* is changing so much and it might attract public librarians. Because of the changes with *GPO Access*, we probably would have to plan on holding this after September. We might be able to schedule this at Towson with their computer classrooms. (Note: Someone recollected that something similar was done as an MLA pre-conference meeting several years ago.)
- Someone at Program Planning Day mentioned their group was sponsoring a tour of the Library of Congress. We might want to look into this.
- Pat suggested that the Maryland's Peoples Law Library website (<http://www.peoples-law.info/Home/PublicWeb>) would be a good resource to highlight since it's of interest to

public librarians. This could be co-sponsored with PSD and might be part of a series of programs which could also include something on the SBA.

- It was suggested that the display done by UMCP's Government Documents & Maps group for Maryland Day 2003, "Summer Fun on a Tank of Gas," was a fun topic that attracted a lot of interest and might be something to consider adapting into a conference program. Pat recalled that there was a publication about things to do in Maryland on a tank of gas. Such a program could also feature the DNR.

TOPIC: Next meeting

Our next meeting will be a Program Planning meeting on Friday, July 15. Carl will try to schedule this at Towson. If members aren't able to attend, they should send any suggestions to the marydocs reflector or one of the officers. [Note: The meeting was scheduled for 10:30 a.m., July 15 at Towson's Abert S. Cook Library followed by lunch at Pub Smedley in the Berkshire Marriott Hotel. For more details, see the GID webpage.]