

GID Business Meeting

New Carrollton Branch, PGCMLS

Tuesday, November 9, 2004

12:15-1:15 PM

Attending: Christine Alvey, Donna Colamatteo (President), Ashley Ecklund, Charletta House, Karen Lehmkuhl (President Elect), Monica McAbee, Cecelia Petro, Gaylord Robb, Bill Wilson, Annie Young (Secretary)

TOPIC: Introductions

TOPIC: Nominees for Office

Candidates running for GID office for the 2005-2006 term were recognized: Ashley Ecklund and Cecelia (Cel) Petro are both running for President Elect, and Michele Ringger-Weil, who was unable to attend today, is running for Secretary.

TOPIC: Membership

Currently we have about 60 GID members with Marianne Ryan working on several other potential members. Members should try to recruit others who may be interested in joining GID and announce new members through the GID email reflector (marydocs@umd.edu).

About ½ of our members are from academic libraries, about ¼ are from public libraries, and the remaining ¼ are from government libraries, special libraries, law libraries, and library school students. Bill Wilson mentioned MEMO (Maryland Educational Media Organization) as a possible source for recruiting school librarians. Their annual conference is in October so we might consider doing a program next year. We could contact Margaret Carty, who has been working with the group on behalf of MLA. One government resource we might keep an eye open for is a webpage hosted by the Government Printing Office (GPO) with government information for teachers. This resource was proposed at the Federal Depository Library Conference in October. Another potential group to focus on for recruiting new members is state government librarians.

TOPIC: 2004-2005 Workplan

Donna reviewed the workplan, mentioning three foci for this year – publicity, programs, and money. Currently, nominations are being handled by our Past President, Marianne Ryan, and programming is being organized by our Vice President, Karen Lehmkuhl. Since it's challenging for one person to do this by his/herself, we are looking to start both a Nominations and a Programming Committee this year to better distribute the work of the division. Sign-up sheets were circulated and anyone interested should contact Donna or Karen. With regards to our finances, we didn't make any money last year so that is a major goal for this year. So far, we've made \$272.26 (from our September program, "Pathway to Information").

Members should feel free to communicate any ideas related to the workplan over the GID email reflector or by contacting Donna directly.

TOPIC: Program Planning

As mentioned before, we would like to form a programming committee to get more input and share the workload of planning programs. In particular, the committee would work on generating ideas to ask panelists at our Spring conference program, as well as helping to brainstorm and work on logistics for future programs.

We have two programs planned for the Spring conference. One program, “It’s All in the Numbers!”, will be co-sponsored with LMD (Library Management Division) on the Economic Census and how it relates to our communities. This program will be rather timely since most of the Economic Census is due to be released by next Spring. The other program will be “Putting Government Information to Work” and will feature a panel of people who work with government information from both a fictional and non-fictional perspective. Tentative panelists include Ira Chinoy, lecturer at the College of Journalism at the University of Maryland and a former reporter for *The Washington Post*, Sandy Levy, librarian at *The Baltimore Sun*, and possibly either a mystery writer or private investigator. [Update from Karen: Marcia Talley, mystery writer, has been confirmed as a panelist while the private investigator will not be included.]

Other ideas that have been brainstormed in the past include:

- Gov Docs in the movies
- GIS-related
- Forensic information
- Cooperative extension
- Partnerships with other divisions: TSD (accessioning electronic gov docs), PSD, DCLA, IFAP

In thinking about future programming, Karen stressed that while we have a lot of fun ideas our programs should, at the same time, be educational since public librarians have to meet certain requirements with education credits.

TOPIC: Article for December CRAB

To help promote our group, we’d like to submit articles to future issues of *The Crab*. We are looking for volunteers to write up today’s program, “Disappearing Government Information” and Donna will be working on an article of the history of GID, including past programming, for the December issue (due December 5). She and Annie will check out GID’s files in the MLA office after the Executive Board meeting next Tuesday, November 16. Anyone else interested in helping should contact Donna. Other ideas for articles are welcome.

TOPIC: Other Initiatives

Other initiatives that have been proposed previously include: setting up tours such as at GPO or the Newseum, and offering a grant for library school students to attend a program or the MLA conference. This would be something to consider in the future.

TOPIC: Wrap-up

At the suggestion of MLA, we will be reviewing our bylaws, which were last revised in 1989 and amended in 1991. A suggestion was made that we may want to look at other groups’ bylaws that have been revised recently. A meeting to review them will be scheduled in Nov. or Dec.