GID BUSINESS MEETING  
@MLA Annual Conference  
Ocean City MD  
6pm  
May 15, 2008

Members Present:  Ashley Dahlen, Annie Young, Carl Olson, Donna Colamatteo, Amanda Feigley

Old Business
Minutes from GID meeting at MLA Annual Conference 2007 approved.
We reviewed the work plan for 2007-2008 and discussed changes that need to be made for the 2008-2009 annual plan.  Ashley will prepare and submit this as scheduled.
Membership is an issue, particularly participatory membership.  Presently we have 39 members but only a handful has been actively working on programming and attending meetings.  We discussed personally calling members to stir interest.
Library tours have proven popular, and we actually made some money on the NOAA program.  We were able to offer CEU’s (continuing education credits).  Now that we have a successful formula, we decided it would be wise to pursue other options in our library-rich area.
MLA Annual Conference programs 2008 were successful.  Sixteen people attended the preconference “How to Start a Small Business” and about 65 people came to the “Federal, State, Local and Free” program.
Annie Young will prepare an interest survey for current members to determine what needs are/are not being met and how we can entice more active engagement in Division efforts.
All MLA Divisions are required to raise money annually and thus ongoing discussions about programming are important.  We will continue to pursue the following ideas:
1)  E-government and libraries’ increasing role and realistic expectations for staff time therefore expense.
2)  Other library programs and tours possibly at the State Law Library, Department of Legislative Reference or the Maryland State Archives in Annapolis.

New Business:
Thank you and congratulations to Ashley Dahlen, GID President; Carl Olsen, Vice President-President Elect; and Amanda Feigley, Secretary, 2008-2009.
We examined the MLA bylaws relating to Division officer duties and determined that the “job descriptions” need some updating, especially in relation to Secretarial duties and electronic communications.  We will follow up with the MLA Executive Board.
Ashley reported that we established a new listserv that can be accessed via http://www.mdlib.org/divisions/gid/listserv.asp or on the GID web page at mdlib.org.  The MLA Webmaster has agreed to manage this for us since we can no longer use the previous marydocs address.  Members on the old marydocs listserv have been automatically added to the new listserv and a message went out prior to the MLA Conference.  People can subscribe and unsubscribe at the GID website.  Subscribers can send their posts to gid@lists.carr.org.
We discussed the possibility of arranging a conference program at MLA Annual 2009 relating to International information.  We have GID members working in this area and could host a workshop similar to the one we did exploring content rich official domains in the global environment.  Members with ideas please inform the GID Steering Committee or post to the listserv.
Meeting adjourned 7 pm.

Submitted by Donna Colamatteo