
In attendance for the discussion were 13 people. James Kelly, Dan Ramirez, Patty Sundberg, Paul Chasen, Lisa Colaianne, Lynette Parish, Bryan Hissong, Bertha Frizzell, Sharon Lauchner, Michael Shochet, Irmgarde Brown, Mark Hatfield, and Robin Goetz.

In attendance for the steering committee were Paul Chasen, Lisa Colaianne, Michael Shochet, Bertha Frizzell, Lynette Parish, James Kelly, Dan Ramirez, and Patty Sundberg.

Notes from August 27, 2014 Steering Committee meeting:

James Kelly will be hosting a webinar on September 10, 2014 at 10 AM entitled: How can I help? : MLA leadership opportunities to fit any schedule.

David Payne will be hosting a book discussion on October 29, 2014 at 1PM at the Urbana Public Library in Frederick County on the book “Creativity Inc.” by Ed Catmull.

In November 2014 James Kelly will be organizing a program on Human Resources Best Practices. This will be held on November 13. There will be three hours of content plus lunch. Speaking will be Terri Schell (Harford), Muffie Smith (Carroll), Brian Staples (Baltimore Co), Dolores Maminkski (Frederick). James Kelly will finalize the paperwork for this event in the coming week with the MLA office.

December 2014 will feature a holiday networking social event sometime early in the month although the details have to be worked out. LDD will possibly be partnering with Anita Crawford and the Support Services Division. LDD may also partner with Public Services Division members to host this event as well.

January 2015 has yet to be filled with an LDD activity.

On February 25, 2015 Dan Ramirez will host a webinar to discuss Steven Bell’s articles in Library Journal. It is possible Bell may speak briefly to market a possible preconference talk that he might give.

In March 2015 James Kelly will have Heather Stang present on Stress Management and Mindfulness.

On April 29, 2015 an in person book discussion will be held on the book “Leaders Eat Last” by Simon Sinek. The location is to be determined.

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Dan Ramirez has entered into electronic discussion with Corinne Hill (Librarian of the Year Chattanooga Public Library) and Steven Bell (Associate Library Director of Temple University Library and Library Journal Columnist). Ramirez contacted Bell per a partnership he created with ACRL MD. Natalie Burclaff from ACRL MD is assisting Ramirez. Hill and Bell have agreed to present, but the details are being worked out. Bell has requested a sizeable honorarium and this is being discussed among the various divisions. James Kelly will approach Julie Z and the MLA staff to see what can be done to address Bell’s honorarium.
James Kelly may have Heather Stang host a program at the preconference.

Sydney McCoy is reaching out to David Pirtle from the National Coalition for the Homeless to present a conference session.

In June 2015 Sydney McCoy will be leading a book discussion, but the details have yet to be finalized.