

GRS Business Meeting Minutes
Friday, June 13, 2014
Elon University

Executive Committee Members Present:

- David Durant
- Lynda Kellam
- Michele Hayslett
- Jennifer Smith
- Anupama Pal

Others Present:

- Beth Rowe
- Kate Irwin-Smiler
- Mimi Curlee
- Phil McDaniel
- Marie Berry

Call to order: 3:22pm

Agenda Items:

1. Section update
 - a. Lynda continues to carry on with the Accidental Librarian webinars. Excellent!
 - b. Current number of members: 22 (down from previous)
 - c. Current balance: approximately \$1400 (after deducting expenditures for today's workshop program)
2. Possible plans for 2015
 - a. Next NCLA Biennial program: Greensboro 2015
 - i. What event planning do we want to have? Something similar to last year (2013 in Winston-Salem), where we had at least 3 sessions.
 - ii. Ideas for a speaker from the Census Bureau?
 1. Was popular from previous years
 2. NCLA would prefer to have a speaker that can register for the entire program, otherwise the section (GRS) will have to put up the cost.
 - iii. More focus on outreach and marketing
 - iv. Possibly an interactive display at the table, where we show off the different types of government information and projects that are on-going.
 1. E.g. showing off the mapping we learned about today.
 2. Using real life questions/projects that we have answered/worked on for display.
 - v. Talk about a panel of cataloging/technical services—what issues have they dealt with and what their process is with government documents at their particular institution (compare, contrast, suggest ideas dealing with problems)
 - vi. Panel of new government documents librarians and the issues they have dealt with and how they have adapted in their positions.
 - b. Also, in light of the biennial next year, do we want to have another workshop (like today's) sometime in the spring 2015?
 - i. Would it be too much? Worth it?
 - ii. Possibly consider it, and make the focus more on documents and government information. That would be different from the biennial, where we should focus more on outreach and marketing.
 - iii. Possible ½ day workshop options? Or full day? Or a split, where there is a full day option, but the meat will be in ½ day.
 - iv. Possible topic—a different perspective: promoting to a wider audience by talking about information literacy. Government Information and information literacy.

- v. Also, address the possibility of taping the session and having that available or virtual attendance option for those that are not able to make the physical meeting for various reasons.
- c. **Survey the members!**
 - i. **Ask them what they would like to see—make sure to include suggestions of possible topics, but open it up for ideas as well.**
 - ii. **Also ask whether they just want the biennial, or would like another Spring workshop to go with the biennial.**
 - 1. **What topics are interesting to people**
 - iii. **Really get the impression out there that we are here to serve you all, and want to hear about your needs and cater to them.**
 - iv. **Survey all NC librarians, not just GRS people**
 - 1. **Target depository librarians**
 - 2. **What they want to know about government information, what do they want to be able to do with it, what do they currently do with it.**
 - 3. **What do they want to see in terms of programming both at possible Spring meeting and Biennial?**
 - v. **Survey should be no more than 10 questions. Will give some suggested examples of what possible programming could be, but will also let people make their own suggestions.**
 - vi. **Also, ask about timing suggestions for possible dates for Spring workshop.**
 - vii. **Beth Rowe agreed to send it out on listserv.**
 - viii. **Goal delivery date: Fall 2014.**
- d. Elections in 2015 for the executive committee.
 - i. Need candidates
 - ii. Will vote via email (like last year)
- 3. Ways we can increase membership/involvement:
 - a. NCLA's big mandate: how to make the section more relevant/useful to people and encourage them to join.
 - b. Reach out to the depository librarians
 - i. Again, survey librarians in NC, not just NCLA and GRS members.
 - c. Consider the GPO example and possibly change the name of our section from GRS to something that conveys the point that anyone can get involved with government information, not just document librarians.
 - d. Possibly having some sort of online newsletter that tells about what is going on with government information and highlights/reviews government agency products.
 - e. Get a blog going/creating a resources webpage
 - i. Solicit bloggers/ideas for posts about federal or NC resources
 - f. Email personalized invitations to people to get them to join GRS.
- 4. **Wrap Up:**
 - a. **Next main project:**
 - i. **To work on the survey that we will send out in the Fall about what services/programming would people like to see at the next GRS event and Biennial.**
 - 1. **To be continued at next meeting.**
 - a. **David will set up.**

Adjourn: 4:02pm