

**REMCo Business Meeting**  
Thursday, October 19, 2017  
4:30pm – 5:30pm

**Attendees:** Alan Bailey, Arneice Bowen , Brittany Champion, Ashlee Gerald, Arnetta Girardeau, Erin Holmes, Marcellaus A. Joiner, Valerie Pierce, Tim Pinnick, Iyanna Sims

**Call to order:** Jewel Davis, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:30pm

**Discussion:**

Jewel began the meeting with introductions from the board and members in attendance.

Jewel asked for ideas for activities to engage and attract members. Attendees offered the following suggestions:

- Identify ways to recruit ethnic minorities of all backgrounds. One suggestion was to continue to develop more programs with a broader appeal. Some program ideas included providing a platform for people to safely share ideas on social issues, a workshop on fake news from an ethnic minority perspective, diversity programs on the topic of literature, health and medicine, and serving diverse patrons. Marcellaus offered space at High Point Public Library for workshops. Jewel offered to facilitate a program on diversity and literature.
- Develop a list of benefits for joining REMCo and a professional library organization in general. Some benefit ideas included networking, collaborating, having a regional and national platform for presenting programs, and gaining experience in presenting using certain technologies such as video and web conferencing software.
- Encourage members to tell others about REMCo and invite others to join
- Create a listserv for REMCo members
- Offer a REMCo social event once or twice a year

Jewel announced REMCo will be offering a webinar on microaggressions in the workplace in the early spring.

**Action Items:**

- Alan Bailey volunteered to moderate a listserv for REMCo and send report detailing what NCLA members will like to gain from the professional organization.
- The Board will further discuss the suggestions for programs and outreach.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:15pm.