

Board Report for REMCo (Roundtable for Ethnic Minority Concerns)

April 26, 2013

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I. We met at 10:00 a.m., on Wednesday, March 13, 2013 at the F.D. Bluford Library, North Carolina A&T State University.

II. Members present were:

Avis Jones, Vice-Chair	Wanda Brown, President, NCLA	Forrest Foster, Co-Director
Alan Bailey, Co-Director	Iyanna Sims, Webmaster	

III. Agenda Items:

The REMCo Board began to brainstorm ideas for the upcoming conference. Ideas include the following:

- **Pre-conference**- Offer an all-day preconference on diversity action planning with panel discussions in the morning and interactive workshop in the afternoon; possible speakers include Kathy Bradshaw (UNCG), Barbee Oakes (WFU), Sylvia Sprinkle-Hamlin (Forsyth County Library), students from UNCG's Department of Library and Information Studies and HR librarians from Duke or NC State; REMCo could collaborate with other sections and roundtables such as LAMS for pre-conference activities.
- **Luncheon** – Co-sponsor a luncheon with PL section of NCLA; suggestions for luncheon speakers include Dr. Tara Green (UNCG), Dr. Keith Piques (NCCU), and Kelly Starling Lyons. Roadbuilder award will be presented during the luncheon.
- **Program** – Alan Bailey is considering submitting a program proposal on Coretta Scott King award winners and co-presenting with Carol Boston Weatherford. REMCo could possibly partner with other sections and roundtables such as Youth Services for this and other programming ideas.
- **Raffle Basket** - All sections and roundtables are encouraged to submit a gift basket for conference raffle. Ideas for basket content are teas from around the world, multicultural cookbooks, a self-published cookbook with recipes from NC librarians. The self-published cookbook could become a revenue source.

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Conclusions/Action Items

The board will begin the conference planning in the upcoming weeks. Contacts will be made with potential speakers. Alan Bailey will contact Carol Boston Weatherford, Wanda Brown will contact Kathy Bradshaw (UNCG) and Barbee Oakes (WFU), Forest Foster will select students for panel, and Avis Jones will contact Dr. Tara Green (UNCG). Avis will also speak with Dale about pre-conference planning and to sections and roundtables for

Newsletter

Discussion	Reestablishing the REMCo newsletter
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It was agreed the newsletter was an important communication media to members. The board will send out a call to members for information to include in the REMCo

- Next meeting, TBA

IV. We adjourned the meeting at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Avis Jones