

Board Report for REMCo (Roundtable for Ethnic Minority Concerns) July 26, 2013

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I. Members met several times via email to plan for the upcoming Fall Conference.

II. Participating members:

Avis Jones, Vice-Chair Wanda Brown, President, NCLA Alan Bailey, Co-Director
Gerald Holmes, member H. Jamane Yeager, member

III. Agenda Items:

Pre-conference- In the morning we'd like to feature library leaders and Library HR personnel in a conversation around cross cultural competence. How do you make sure your library has a welcoming inclusive presence? What challenges do you face recruiting, major hurdles. What has worked?

Recommendation: In the afternoon Shayla will lead us through the GATEKEEPERS series.

A "gatekeeper" is defined as any member who represents the Library through his or her interaction with the community at large.

GateKeepers 1 (GK1): Enhancing our Community through Inclusion introduces gatekeepers to the meaning and value of diversity, multiculturalism, and inclusion; enhances participants' knowledge and understanding of cultural differences, similarities, and perceptions; and provides tools that help participants effectively engage in building and maintaining a more diverse and inclusive community.

Panelists not confirmed, this panel discussion and diversity action plan workshop is co-sponsored by the Roundtable for Ethnic & Minority Concerns (REMCO) and the Women's Issues in Librarianship Roundtable (WILR).

- **Luncheon** – Our featured speaker is Dr. Tara T. Green, PHD, UNCG. She is the author of "Presenting Oprah Winfrey, Her Films, and African American Literature". Her book is a collection of essays that examine the role Ms. Winfrey played in her role as an actress and producer of films that interpret works which were published by African American writers. Roadbuilder award will be presented

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during the luncheon.

Programs – Alan Bailey submitted a program proposal on Coretta Scott King award winners and will partner with other sections and/or roundtables such as Youth Services featuring author, Kelly Starling Lyons.

-- H. Jamane Yeager will present how to use software and other social media technologies to create a family page. The goal is to push this information to younger generations using Facebook, Twitter and other social media methods.

Respectfully submitted,
Avis Jones