

NCLA Roundtable for Ethnic Minority Concerns' Report  
July 24, 2008

On May 16, 2008, REMCo held a telephone-conference meeting of the Executive Board. We discussed whether we wanted to pursue becoming a NC Chapter of BCALA or an affiliate of BCALA. The Board decided that becoming affiliated with BCALA would allow the roundtable to maintain its identity and purpose as a group for all minorities. Gerald Holmes was asked to follow up on the proper procedures for becoming an affiliate. He will discuss the proposed affiliation with Bob Fisher, Chair of the NCLA Constitution, Codes, and Handbook Committee, and report back to the REMCo Board.

The summer newsletter was prepared and distributed to all REMCo members. Jamane created a slideshow of the pictures of REMCo activities at the Biennial Conference and shared them with all members via email.

The Board agreed that we would begin planning for a series of workshops to be presented in the fall at several public libraries around the state. Jamane and Tamika volunteered to spearhead this effort. They are exploring possible speakers for the workshops and libraries willing to host the activities. Jamane has also begun to work on programs for the 2009 Biennial Conference. She has already gotten a presenter for a preconference workshop. The speaker is quite popular and it was necessary to get on his calendar right away.

Jamal Cromity and Gerald Holmes will follow up on planning for presentations at career fairs in order to promote librarianship throughout the state.

Respectfully submitted,

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