



## NCLA REMCo Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 3, 2022

2:00 pm- 3:15 pm

**Attendees: Brittany Champion, Leander Croker, Carlos Grooms, Marcellaus Joiner, and Adreonna Bennett**

**Call to order 2:03 pm**

### **Old Business**

Champion provided updates on the summer series *When Having Hard Conversations Get Hard*. This series included 10 librarians and paraprofessionals with an extensive background in DEI. The series had a total of 511 registrants and 177 live participants.

Grooms shared that the panelists for *Black Male Librarian Joy* were anxiously awaiting the day of the webinar. They met on 11/1 to prepare for the session. Panelists are equipped with questions and prepared to have candid conversations about Black males in library and information science. All participants will submit literature to both the Google folder and Padlet.

Champion reminded the board about the December *Town Hall meeting*. The session will be held to catch members up on recent projects, 2023 expectations, and conference planning. The NCLA DEI committee chair, Rodrigo Castro, will participate. He'll share details on the committee and how REMCo members can support it. Only current REMCo members are eligible to enter the raffle. They must be present for the drawing. Prizes include two \$50 visa gift cards. The event is scheduled for 12/7, at 6:30 pm.

### **New Business**

Champion is asking the board to begin thinking about the conference. She's completed the Sponsorship support request letter to send to vendors. Croker shared the details of the conference from the last NCLA executive board meeting. Speakers will be provided with a series of tools and resources to make their experience at NCLA promising and less stressful.

Champion and Joiner discussed the importance of having a substantial amount of funds for the 2023-2025 executive board. It was later discussed that no funds with the exception of monies for plaques and giveaways would come from the budget.

In an effort to increase funds, Joiner and Croker suggested a REMCo game day. Members will be allowed to participate for a small fee. Light refreshments will be served. Tentatively, pending approval, we'll hold it at a centralized academic library in March 2023. Grooms will provide an update at the next board meeting.



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Champion's ideas for the luncheon center around the consideration of vendor donations. She shared that would be interested in having the luncheon focus around academic libraries and library faculty. She's willing to reach out to interested campus departments at her institution to discuss their partnerships with the library, faculty collaboration, and community engagement opportunities to improve student success.

Champion completed the last video for Little Tokens Foundation. As a reminder, this will conclude virtual programming partnership. Little Tokens Foundation has been a great partner and Champion hopes the upcoming board will consider the opportunity to continue its partnership.

Champion asked members to begin preparing for the winter newsletter. This will be the last newsletter for this board. It'll cover elections, award selection process for the Constance Hill Martena Diversity and Roadbuilders' Award, and REMCo reads. Both Bennett and Joiner will collaborate to draft an entry for the CHM Diversity Award, including important dates and a call for committee members.

- Joiner reminded members that this award is for ALL current NCLA members. This may mean a larger poll of nominations. The board reviewed templates for CHM nominations, award announcements, etc. Champion will draft a timeline for Croker and Bennett as they serve as award selection committee chairs for this upcoming year.

Meeting adjourned 3:08 pm

Meeting minutes completed by Brittany Champion