



NCLA REMCo Meeting Agenda

Thursday, March 3, 2022

2:00 pm- 3:00 pm

Attendees: Leander Croker, Carlos Grooms, and Joan Hill

Call to order: 2:03 pm

Old Business

- North Carolina Community College Library Association (NCCCLA) Conference DEI Professional Development Day
 - Croker shared final updates on the NCCCLA virtual conference. She asked the board to make their final edits to the presentation. The session will be held on Monday, March 14th at 11:00 am. Champion will forward Zoom details to the board.
- Programming
 - Chat with Kelvin
 - Croker provided updates on the program. The program had a total number of 24 registrants and 17 participants. We had participants from different states. This proves our current methods of communication are working. Croker expressed to members that we should continue networking and building relationships with library and information science professionals and paraprofessionals who align with the missions and objectives of REMCo.
 - Fulbright Experience featuring Dr. Rhonda Jones
 - The upcoming has a low number of registrations, 11. Croker asked the board to promote the event and be prepared to attend.
 - International Partnership
 - Kwame Osei-Asante (Little Tokens Foundation; not present) shared an update on the storytelling program. The Little Token Foundation board reviewed the recordings, and they were pleased to share. They intend to play the recordings for participants this month. They'll share a full report, including photos and comments.

New Business

- Connect with REMCo (Town Hall meetings)
 - In February, Hill mentioned the idea of hosting community meetings. After reviewing past section programs, Champion expressed no other section had publicly advertised a similar program. Croker shared that the board can brainstorm more in April.
- Cultural Conversations with REMCo



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- Champion would like to host a summer series, titled “When Having The Hard Conversations Get Hard?”. This will be a 3-part series including the following:
 - **Why are we still having hard conversations- Wednesday, July 20th**
 - This panel discussion will focus on why we’re still having conversations that focus on DEI practices in librarianship and how we can move beyond discussions to implement action.
 - **Leading Beyond Words- Wednesday, August 17th**
 - This panel discussion will focus on supporting library professionals of color not acting as educators but rather encouraging accountability of the majority.
 - **Librarianship and DEI- Wednesday, September 21st**
 - This panel discussion will focus on the library professionals of color and their works in DEI. In addition to their roles, how can they maintain morale in this line of work?
- Champion emailed 12 panelists; we now have 6 confirmations. The panel deadline is 3/11/2022. She’s asking Tammy and Carlos to begin thinking of panel questions for each session. We’ll need a total of 8 for each session. She’s asking Hill and Perry to moderate a session. Grooms will moderate the session on 7/20
- Champion has added an additional program for 2022. Black Male Librarian Joy will highlight black male librarian and paraprofessional voices and their concerns. It’ll be held on Wednesday, November 16th. The program will feature Carlos Grooms, Donte’ Perry, and members of Black Male Librarian (an Instagram community). She’ll reach out to John Light to confirm and later email the board with updates. Once panelists confirm, Champion will have it added to the NCLA event calendar.
- Mentorship Program Development
 - Croker shared details of the logistics of the mentorship program. Through the next few months, she’ll delegate tasks for the board. The board will explore the idea of hosting interest groups in the summer (2022).
- Newsletter Summer 2022
 - The newsletter will go out this summer. Croker encouraged the board to be thinking of entries. She asked the board to begin thinking of submission guidelines. Past featured authors had questions about their submissions and what they should look like. Champion will send out a call later this month. Deadline for entries: June 24, 2022.
- REMCo Executive Board Meet Up



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- Hill and Grooms will send a poll to decide on the date and time of the Executive board meet up.
- Conferences
 - In addition to NCCCLA, REMCo will facilitate a session at the virtual ECU Paraprofessional Conference in May. Champion, Croker, and Grooms will be present.
- Social Media Updates
 - Grooms, Perry, and Croker will develop content and post in March for Women's History Month.
- Constance Hill Marteena Updates
 - Marcellaus Joiner had no news to report

Meeting adjourned: 2:30 pm