

**NCLA REMCo**  
Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, November 22, 2016

▪ **Attendees**

Shamella Cromartie, Jewel Davis, Maxine Day, Forrest Foster, Gerald Holmes, Iyanna Sims

▪ **Call to order**

The meeting was called to order at 3:36pm.

▪ **Agenda Topics**

**I. Program Follow-up**

The program, *Recruiting Underrepresented Populations to the Library Profession – Next Steps*, held on October 14, 2016 at Elon University was very successful. There were approximately 35 people in attendance. Attendees shared good ideas for future stand-alone workshops and conference programs.

The webinar, *Race in the Professional Workplace*, was also very successful. Fifty-eight people, in-state and out-of-state, registered for the webinar. Approximately 30 people attended with a group viewing of nine (9) at Wake Forest University.

**II. Upcoming Programs**

The next webinar, *Libraries and Social Justice*, will be on Thursday, December 1, 2016. Since Tuesday, November 22, 2016, 83 people registered for the webinar. Registrants are in-state and out-of-state. One registrant informed Shamella Cromartie there will be a large group watching at a library.

There was a discussion to monetize webinars but the Board decided to make the webinars and archival links freely available.

**III. Future Programs**

Shamella Cromartie proposed a program on African and Native American genealogy with the possible dates of February 10<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup>. The Board agreed on the proposed program. Shamella will confirm date, location, and speaker contract. She will reach out to those who expressed an interest in serving on REMCo's Planning Committee to assist with program logistics. There was a suggestion that REMCo look to partner with other sections and roundtables, such as Public Library Section, for this program.

**IV. Conference Planning and Partnerships**

Gerald Holmes, member of the NCLA Conference Planning Committee, shared the following timeline for conference programming:

December 2016 – Programming Committee will ask if sections and roundtables are interested in having any preconference programming and/or conference programs

March 2017 – Deadline for Sections and Roundtables to confirm programming

May 2017 – Programming Committee will open a general call for other programs

June/July 2017 – Committee will start promoting programs for the conference

There were several ideas for preconference/conference programming: parlaying a webinar topic

into a program, imposter syndrome, microaggression with Courtney Young, and a social event on Tuesday night. There was a suggestion to develop a list of different types of programs and send out a call to REMCo members.

Forest Foster suggested REMCo offer a workshop on interviewing skills. Gerald informed the group that a new library school student interest group, led by Brianne Crumpton, may be a good avenue to reach students about the topic. The interest group will be looking at what students are interested in and developing a track for students at the NCLA conference.

Gerald also proposed an essay competition for a scholarship for library school students to attend the NCLA conference. REMCo could probably work with other sections and roundtables to support this initiative.

Dr. Grant, Dean of School of Library and Information Sciences at North Carolina Central University (NCCU), will be willing to partner with REMCo on events.

**V. Newsletter**

The REMCo newsletter has been well-received. The next newsletter should be published by January 6<sup>th</sup>. Jewel will send out a call for submission with a deadline of December 14<sup>th</sup>. Jewel will also reach out those who expressed an interest in serving on the newsletter committee.

**VI. Membership**

REMCo has gained seven members since October 14, 2016. Dr. Ismail Abdullahi will like to partner with REMCo to help boost REMCo membership by connecting with NCCU's alumni group.

The Board needs to think about ways to engage REMCo members and increase member participation in programming such as webinars.

**VII. Other Business**

REMCo now has a Twitter account. The roundtable needs to increase followers. However, people are finding out about REMCo programming on NCLA's twitter account.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 4:45pm.

Minutes submitted by Iyanna Sims