

MLA 2016 Conference

Reference and Adult Services Subunit, RASS

Business Meeting Minutes

September 30, 2016

8:10am, French River Room 1

The meeting was called to order at 8:10am by Sarah Hawkins and Jill Wujcik, 2016 RASS Co-Chairs. 8 RASS members were in attendance.

Item 1: Reminder of Purpose and Vision

Purpose: To promote and develop library service to adults and encourage collaboration between library professionals who serve adults in the state of Minnesota.

Vision: To share best practices, to encourage research, and to promote programming related to reference and adult services across all libraries in the state of Minnesota.

Item 2: 2016 Update

RASS Rendezvous--- RASS held its 4th annual networking event at St. Paul Public Library's George Latimer Central Library in August, with 9 librarians attending. The event started with dinner and a discussion of best practices in cataloging highly anticipated materials and effectively marketing library services. The group then toured the library, which included uncovered architectural ceilings with original artwork, views of the city, a librarian-created St. Paul newspaper index, and the Innovation Lab makerspace. A [digital tour](#) with historical photos assisted the tour guide.

Rapid Fire Resources: 30 in 60--- This is the second year in a row that RASS sponsored this session at conference, after positive feedback last year. Five librarian panelists present 6 resources each, in a variety of formats and subjects, with 90 seconds for each resource. The intent of the session is to connect RASS members across library types and to encourage learning about new reference tools to improve service.

Item 3: Elect New Co-Chair:

RASS members were notified of the need to elect a 2017-2018 co-chair and that a single nomination had been put forth prior to conference.

Candidate: Hannah Buckland has worked as the library director at Leech Lake Tribal College since moving to Minnesota in January 2014. Along with managing a joint-use academic/community library, she serves as a member of the Leech Lake Reservation's Native Community Development Institute team and Governor Dayton's Task Force on Broadband.

Buckland was elected as 2017-2018 co-chair through a unanimous vote of members present.

Item 4: Looking to 2017

Co-chair Wujcik reported that RASS is already looking towards planning events for 2017. RASS is interested in members' new program ideas as well.

RASS Rendezvous--- If you are willing to host or have suggestions for libraries you would be interested in seeing, share those with Jill Wujcik or Hannah Buckland.

Rapid Fire Resources: 30 in 60--- Share ideas or note interest of participation or share other conference session ideas with Jill Wujcik or Hannah Buckland. The call for proposals usually goes out around March.

Items from the floor:

Members shared highlights of adult programs or services they are providing in their libraries.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:40am.