Julie Todaro’s Presidential Initiative
ALA Midwinter 2017 Program Proposal
Special, School, Academic, and Public Libraries Committees

Title Possibilities:

A. Information Navigators: Competencies and Careers for the Next Information Century – a Town Hall Discussion

B. Library Professionals: Expert Educators in the 21st Century and Beyond – A Town Hall Dialog on Competencies, Careers, and Strategies

C. How to Thrive in the New 21st Century Library Work Space: A Town Hall Dialog on Competencies, Careers, and Strategies

Date: Saturday, January 21, 2017
Time: 1 – 3 pm
Attendance: 100

Description for Conference Materials:

Your destiny awaits in this town hall type discussion on the future of library professionals as expert educators. Guided by a moderator and four thought leaders representing special, school, academic and public libraries, the forum will also include a graduate school dean to address Master’s level curriculum, and an employer, who will speak about expectations and competencies they look for, and the types of positions for which they now hire. Attendees will be invited to contribute to the conversation throughout this interactive session.

Short Description for Planning Purposes:

A town hall type meeting with 3-4 speakers and a moderator covering the following areas of interest – overview of the future; an educator to address MLIS programs; an employer to speak about expectations and competencies they look for and the types of positions they now hire for; big picture/non-traditional careers that utilize MLIS skills and competencies. Each presenter would have 5-7 minutes to present ideas based on 3-5 questions presented to them in advance that could form the parameters for their talking points. Then the session would be opened to questions and discussion on the broad topic.

A/V requirements:

Panel set up in front with microphones and lectern for moderator. Microphones available on the floor including portable microphones so that committee members could hand a microphone to audience members who want to speak in place. If possible, we would like to have the discussion filmed for possible future use in a webinar or other online format that could be utilized in some way to expand the discussion with those not able to attend Midwinter or possibly to post on the Office for Human Resource Development & Recruitment (HRDR) web site to generate feedback and other ideas.
Anticipated Audience:

MLIS faculty, employers, library staff at all organizational levels and from all types of libraries, information professionals, and other library workers from all types of libraries and specialties including those from non-traditional positions/institutions, technology workers and others interested in the changing nature of competencies/skills now required to work in libraries and information navigators from other institutions.

Speakers:

- Moderator
- Four thought leaders representing
  - Special libraries
  - School libraries
  - Academic libraries
  - Public libraries
- MLIS graduate school dean
- An employer

[Note: Each committee will suggest date/time are confirmed.]

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