

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered Round Table
of the American Library Association
2009 Annual Conference, Chicago, Illinois

Steering Committee I
Meeting Minutes

July 11, 2009

I. Call to order

David S. Vess called to order the regular meeting of the GLBTRT of ALA at 8:00 a.m. on July 11, 2009 in the Clark Room of the Palmer House Hotel

II. Introductions

Tracy Nectoux, GLBTRT Secretary, recorded the names of those in attendance. The following GLBTRT members were present: John Andrews, Ellen Bosman, Matthew Ciszek, Norman Eriksen, John Furlong, Roland Hansen, Peter Hepburn, Lisa Johnston, Dale McNeill, Tracy Nectoux, Barbara Pickell, Jerry Reynolds,

- x Second: Jim Simonis
- x Passed by unanimous voice vote

b) Purchasing of Accessible Electronic Resources Resolution

- x Motion 3
- x Permission to fully support resolution
- x Motion: John Sandstrom
- x Second: Tracy Nectoux
- x Passed by unanimous voice vote

c) Accessibility for Library Websites

- x Motion 4
- x Permission to support this resolution
- x Motion: John Sandstrom
- x Second: Matt Ciszek
- x Passed by unanimous voice vote

d) Resolution on Libraries and the Continuing Wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

A Resolution calling for us to leave Iraq and Afghanistan and repatriate the intellectual content that we've taken during the course of the war. Exact wording is not out yet.

- x Motion 5
- x Table this until we have exact wording of resolution
- x Motion: Matt Ciszek
- x Second: Jim Sandstrom
- x Passed. 1 abstention

V. Address from Peter Ji and Jackie Frett (PFLAG)

PFLAG would like more collaboration between libraries and local PFLAG chapters. They want to increase comfort levels for parents to find books. Librarians should know that we have the option to refer parents of LGBT children, as well as children of LGBT parents, to PFLAG.

A discussion concerning building relationships with other PFLAG groups in conference cities followed. ~~Per~~ Perhaps we could plan something with PFLAG in 2013? We will work at keeping up our ties with Chicago's PFLAG chapter.

x \$18 distribution center (ALA) charges

In addition, ALA charged \$618 for overhead costs.

Expenses for the Social in Denver will be shown on the Midwinter 2009 financial report. However, keeping in mind that the numbers above do not include these figures, the cost of the Social was \$892. \$422 was collected in cash and went to catering. We paid \$320 for catering and \$150 for the room rental. Our next report will reflect this \$470 expense.

Our endowment fund balance as of March 31, 2009, was \$66,606.78. We received \$1,640 of donations in the last seven months. We received \$1,513 in interest/dividends. The fund had losses of \$13,214. While this sounds bleak, it's useful to recall that the fund balance was just above \$50,000 in November 2008. At the highest, the balance was a bit more than \$76,000. We're making progress to returning to that balance. To support two book awards, ALA would now like us to have a fund balance of \$100,000. To support three book awards, we need to work toward a fund balance of \$150,000. This is clearly an achievable goal and encourage each member of GLBTRT to make a contribution—of any size to the GLBTRT Endowment Fund before our anniversary gala next year in Washington, DC.

As this is my final report as your treasurer, I would like to thank each of the members, donors, volunteers, and supporters of the Round Table. I'd especially like to thank the former Treasurers, whose work greatly assisted me. When I attended a party given by the GLTF in Chicago in 1985, I never imagined that I would one day be the treasurer of what would become this Round Table. I'm both humbled and honored to have served as Treasurer and to have been elected as chair.

Respectfully submitted,

Dale McNeill
Treasurer, GLBTRT, 2007-2009
Co-chair, GLBTRT, 2009 (after conference) 2011

- g) Secretary Report (None)
- h) ALA Executive Board Liaison

Current Membership Statistics:

The latest Membership Statistics report from the OLOS office is attached to this report From April 2009. The report indicates the following membership trends from the year before:

- x Membership in the round table is 921 members
- x Personal membership has decreased about 5%
- x Student memberships have dropped over 7%

Membership feedback when dropping membership states that economic pressures are the leading cause for members leaving the round table. This is a trend that is affecting the entire association.

Membership Brochure

Tina Coleman in the ALA Office for Membership Promotion has created a new membership brochure for the round table that is making its debut at Annual in Chicago. This brochure will be available at the membership kiosk, the social, the book awards brunch, and at other round table events to publicize the work of the round table.

Committee Volunteer Form

The Membership Committee in conjunction with the Steering Committee is working on a committee volunteer form that can be used each year to make committee appointments and gauge interest in the work of various committees and projects. This form will be linked from the GLBTRT page and send the information to the Steering Committee or another "volunteer" email list.

Membership Database

The Membership Committee would like to suggest that we discontinue the membership database started by Keith Trimmer. Current membership information from ALA, in conjunction with the new volunteer form, is sufficient. Thanks to Keith Trimmer and David Connors for collecting and maintainthis information.

Membership Pavilion Events for Annual 2010

Annual 2010 is the 40th anniversary of the GLBTRT. Over the next year, the Membership Committee in conjunction with Program Planning Committee and the ALA Office of Membership Promotion will wron events for the Membership Pavilion next year.

Matthew P. Ciszek
Membership Committee Chair

k) Newsletter Committee

I printed 150 copies of the Summer 2009 issue and will make them available at the kiosk, in the GLBTRT distribution box, and at the ~~South~~ Without funding to print and send additional copies, I could not afford to follow the excellent suggestion to mail hard copies of this issue to all the businesses mentioned in the Out in Chicago Feature. I printed 100 copies of the Winter 2009 newsletter; about 50 were picked up.

Tracy Nectoux and I have been posting reviews and selected articles to the GLBTRT blog.

As the Summer 2009 issue is my last, I have updated and clarified the Newsletter procedures and style guide prepared for me by Ken Wells, my predecessor. They are ready to pass along to my successor as soon as one is named.

Tracy Nectoux has indicated she is willing to continue on as Reviews Editor and hopes to begin reviewing GLBT music with the Fall 2009 issue. I will continue writing articles and/or reviews for the Newsletter.

Article submissions from GLBTRT committee chairs and officers, to keep the membership informed and engaged, are always welcome.

Also welcome are submissions of articles from members and friends about their local GLBT library and archive collections, services, resources, or challenges. Tracy Nectoux has a large stable of reviewers but is also looking for additional folks willing to critique books, films, audiobooks, and music.

John Bradford,
Newsletter Committee Chair

l) Nominating Committee Report

This year, the GLBTRT had two open elected positions:

- x Male-identified Co-Chair
- x Treasurer

Co-Chair Nminees:

- x Dale McNeill
- x Walter "Cat" Walker
- x Victor Schill

Treasure Nominees

- x Ellen Bosman
- x Bill Holden withdrew his due to his partner's job change

The incoming Chair is Dale McNeill.

The incoming Treasurer is Ellen Bosman.

It was agreed at Midwinter SC 2 that the Nominating Committee would no longer exist, the duties would now be taken over by the Membership Committee.

Lisa N. Johnston,
Nominating Committee Chair

m) Program Planning Committee

The Program Committee has developed two programs for the Annual Conference in Chicago in July, 2009. Our Tango program has become very exciting with the recent addition of the two authors of "And Tango makes Three" book, however we must sadly report that two of our Librarian panelists have had to drop out for health reasons. I am sure that we'll have a great program anyway and we are seeking a replacement panelist.

Forty Years from Stonewall

- x Presenter John D'Emilio

- x Frank Giammarino 2009/2010 -2010/2011,
frank_giammarino@yahoo.com Community Library Manager, Dr.
Martin Luther King. Jr. Library, Carson, CA
- x Lisa Johnston incoming chair, 2010/2011, ljohnston@sbc.edu,
Associate Director, Sweet Briar College, Sweet Briar, VA
- x Analisa Ornelas 2009/2010 -2010/2011,
analisa.ornelas@yahoo.com Systems Librarian/Innovative Interfaces,
Inc., Emeryville, CA
- x Jason D. Phillips 2009/2010 -2010/2011,
jdphillips@library.msstate.edu Government Documents & United
Nations Librarian, Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS
- x Robert B. Ridinger 2008/2009 -2009/2010, rridinger@niu.edu,
Electronic Information Resources Management, Northern Illinois
University, DeKalb, IL
- x Christopher Shoemaker 2009/2010 -2010/2011,
Christopher_Shoemaker@nypl.org , Young Adult Programming
Specialist, New York Public Library
- x James Simonis - chair, 2009/2010, simonis@lemoyne.edu, Librarian
Emeritus, Le Moyne College, Syracuse, NY
- x Roseann Szalkowski 2009/2010 -2010/2011,
RSzalkowski@skokiepubliclibrary.info, Senior Cataloger, Skokie Public
Library, IL
- x Gypsy Teague, 2009/2010 -2010/2011,
gteague@exchange.clemson.edu Gunning Architecture Library,
Clemson University, SC
- x Corwin Watts -2009/2010 -2010/2011, thaumbody@windstream.net
Gifted Children Mentor, Lincoln, NE

Some statistics about the committee:

- x Half are female identified and half are male identified.
- x Seven are from academic libraries, four are from public libraries, two are from school libraries, and one is from a corporate library.
- x Two are from the Midwest, four are from the Northeast, four are from the South, and four are from the West.

Four are returning from 2008/2009, and ten are new to the committee. Five of the new members are from the list which the chairs compiled of people who were waiting to serve on the committee. Four are individuals who have reviewed books for our newsletters. (My apologies to Tracy for stealing so many of her reviewers.) I contacted these reviewers about membership on the committee because we needed individuals from public and school

Minor changes on a few web pages were performed:

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- x OlsenClark suggests always having an annual membership fund drive. Come to them for help with planning your annual fund raising drive.
- x They can help a great deal, such as identify someone willing to do a matching donation (i.e. put up \$500 as an incentive to raise another \$500).
- x Use existing events (or other things that you can leverage) that you already have in place/do as a fund raising opportunity.
- x Look to see what other organizations are doing for fundraising and planned giving- inside and outside ALA, what can you apply to your plans?
- x They will post sample sponsorship agreements; venue agreements; author agreements, etc. so that we can all see language.

Jenny Levine, Leader of the ALA Connect Project

- x No one can edit posts
- x If you want to collaborate, then use an ~~one~~ doc
- x You can attach subject headings to your group. Contact Jenny to get others added for this ability in Connect.
- x Profiles
 - o Jenny encourages people to fill out profiles and make them public. (note the default profile only have your name – that can be seen by anyone.

- o improved searching

David S. Vess,
Co-Chair, GLBTRT

X. Unfinished Business

- x Second: Lisa Johnston
- x Passed by unanimous voice vote

u) 2010 Midwinter Social

We are still in need of volunteers. If we decide to have the social at a local library, we plan to ask attendees to bring a book for donation.

XII. Adjournment

Steering Committee I was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

- x Motion 8
- x Motion to adjourn
- x Motion: Matt Ciszek
- x Second: Lisa Johnston
- x Passed by unanimous voice vote

Minutes submitted by: Tracy Nectoux, GLBTRT Secretary, August 2009

Minutes approved by the GLBTRT Steering Committee Meeting I, January 16, 2010, ALA Midwinter Meeting