

Executive Board Conference Call Notes
December 20, 2010

Present for the call: President Roberta Stevens; President-elect Molly Raphael; Treasurer Jim Neal (exited call early); Immediate Past President Camila Alire; Executive Director Keith Michael Fiels; Sr. Associate Executive Director Mary Ghikas; Linda Williams; Kevin Reynolds; Stephen Matthews; Em Claire Knowles; Diane Chen; Pat Hogan; Joseph Eagan; JoAnne Kempf, Director, ALA Governance Office; Delores Yates, Executive Board Secretariat; and Council Secretariat Lois Ann Gregory-Wood.

I. Membership Meeting

Keith Fiels summarized a conference call with Loida Garcia-Febo, chair of the Committee on Membership Meetings. Beginning with the 2011 Annual Conference, there will be a Membership Meeting on Saturday afternoon and a virtual meeting either prior to or after Annual Conference. The committee is developing a survey to determine the best time for the virtual meeting and will make a recommendation based on the survey results.

Lois Ann Gregory-Wood mentioned that the survey is ready to go. The committee will send the survey after Roberta Stevens sends a message to the general ALA membership. Members of the Executive Board suggested that it may be better to send the survey after Midwinter, possibly the week of January 17.

II. Midwinter 2011

Mary Ghikas reported that as of December 17th there were 5,032 registrants verses 5,507 for the 2010 Midwinter Meeting. There is a good assumption that onsite registration will not be as strong as 2010 due to the higher population density on the east coast. Onsite registration will be under the target. As of early December exhibits are at budget and still selling. Advertising is over budget. Gale is donating the buses.

There has been quite a bit of last minute marketing aimed at the San Diego area and through the California Library Association.

Division pre-conferences are continuing to grow.

III. White Paper on the Future of Midwinter

Keith Fiels sent a draft of the paper to the Board and asked for any comments by December 27th. The final document will go to Council. The staff liaisons will be asked to send to their groups. This will be included in "What's Happening" and Keith Fiels' message to Council and through ALA

Direct and in the Executive Board liaison talking points. It will be made clear that this will not require any policy change.

IV. Council Resolutions on Hotels

Two resolutions have been proposed regarding union issues with conference hotels. Attorney Paula Goedert is reviewing the language in the two proposed resolutions. Several individuals have contacted Board and Council members regarding issues with some San Diego hotels. Keith Fiels is waiting to receive information from the union representative that will detail exactly what is happening. Em Claire Knowles will send the contact information for the union group.

V. Young Librarians Working Group

The group has focused on eight goal areas. There has been an internal meeting to review at the recommendations. This will be a topic at the spring Executive Board meeting. Several other groups also have a role in the final outcomes. The idea of a permanent on-going structure may be an option.

VI. Wiki Leaks

The Intellectual Freedom Committee (IFC) and the Committee on Legislation (COL) are prepared to lead discussions at Midwinter. Deanna Markum at the Library of Congress is very eager to provide input. Meetings are being arranged for Midwinter with IFC and COL.

VII. IFLA Nominations

Keith Fiels explained that ALA wants a US nominee for all IFLA sections. Divisions and Roundtables make recommendations and the International Relations Committee brings the recommendations for Executive Board approval. The Board was asked to review nominations at this conference call.

On a motion by Em Claire Knowles, seconded by Patricia Hogan, the Executive Board

Voted to accept the nominations to the IFLA sections as recommended by the International Relations Committee.

VIII. Midwinter Agendas

The Board reviewed the Council and Executive Board agendas for the 2011 Midwinter Meeting.