American Library Association
Committee Information Update

Please note: ALA and Council committees are required to submit an update of their activities within one-month after each Midwinter Meeting and Annual Conference. This form will be sent to the ALA Council and the ALA Committee on Organization.

Report for Midwinter 2011

Name of Committee: Scholarship & Study Grants Committee

Committee Chair: Toni C. Dean

Committee Members Present: Toni Dean (Chair and Member), Marissa Alcorta (Member), Melissa Brechon (ERT rep), Aisha Harvey (Member), Nicola McDonald (Intern), Donald Roalkvam (Scholarship Bash Rep), Lorelle Swader (Staff Liaison), Becky Thompson (Intern), Alicia Yao (Member)

Committee Members Absent: Tamika Barnes (Spectrum Advisory Rep), Alys Jordan (Division Rep), Robert Newlen (HRDR Advisory Rep), Kevin Reynolds (Executive Liaison), Kimberly Sanders (Staff Liaison), Gail Schlachter (Round Table Coordinating Assembly Rep), John Vitali (Endowment Trustee Rep), Stephanie Walker (Division Rep)

Others Present:

Accomplishments [at this meeting], a concise account:
The following issues were reported:
1. Jury appointments are completed.
2. All scholarship applications opened in October. The current awards page is populated primarily with past information, and is continuing to be updated.
3. The Scholarship Bash committee was disbanded; however the next bash was to be held in the World War II museum. ProQuest still intends to fund the event, and they will determine their own committee.
4. There are new standards from NCATE for school librarians, and criteria for judging candidates may change because of the new standards which are 12-18 months out. These will be important for this committee when looking at applications – jury members must make sure candidates meet the new qualifications. Jury members will receive the new standards.

The following issues were discussed:
1. Rubric guidelines developed by the Rubric Subcommittee for general scholarships to committee members were distributed. Rubrics for each scholarship may be needed to qualify the specific requirements of each. The need to include staff liaisons and jury chairs in further developing the rubric due to institutional history was emphasized.
2. The rubric will be updated and sent to Lorelle. Potential survey questions will be developed to gain feedback from staff liaisons and jury chairs.

3. The meeting time for the SSGC was changed last year to the Sunday 10:30am time slot with committee member’s approval, but the committee did not have a quorum this day due to continuing conflicts with other meetings. It was suggested that appointments to the committee should be determined based on the members’ additional commitments (In other words, if someone has a conflicting appointment, he/she should not be appointed to this committee, or vice versa). This meeting cannot be moved to Saturday; this committee previously met on Friday, but committee members did not like this because they had not met with their boards. The meeting will be kept at Sunday 10:30am for now, but if the Annual Meeting has no quorum, a new time may need to be discussed.

Other comments/information you believe will help the Association in its work:

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