

American Library Association Committee on Organization
Report to Council
Annual Conference – Washington, D.C.

ACTION ITEMS

- Add two committee representatives to RNTLOAK from ARSL (one) and ABOS (one)

BACKGROUND:

The charge of **Rural, Native, and Tribal Libraries of All Kinds Committee (RNTLOAK)** is: To review issues and challenges facing rural, native and tribal libraries of all kinds; to collaborate with other ALA units addressing the needs of rural communities; and to serve as an advocate for and partner with libraries serving rural, tribal and native populations.

Currently, RNTLOAK members represent the American Indian Library Association (AILA), the Public Library Association (PLA), the American Association of School Librarians (AASL), Legislative Committee, and Office for Diversity, Literacy and Outreach Services (ODLOS). While this is a decent spectrum of members from ALA divisions and committees, it lacks rural representation. The addition of a member from Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services (ABOS) and Association for Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL) will be a more well-rounded committee as there is an overlap in interests and services that will lead to more outreach and partnership opportunities. The Presidents of ABOS and ARSL have been consulted and agreed to add a member from each association to RNTLOAK.

PROPOSAL:

1. Add two members to RNTLOAK, one from Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services (ABOS) and one from Association for Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL).
2. New added members will be appointed by the respective presiding officer.

ACTION ITEM: Be resolved that Council approves

The two additional representatives from Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services (ABOS) and from Association for Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL) respectively to the Rural, Native, and Tribal Libraries of All Kinds Committee (RNTLOAK).

Information Item:

- At the Committee on Organization (COO)'s meetings during the ALA Annual Conference, the members reviewed the Committee's Action Request Form, received the updates/reports from SCOE Chair and the ALA external consultant, and heard the name change from The Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Round Table (GLBTRT) name change to the Rainbow Round Table (RRT)

BACKGROUND:

In 2016, the GLBTRT Executive Board began formal discussions regarding whether the name Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Round Table (GLBTRT) is inclusive and an accurate reflection of our membership. This was in response to regular queries from members and non-members alike, who asked why the round table was called the GLBTRT, instead of using a more commonly used acronym, such as LGBT, or more inclusive acronym, such as LGBTQ+.

PROPOSAL:

In 2017, the GLBTRT Executive Board conducted a series of in-person and online surveys at its executive board and membership meetings, at the social during the Annual Conference, and via the GLBTRT listserv, to poll and discuss this issue with its membership. An additional survey with the top five names was sent out via the listserv in May 2018 and the results were discussed at the Executive Board meeting during the Annual Conference. The name that received the most support by GLBTRT membership was Rainbow Round Table (RRT). The Executive Board voted at its meeting in October 2018 to put an additional option up for vote in the 2019 ALA elections - the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Round Table (LGBTQRT) - as this acronym order was more standard within our peer organizations. The Rainbow Round Table (RRT) received 225 votes, 51.6 percent of the votes, while the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Round Table (LGBTQRT) received 211 votes, and 48.4 percent of the votes in the ALA elections. It is the GLBTRT Executive Board's understanding that a simple majority of votes is needed. We would therefore like to formally adopt Rainbow Round Table as our round table's new name in our continued efforts to make our round table as inclusive for its members as possible.

- COO would like to take this opportunity to reaffirm its charge:

To advise and assist regarding structural and organizational concerns in ALA. To recommend to Council the establishment or discontinuance of divisions, round tables, membership initiative groups, ALA committees, assemblies and joint committees, as the needs of the Association may require. To define the functions of these units, subject to approval of the Council. To recommend to Council the establishment, including the name and size, of other standing committees to consider matters of the Association that require continuity of attention by the members. To recommend to Executive Board the appropriate unit to appoint Official Representatives to outside organizations. To receive notification of the formation of interdivisional committees.

- COO looks forward to participating in the ALA's continual discussions of the organizational effectiveness.

2018-2019 COO ROSTER

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