



**Minutes of the Membership of the
Exhibits Round Table
June 25, 2018**

A meeting was held of the Membership of the Exhibits Round Table of ALA in New Orleans, LA during the 2018 ALA Annual Conference on June 25, 2018

Board Members In attendance were:

Vendor members: Kelly Coyle-Crivelli - Chair, David Lysinger - Vice-Chair, Jay Askuvich - Treasurer, Gene Shimshock - Secretary, Jason Wells, Stephanie Lund, Rachel Lehmann, Susan Rhoad, Kirk Whisler

Librarian Members:

Alice Knapp - Vice-Chair Librarian, Kelly McElroy

Absent from the meeting were:

Librarian members: George Abbott

ALA Staff and Guests in attendance:

Paul Graller, ALA Conference Services
Various staff from GES, Hall-Erikson and ALA.

There were approximately 45 ERT members and interested parties in attendance.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 8:05 am. Introductions were made.

A majority of Board members were present and a quorum was declared.

The following documents were accepted by the Chair, distributed to attendees, and entered into the minutes:

- ERT Membership Meeting Agenda- June 24, 2018 (Exhibit A)

Mr. Shimshock introduced the slate of candidates for this year's board and reminded ERT members to vote as the voting would close at 8:15am.

Mr. Askuvich reviewed the financial and membership reports a summary of which was included in the Membership Meeting Agenda.

Ms. Coyle-Crivelli announced that the 2018 Quilt and ART Silent Auction produced nearly \$6,000 for the Hoy Scholarship. Details of which are provided in the Membership Meeting Agenda.

Ms. Knapp reported that the ERT started a new program with NMRT to conduct a tour of the exhibits for new librarians and that the first tour was held the past Saturday. Further, she reported that Mr. Shimshock and she conducted the tour and that she positioned exhibits as a "learning lab" that every librarian would find useful. The tour was considered a success and the ERT will propose a similar tour for next year.

Ms Knapp reported on the ERT programs. Some were well attended, some were not. The Program Committee working with the ALA submission software. This, along with the quality of the initial submissions made the process much simpler this year over others.

Ms. Coyle-Crivelli reported the most current 2018 attendee registration number of 12,391 as compared to Chicago (16,003) and Orlando (11,319) Details of which are provided in the Membership Meeting Agenda.

Ms. Coyle-Crivelli reported that 2019 Midwinter will be the first Midwinter with no-conflict times. The no-conflict times will be Saturday, 2-3 and Sunday, 10:30-11:30.

She further reported that the ALA is conducting a serious review of the future of Midwinter and that the current options are to 1) keep Midwinter as is; 2) cancel Midwinter altogether; and 3) cancel Midwinter and replace with differently configured event. Mr. Shimshock reported that the Board's position (as communicated to the ALA Executive Board) as in support of cancelling the current meeting and replacing with another event (currently referred to as Scenario 3). He further mentioned that any of the members who had an opinion about this matter should either talk to one of the Board members or use the "open mic" session.

Ms. Coyle-Crivelli opened the floor to state shows and ALA staff. Cindy Boyle of the Texas Library Association promoted their upcoming Annual Conference and announced an August Executive Leadership Immersion.

With no further state or ALA staff requesting the floor, Ms. Coyle-Crivelli opened the floor to members for questions or comments.

Membership question regarding when Midwinter changes would occur. Mr. Graller reported that the no conflict time would take effect during the 2019 Midwinter Meeting in Seattle. Regarding the "three options", if changes were to occur, they could take effect as early as Philadelphia in 2020.

Comment from Membership for the Board to consider possibly using some of the funds in the ERT account to better promote the Exhibits and especially focusing on the small publisher exhibitors.

Question from Membership regarding negotiating materials handling to be straight time. A representative from GES responded that it is different in each city and is based on what time shipping arrives and the union rules under which the show is operating.

With no further members requesting the floor, Ms. Coyle-Crivelli announced the election results:

Vendor Board Members elected: Elenita Chmilowski (Ingram), David Lysinger (Recorded Books), Kate Waldron (EBSCO)

Librarian Board Member elected: Rachel Clukey (Delaware County District Library)

Adjournment

Without any further business to put forward to the Membership, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05

Respectfully submitted, this day August 8, 2018 by Eugene Shimshock, Secretary