Minutes of the

Exhibits Round Table

Membership Meeting

July 1, 2013

ALA Annual, Chicago, IL

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Gene Shimshock at 8:05 am.

**Board members in attendance:**

Gene Shimshock, Chair

Jay Askuvich, Vendor Co-Chair & Treasurer

Melissa Brechon, Librarian Vice-Chair

Osha Saylor, Secretary

Alice Knapp

Kelly Coyle-Crivelli

Joseph Eagan

Kevin Stewart

# Janet Nelson

**Others present:**

Paul Graller, Hall Erickson, Inc.

Molly Raphael, Liaison to the ALA Executive Committee

**Board Members absent:**

Todd Voorhees (term expired)

Jason Wells

**Treasurer’s Report:**

The treasurer read the financial report for end of FY12 of $23,620 and FY13 of $29,486. The membership status for 2013 is 372 comprising of: 232 Personal, 18 Organizational, and 122 Corporate compared to 375 in 2012: 222, 22, and 131 respectively. Discussion ensued regarding increasing corporate membership.

**Reports from Standing Committees:**

Education Committee (Melissa)

Chris Hoy Committee (Kelly)

Membership Committee (Jason)

Librarian Education Committee (Jay/Alice)

**Education Committee:** Librarian Vice-Chair gave report on Education Committee and ERT Sponsored programs – 12 were submitted for ALA Annual 2013 and 5 were approved with 45 attendees. Discussion ensued regarding plans for future session submissions.

**Chris Hoy Committee:** Kelly Coyle-Crivelli reported on the silent auction and 11 quilts and 2 other art pieces were donated bringing in just under $7,000 for sponsorships. Kudos to Kelly for the C H S brochure – thanks to Paul Graller and Conference Services for the auction’s excellent location – recognition and appreciation expressed to Joe Frueh for his mother’s quilts.

**Membership Committee:** Membership report given by Jason Wells. We now have a list of all members but data need review to see what percentage of overall exhibitors are ERT members, if we think that percentage is too low or just right, and what steps need to be taken to recruit new members, if we need them. Also, raised the question of whether we should have regular communication with existing members and in what fashion. Discussion ensued.

**Librarian Education Committee:** Membership report given by Alice Knapp.

**Conference Planning (Conference Services):** Paul Graller reported on ALA Annual 2013 and 26,120 in attendance by end of day, Saturday—consisting of 20,019 non-vendor registrants, 127,000 square feet rented for this conference, an increase of about 12,000 over the previous year. Las Vegas budget is the same as the budget for Chicago. Discussion followed regarding expectations about the Las Vegas environment and concerns about librarians using hotels outside of the housing block for ALA Annual 2014.

**New Business:**

ERT’s Elections were announced as follows: Alice Knapp, Ferguson Library will continue as Librarian member; Janet Nelson, DEMCO will continue as a vendor member; Brian Brehm, TLC filled Marc Robertson’s vacancy; Heather Blaine Wiegand, Credo was elected to fill Todd Voorhees vacancy and will also serve as Co-Chair; Jay Askuvich, Midwest Library Service will continue in his role as Treasurer, and so will Osha Saylor, EBSCO as Secretary.

Also, concerns were addressed by exhibitor services regarding badge colors, mobile app pavilion, Las Vegas site selection, late delivery of COGNOTES on Sat, and lead retrieval problems.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at ­­­­8:45am.

Minutes prepared by Osha Saylor, Board Secretary.