

**Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered Round Table  
of the American Library Association  
2008 Midwinter Meeting, Philadelphia, PA  
Steering Committee II  
January 2008**

Steering Committee II had liaison reports and new business.

1. The ALA Office of Diversity is planning to offer online courses. We are planning to contact them and collaborate on integrating TBLG content into these courses.
2. Both candidates for ALA President spoke. There was a rousing discussion on TBLG issues within ALA. Some of the issues discussed were membership confidentiality, advocacy for TBLG library workers, and methods for communicating concerns to ALA leadership.
3. Spectrum Scholars receive a free one-year membership in GLBTRT, and we are working with ALA Office of Diversity staff to publicize this.
4. GLBTRT voted to endorse the following six ALA Council resolutions in principle: 1) Resolution on Government Printing Office FY 2009 Appropriations; Resolution on Redundant Systems and E-Government; Resolution on Full Funding for the Federal Digital System; Resolution on Tribal College Library Membership in the Federal Depository Library Program; Resolution Acknowledging the Courage of Mr. Bassem Youssef; and Resolution Opposing Postal Rate Increases for Small Circulation Publications.
5. There was a good amount of discussion about the Book Award endowment and planning for a youth award. We decided that planning should wait until the endowment for the adult awards is complete, which will hopefully be by ALA Annual, and then work on a children's/YA-themed award endowment. David Gray, Fundraising Committee chair, will be asked to contact ALA to find out more about this new endowment. There may be competing constituencies for this new endowment, and this project will require further investigation.
6. Creating a GLBTRT Intellectual Freedom Committee was discussed. Many divisions and round tables within ALA have intellectual freedom committees. We are hoping to hold a program about intellectual freedom at Annual 2009 as a way to start the dialogue. Membership would have to vote on the formation of this new standing committee.
7. There was discussion on creating an ALA Council resolution requesting that protection for transgendered people be added back to ENDA. John Sandstrom will work with Carolyn Caywood and others on the wording of this resolution. It will be submitted for Annual.
8. The RT created an ad hoc task force to write a response to the RDA proposal about coding authority records to include gender. If you are interested in serving on this task force, please contact K.R. Roberto.

9. John Sandstrom reminded everyone that the 3rd annual REFORMA National Conference will be held in El Paso from Sept. 18-21. Please consider submitting TBLG-themed programming for this conference.