

**Video Round Table
Membership Meeting**
ALA – Annual Conference 2005 - Chicago



Monday, June 27, 2005 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 a.m. Palmer House, Montrose 1

31 members present.

I. Call to Order – Mary Laskowski

II. Additions to Meeting Agenda – n/a

III. Reading and Approval of Minutes, Barb Bergman

Minutes from MidWinter in Boston approved.

IV. Treasurer's Report Mary Konkel

Mary Konkel distributed detailed report. Balance is currently \$8,283.29.

V. General Chair / Vice Chair Reports Nell Chenault / Mary Laskowski

- Thanks to Mary Konkel and the rest of the committee
- Reported on the Roundtable Coordinator Assembly. Current system with 1 representative having 12 roundtables to speak for, while another one represents the 4 largest roundtables. There is a proposal to change the bylaws in order to make the representation more balanced – no more than 3 or 4 roundtables per representative.

VI. Report from Standing Committees

Membership Meghan Matwichuk

- Membership for 2005 is slightly up with 207 members over 198 last year.
- Suggestion was made to send letters to dropped members, asking them why they discontinued their membership.
- VRT list: vrt@ala.org – listserv has been setup, but it does not appear that all members are on it. Listserv is intended for VRT business matters.
- Exhibit booth worked well. We have a bill for \$283, but will only owe \$83. We saved on cost by supplying our own equipment. Thank you to Nell for letting us use her laptop computer.

Nominating/Elections Carlton Jackson

- Results of the last election were shared.
- Lisbeth will serve as vice-chair (aka chair-elect)
- Thank you to all who agreed to chair.

Publications

Newsletter Lisbeth Goldberg

- Future newsletters will be distributed electronically. Conference pocket guide for Annual will still be printed and mailed.
- New editor is needed to replace Lisbeth as she moves into chair-elect position.
- A suggestion was made to have liaisons submit a written report that could be posted on the website, allowing them to more fully report than during our limited meeting time.

- Ideas suggested included: “Spin-off” of disc cleaning machines; co-sponsoring a copyright program with the Copyright Office? Becky Albitz in on the Copyright Committee; Digital video such as DVD and streaming video.

Preconference 2007, Washington, DC Lisbeth Goldberg

- We will be sponsoring a half-day preconference (Friday 2:00-5:00pm preferred). Topic will be copyright and fair use, presented by faculty at the Center for Social Media at American University. Facility at the Washington School of Law has capacity for 160 attendees. American University will provide facility and help of an administrative assistant free of charge as long as we leave some seats for American University people.
- Discussed partnering with ALA Washington Office or Office of Information Technology or Office of Public Programming.

Galas:

Gala 2006, New Orleans. Joe Clark, Stephen Pomes, Samuel Readman, Kathleen Kilgen

- Joe suggested the School for Performing Arts which is located in a residential part of the French Quarter. They have a nice theatre facility. He has some local documentary filmmakers in mind as possible speakers.
- If we want to have our ticketing done by ALA, plans must be submitted by October.
- Lori Stevens volunteered to help with poster design.

Gala 2007, Washington, DC Carleton Jackson

- American Film Institute will make a good venue. Possibility that conference will coincide with the Silver Docs film festival.

Digital Video Discussion Group – Annual 2006 Rick Provine

- Topic will probably be streaming media. Discussion leader needed.

Media Literacy

- Try to promote media literacy as part of information literacy statement put out by ACRL
- Lori Stevens volunteered to work on creating a media literacy resource page for the website.

Mentoring – Meghann

- ALA Membership can help us set up a mentoring program.
- Discussed possible tie-in with a conference scholarship. Mike Boedicker and Steve Pomes will investigate.

IX. Liaison Reports

Liaisons were asked to submit a short report to Cecilia by Friday, July 8, for posting on the website.

Recruiting liaisons from membership and other groups:

ALA Council	Jordan Scepanski (Roundtable Councilor thru 2006)
ALA ACRL Arts (& FABS)	Joan Sloan
ALA ACRL Media	Diane Kachmar
ALA NMRT	Meghan Matwichuk
ALA PLA AV	Adele Bellinger
ALA ICF/OIF	Cecilia Hurt
IFLA	George Abbot
Other ALA	
CCUMC	Carleton Jackson
NMM	Carleton Jackson
OLAC	Mary Konkel

Other reports:

BARC (budget) – Mary Konkel

- There was discussion of costs of conferences in terms of time & money. Suggestion was made to try to do more business remotely. Possibility of not have Midwinter Meeting in the future was discussed.

Intellectual Freedom Issues – Nell Chenault

- Statements from Office on Information & Technology Policy were shared
- Discussion of recent legislative issues -- orphan works, digital broadcast flag – and options considered by the Copyright Office. Howard Bessler was able to provide some clarification on the issues.

Member Interest Groups – Nell

ALA has newly approved groups on Civil Democracy and on Information Commons.