



**ALSC Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Midwinter Meeting, Philadelphia, PA
Friday, January 24, 2020; 1:30 pm-3:30 pm
Pennsylvania Convention Center, Room 105 AB**

Final as of April 9, 2020

Attendees

Executive Committee Members: Cecilia McGowan, Jamie Naidoo, Kirby McCurtis, Julie Dietzel-Glair, Amber Creger
Staff Members: Aimee Strittmatter, Alena Rivers, Laura Schulte-Cooper, Elizabeth Serrano, Jordan Dubin
Guests: Carol Phillips

Proceedings

- Meeting called to order at 1:30 p.m. by President Cecilia McGowan
- Executive Committee agreed to hold the meeting in an informal manner
- Agenda approved as submitted
- Meeting adjourned at 3:28 p.m.

MOTION: move to accept the agenda with amended new business, Motion passed

MOTION: move to approve the 2019 Fall Executive Committee meeting minutes, Motion passed.

Announcements

- Welcome to Jordan Dubin recently hired Awards Coordinator
- Announcement about the Morris Seminar

Discussion

Leadership and ALSC Plan

The Executive Committee discussed the Leadership and ALSC meeting agenda and logistics for the discussion on committee structure changes with membership in attendance. Staff will make sure that a link is available for members to submit electronic feedback and make sure layout in the room helps with discussion.

Pura Belpré 25th Anniversary Task Force

Documents from the Pura Belpré 25th Anniversary task force were discussed. There will be more discussion at the Joint Youth REFORMA YALSA ALSC Meeting during Midwinter and the Budget committee may need to be consulted. This discussion will continue at a future Executive Committee meeting or ALSC Board meeting.

Strategic Plan Funding

The Executive Committee reviewed the Strategic Plan, associated documents and related funding. The discussion considered current priorities, initiatives and the knowledge that a new Strategic Plan will be starting soon. Additional considerations included capacity, member benefits, metrics and the need to outline fiscal year 2021 budget plans.

Alignment of Committee Structure



An outline of the proposed ALSC committee structure discussion to be held during the two upcoming board meetings at Midwinter was reviewed including a discussion of what information board members will need in order to be prepared for the Leadership and ALSC meeting, as well as how feedback from members will be collected and reviewed.

Communities of Practice

The Executive Committee discussed the status of the Communities of Practice task force and their original proposed charge and timeline. The discussion included review of the work in comparison to work within ALA and other divisions.

Bechtel Fellowship

The Bechtel Fellowship was reviewed including its original intent and purpose, agreement, fellowship amount and member interest.

ACTION: Aimee and Cecilia will compose a letter calling for a review of the partnership, the amount of the fellowship, and logistics around payment to the fellows.

Public discourse: relevancy of youth media awards

The Executive Committee discussed recently published articles about the relevancy of various youth media awards and how they relate to criteria and intention of ALSC Awards.

Sibert Guidelines Discussion

The Executive Committee reviewed and discussed the December quarterly report and the status of the current manual for the Sibert committee.

ACTION: Cecilia will reach out to the Sibert chairs after Midwinter to get suggestions and examples for the manual revision.

New Business

- ALSC Fiscal Officer Amber Creger called attention to ALA Executive Board document 12.39. The ALSC Executive Committee discussed how this could impact the ALSC budget and operations. The ALA discussion regarding this document will continue at the Division Fiscal Officers meeting on Friday evening.
- Potential book and media award issues to consider for future discussion:
 - Continuing question around graphic novels and how they are considered for ALSC Awards.
 - Awards manuals and considering updating with an EDI lens.

MOTION: move to adjourn the meeting, Motion passed