



Minutes of the Membership Meeting of the Exhibits Round Table June 24, 2019

A meeting of the Exhibits Round Table Membership was convened at the ALA Annual Conference being held in Washington DC on Monday, June 24, 2019:

Board Members in Attendance

In attendance were the following members of the Board:

Vendor Members: E. Chmilowski, Ingram Content Group; D. Lysinger (Chair) Recorded Books; R. Lehmann (Treasurer) Demco; S. Lund, Ingram Content Group; S. Rhoad (Vendor Vice-Chair) TLC; E. Shimshock (Secretary) Patron Point; K. Waldron, EBSCO; K. Whisler, Latino Literacy Now.

Librarian Members: A. Knapp (Librarian Vice-Chair), The Ferguson Library, CT.

ALA Staff and Liaisons

Also in attendance were the following ALA staff and guests: P. Graller, E. Jones, and A. Manly
Approximately 40 members were in attendance.

Call to Order

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

The Chair introduced the Board.

Hoy Scholarship/Quilt Auction (E. Chmilowski)

Mr. Graller reported that this year's Auction raised \$9,173 for the Scholarship fund (Quilts \$5,545 and Art \$3,628)

Library Relations (A. Knapp)

Ms. Knapp reported that the NMRT tour, held Saturday morning was very successful. Approximately 30 participated in the tour.

The Chair acknowledged Ms. Knapp's tenure on the Board and thanked her for nearly nine years of service to the ERT.

Programs Committee Update

Ms. Knapp reported that this was the smoothest selection of programs since she has been involved in the committee. She also reported that turnout for the three sessions was solid.

Board Elections

Mr. Shimshock reviewed the nominations for this year's election included Ms. Lund, Ms. Rhoad, Ms. Lehmann and Ms. Susan LaPerla, The Ferguson Library, CT. He further announced a last call for ballots.

Future of Midwinter

Ms Earla Jones, Director of Conference Operations reported that planning continues on the new Midwinter event.

Major themes are being considered include Leadership Development, Publishing & Awards, and Readers Advisory. The new event would be focused on professional development and networking, with a provision for meetings of key governance groups only with most working committee activity transitioning to virtual meeting.

There will be no changes for Philadelphia in 2020. A "soft launch" in 2021 (Indianapolis) Program styles and topics will be tested. Transition will be complete in 2022 (San Antonio)...Focus on education/networking - Emerging Leaders, Leadership Development, Awards. Different exhibit hours/program will be scheduled for 2022.

ALA Development

Ms. Manly, Assistant Director, Corporate and Foundation Relations of ALA reminded the members about the benefits of the Library Champions programs and asked that they consider this special sponsorship.

Registration Report

Mr. Graller reported that, as of end of day Sunday and provided these year over year results:

	2018	2019
	New Orleans, LA	Washington, DC
Attendees:	12,424	14,543
Exhibitors:	<u>5,176</u>	<u>6,802</u>
Total	17,600	21,345

Mr. Graller reported on new "on the floor" promotions including "Live from the 25" and Sound Garden, Diversity in Publishing Pavilion, and Author Autographing.

Other Associations

The Chair acknowledged Cindy Boyle of the Texas Library Association. Ms. Boyle announced that the TLA's Annual Conference will be held March 24-27 in Houston and that any of the members interested in exhibiting should contact her.

Open Floor

Several questions from members regarding changes to exhibits schedule for the new Midwinter meeting.

With no further members or guests requesting the floor, Mr. Shimshock announced the election results: Vendor Board Members elected: Stephanie Lund, Ingram; Susan Rhoad, TLC. Library Board Member: Susan LaPerla, The Ferguson Library, CT.

Adjournment

With no further business coming before the Membership, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded and approved by voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, August 2, 2019

By:

Eugene Shimshock
Secretary