



ERT Membership Meeting June 26, 2017

Gene opens the meeting - introducing board members - reminding everyone to vote.

ALA - topics

Funding - Corporate committee for Library investment (ALA)
Membership numbers are somewhat flat, but still strong (ALA)
ERT had small growth
Keith's retirement

ERT business

(numbers from 2016 & 2017)
Hoy Scholarship

Alice - new member roundtable and how that works. Vetting of programs - practical applications of product research. Easier than going through the main ALA channel. Very successful programs at this year's conference.

Gene - numbers for this ALA - 22,591 as of Sunday morning vs previous years.

David - Conference Accessibility Task Force - reported submitted last night to council (June 24, 2017).

Gene - questions/ concerns from the floor

- Regarding Mrs. Clinton - concern that this won't help libraries in their quest for funding. Explained that she is here as an author as opposed to a politician.
- Questions about layout of exhibit floor - smaller vendors worried about flow. Gene addresses concerns and assures everyone that much thought goes into the layout to maximize traffic. Discussion about possibilities for spacing out book vendors. Reminder that being part of ERT gives you a voice in these decisions. Lots of ideas about how to get people to your booth.

Gene announces election results. Move to adjourn.

ERT Board appointments:

Kelly Coyle-Crivelli - Chair
David Lysinger - Vice-Chair
Jay Askuvich - Treasurer
Gene Shimshock - Secretary
Alice Knapp - Vice-Chair Librarian