

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered Round Table
of the American Library Association
2010 Midwinter Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts
Steering Committee I
Meeting Agenda
Boston Convention and Exhibition Center, Room 255
January 16, 2010
8:00am – 10:00am

I. Call to order

Nancy Silverrod and Dale McNeill

II. Introductions

III. Approval of Agenda

IV. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meetings

Steering Committee I, Annual Conference, Chicago, Illinois, 2009
Steering Committee II, Annual Conference, Chicago, Illinois, 2009

V. Reports of Officers and ALA Executive Board Liaison

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| a) GLBTRT Councilor | John Sandstrom |
| b) Co-Chairs | Dale McNeill;
Nancy Silverrod |
| c) Treasurer Report | Ellen Bosman |
| d) Secretary Report | Tracy Nectoux |

VI. Reports of Committee Chairs

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| e) External Relations Committee Report | Peter Hepburn |
| f) Fund-Raising Committee Report | Michael Dello Iacono |
| g) Membership Promotion Committee Report | Matthew Ciszek |
| h) Newsletter Committee Report | Sarah Wright |
| i) Program Planning Committee Report | K.R. Roberto |
| j) Rainbow Project Committee Report | Nel Ward |
| k) Stonewall Book Awards Committee Report | James Simonis |
| l) Stonewall Book Awards Celebration Comm. Report | <i>Vacant Chair</i> |
| m) Website Committee Report | David Vess |

VII. Business Items

n) Fundraising Committee Chair Appointed

Introduction of our new Fundraising Chair, Michael Dello Iacono

o) Bylaws Changes

Discussion of bylaws change to remove gender restriction from Co-Chair position.

p) Committees

- Length of service on committees. Length of service as chair. Our elected positions are for two year terms. We unofficially seem to have two year assignments for most, but not all committees. Some committees seem to have a membership that only turns over when people leave, while others seem to have a number of people who repeatedly show up as members.
 - Do we want to formalize term limits for all committees?
 - How do we ensure new blood on committees?
 - Waiting lists for committees
- Some of our committees work with a three person chair structure: past chair, current chair, chair-elect. This seems to be useful for continuity, mentoring, etc.
 - Do we want to adopt a three person chair structure for all committees?
 - Do we want to have the immediate past Co-Chair continue on for an extra year?
- Appointment of committee chairs. Our bylaws say that the Co-Chairs appoint committee chairs, but they also say that committee chairs will groom their replacements, which is done by some, but not all committees, thus leaving us with conflicting methods of appointing committee chairs.
 - How do we want to have committee chairs appointed since there are conflicting statements in the bylaws.

q) Socials

- Planning for socials, 2011
 - Do we want to create a standing committee for planning them?
 - Can we create a regular line item in the budget giving a range that can be spent without planners having to come back to the SC or Co-Chairs and Treasurer?

- Can people who have worked on planning them in the past write up some guidelines or suggestions so that people aren't starting from scratch every conference?
- After-social events, like bars, clubs, etc.
- Should these be part of the planning? If so, something formal, or just a list of venues that people can choose from?

r) **Stonewall Book Awards**

Naming the Youth Award

s) **40th Anniversary in DC**

More 40th Anniversary planning

t) **Candidates for Office**

- We need a Chair for the Book Awards Celebration for DC
- Difficulties in recruiting.
- Extended deadline just for us this year
- Any thoughts about how to better recruit people

u) **Unfilled liaison positions**

- AASL
- Intellectual Freedom RT
- Research and Statistics Assembly
- SRRT
- Any others?
 - Discussion of expectations about what the position of liaison entails
 - Clarity about whether or not they (the liaisons) speak for the RT, or not

v) **Virtual Meetings**

These are being discussed at the RT list level. Apparently there seems to be the possibility that we could change our bylaws and have some of our meetings virtually if we can find a way to do it that would be cost effective and inclusive. This may actually be more inclusive than having open meetings at conferences since that limits the attendees to those who can afford to come.

- Is this something we want to pursue?

w) **Toolkits**

- Progress
- Need to appoint someone to oversee?

x) **National GLBT Book Month**

Every June we used to do something. Do we want to try to promote a National GLBT Book Read featuring our book award winners?

VIII. Announcements

IX. Adjournment