

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Round Table  
of the American Library Association  
2011 Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA

Membership Meeting  
Meeting Minutes

June 26, 2011  
J.W. Marriott Mourepas Room  
10:00 – 11:30 am

**I. Call to order**

Dale McNeill called to order the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

**II. Introductions**

Anne Moore, GLBTRT Co-Chair recorded the names of those in attendance. The following were present: Kimberly Litland, Stephen Patrick, W. Stephen Breedlove, Larry Romans, Robert Graziano, Emily Brontz, Donald Root, Nancy Jacobson, Michael Cienfueyes, Jessica Zaker, Katy Vance, K.R. Roberto, Tracy Nectoux, Don Bell, Geri Hopkins, Dale McNeill, Jane Cothron, Michael Nitz, Anne Moore.

**III. Approval of Agenda**

No changes made to agenda.

- **Motion Number 1**
- **Motion to Approve Agenda**
- **Passed by Acclamation**

**IV. Over the Rainbow Ad hoc Committee**

Group does annotated list of titles, 108 this past year, so far this year over 200 titles being considered.

Discussion:

Tracy mentioned confusion with publishers & authors, saying she would suggest it become a subcommittee. Stephen Breedwell mentioned confusion with publishers. Larry pointed out this problem is happening with OTR not being a standing committee. Dale mentioned experience of going to RILA conference where attendees knew of 2 bibliographies and the Stonewall Book Award, adding that communication could improve issues with publishers & authors. Katie Vance spoke to appreciating the work done by the committees and to Dale's suggestion of improving communication. Lisa Johnston spoke to privacy related to youth media awards and

the need for the deliberations of Stonewall to be confidential. Ellen Bosman talked to concerns about animosity between groups and concern that OTR undermines Stonewall, suggesting a list for all committees related to books. Robert Graziano spoke to importance of OTR in helping with collection development. Sarah Wright asked about the idea for a publications committee. Dale mentioned that the publications committee proposal is not on the agenda for this conference. Katie asked what would happen if OTR not made a standing committee. Nancy suggested a small committee to work out issues the publishers.

- **Motion Number 2**
- **Motion to make the Over the Rainbow a standing committee**
- **Motion: Larry Romans**
- **Second: K. R. Roberto**
- **Motion Passed with 18 in favor, 1 Opposed, and 4 Abstentions**

## V. Reports from Officers

### a) Co-Chair Report Anne Moore & Dale McNeill

Last day of his term, enjoyed working on behalf RT. Encouraged membership to think about how to increase visibility, with the Rhode Island Library Association as an example. Anne mentioned volunteering for committees and work with GLSEN.

### b) Treasurer Report

Ellen mentioned her report. Dues are down but book award seal sales are making up for low due revenue. Dale pointed out that members can also purchase seals for books in their libraries. The seals are available in ALA Store.

Bylaws & Procedures Manual Ad Hoc Committee: Dale briefly explained the ad hoc committee which made recommendations for implementation of bylaw changes.

## VI. New Business

### c) Open Floor for Discussion

KR mentioned programs at this conference.

Social this evening at Hotel Marais from 6 to 8 pm.

Jane mentioned success of our display at the Diversity Fair yesterday.

Katie asked about doing a glbt 'it gets better' video. Sarah suggested doing it at the social tonight, if we were able to get the necessary hardware to record the videos. .

Sarah mentioned the mentor program for Anaheim

Stephen asked about media award discussion on list recently. Anne suggested talking to the Video Round Table and perhaps having a list, in addition to reviews which are in newsletter.

Lisa talked about Youth Media Awards and our involvement.

Lisa mentioned authors coming to social and brunch. Tickets can be purchased at the door. 8 publishers have donated books to be given to attendees, as well as other freebies. There will be two speakers, Dorothy Allison & Sarah Schulman. Several winners and honor book authors are attending.

K.R. mentioned Diversity issues in the workplace program from 10:30 - 12:30.

Dream Spinner Press in exhibits (3817) for the 1st time.

Pride Parade starts at noon in French Quarter, starting at Harrod's.

## **VII. Adjournment**

- **Motion Number 3**
- **Motion to Adjourn**
- **Motion: K. R. Roberto**
- **Second: Rob Ridinger**
- **Passed by Acclamation**

Minutes submitted by: Jason D. Phillips, GLBTRT Secretary, 31 October, 2011.