

ALA GODORT Steering Committee Meeting

Midwinter 2020

January 31, 2020

Virtual

Susanne Caro, Chair

Emily Alford, Minutes

Attendees: Susanne Caro, Emily Alford, Norma Leistiko, Samantha Hager, Hallie Pritchett, Brett Cloyd, Michelle Donlin, Aimee Quinn, Andie Craley, Sinai Wood, Gwen Sinclair, Benjamin Aldred, Larry Eames, Michael Smith, Carmen Tinker, Lora Amsberryaugier, Amy Laub-Carroll, Susan Paterson, Andrea Morrison, Marna Morland, Ben Chiewphasa, Lucia Orlando, Sierra Laddusaw, Shari Laster, Emily Rogers, Kian Flynn, Patricia Kenly, James Jacobs, Maggie Farrell, Rebecca Hyde, Jim Church, Kristine Stilwell, Emily Wiechmann, Tony Barnes, John Elson, Vicki Tate, Marija Gudauskas, Kris Kasianovitz, Rebecca Hyde, Susan Paterson, Kay Cassell, Cass Hartnett

Greetings

Approval of Minutes

Susan Paterson moves to approve November minutes. Emily Rogers seconds. Minutes approved.

Reminder

Susanne Caro reminds the committee that all committee meetings are open, and announcements need to be sent to Membership, excluding Awards.

Slate of Nominees

Susanne presents the slate of nominees for election. For Assistant Chair/Chair-Elect: Janice M. Young. For Publications Committee, Chair-Elect: Chris Brown. For Secretary: Kelly Wilson. For Bylaws Coordinator: Carolyn Klotzbach-Russell. She states that we have approved all of these individuals.

Awards

Susanne sent out the list earlier. A vote is now taken. Pass. Awards are approved.

ALA Annual Schedule

Susanne displays the draft schedule for ALA Annual 2020. Hallie Pritchett states that we need to turn this in by the end of the week to follow. Susanne asks for changes, etc. Hallie asks if everyone is okay with format on this document and to let her know if not.

- Emily Rogers asked to be added as the contact for the GIC committee. Hallie agrees to make this change.
- Susanne calls a vote. The schedule is accepted. Hallie states she will submit and let everyone know when this happens.

Programs for Annual

Susanne provides a quick overview:

1. With BRASS, “Following the Money” – sponsoring in name only
2. Civic duty – on disenfranchisement and voting
3. Panel on researching women in archives and government documents – focus on suffrage

Susanne asks if ALA allows free passes for speakers.

- Rebecca Hyde states that she does not believe speakers would need to have paid passes, as in the past we only paid for travel for speakers.
- Kay Cassell asks how much the honorarium will be. Susanne says she was thinking \$500. She mentions that there is someone in Detroit that would be a good speaker. Rebecca encourages Susanne to go forward with reaching out to this person.
- Vicki Tate stated via chat that it is \$245 for members and \$255 for a single day pass.

Budget Update, Rebecca Hyde

The Treasurer’s 2020 Midwinter Conference Report is displayed.

Rebecca asks that we adopt the proposed budget.

Hallie Pritchett moves to vote. Susan seconds. The vote passes.

Attendance and Discussions at Virtual Midwinter

Susanne displays the attendance numbers of the midwinter virtual conference.

- Susanne states that she would like us to go over this at some point, so that we can assess if certain times of day are better or worse for some.
- 46 people attended the Membership Update.
- Susanne explains that there are people who would like to still see some in-person meetings, so we will look to do that, as well, and stresses that we did not meet because this is where ALA is headed, it saves people money, and that we had a very strong turnout.

Susanne sent out a survey regarding thoughts on Midwinter. She will send this out to membership as well.

- Susanne thanked Simon for organizing Happy Hour. Simon reports that 10 people attended.
- Maggie Farrell, from the Executive Board, assures that is not looking at taking money from round tables.
- Susanne asks Maggie for clarification on SCOE's goals. Maggie states that it is really about member engagement and services, yet without a financial structure, there is no engagement and services. Round tables do not pay an overhead, but divisions do. Kay Cassell thanks Maggie for sharing this explanation. Kay suggests that financing regarding round tables should maybe change a bit.
- Susanne states that GODORT is interested in having more information on these financial aspects. Maggie reports that the current overhead rate is 26.5, and shares that she is attempting to push out more of this information. She will also take back to SCOE that round tables would benefit from having it. Rebecca Hyde mentions that a possibility for some round tables to stay active might be paying more of our funds to above.

Option of Merging

Susanne states that MAGIRT and GODORT could explore merging, as MAGIRT is in a similar position regarding numbers and both round tables have shared interests.

- Susanne suggests having some webinars so that as many people can weigh in as possible.
- Hallie Pritchett volunteers to work on a resolution.

Additional Topics

Lora Amsberryaugier wants to verify that the Technology Committee will designate a Gmail account to be used for people to submit items for the website.

- Susanne states this is fine, and she will send this out to everyone.

Lora mentions proposing that the Technology Committee proposes being a voting member.

- Hallie Pritchett explains that according to the PPM and by-laws state that as an ongoing committee, they should be treated the same as others.
- Vicki Tate will get back to everyone on this.

Susanne reminds everyone to post items to ALA Connect and not just the membership listserv.

Adjournment

Hallie moves to adjourn. Adjourned.