

LSSIRT Steering Committee/Membership Meeting
Saturday, June 23, 2012
8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Hilton Anaheim – Monterey Room

- ❖ Trish Palluck, President called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m. The agenda will probably change; items may be handled out of order, to accommodate the schedules of guest speakers.
- ❖ Trish started the introductions, going around the table with the board members and other guests.

Members present: Trish Palluck, President; JP Pendleton, Vice President; Kerrie Stramler, Treasurer; Karen Turner, Secretary; Jennifer Kutzik, Webmaster; Members at Large-Marilyn Jack-Brown, who made the announcement that she would be retiring on Aug. 31, 2012; Nina Manning; and Valentin Colon; Valeria Fike, ALA-Councilor. Guests included: Debbie Blair, from California State University San Marcos; Julie Wright, University of San Diego; J. Lynda Williams, ALA-BARC Liaison/Executive Council; Karen Strege, LSSCP Project Co-Director; and Beatrice Colvin, ALA Staff Liaison.

- ❖ JP made the motion, with Kerrie seconded, to approve the minutes as posted. Motion passed.

Under the reports to the Board:

- Treasurer's Report was presented by Kerrie Stramler. We have a healthy balance. We turned in the new budget for expenditures for \$4,833.
- Anita Kosinski, Member-at-Large and Membership Secretary, sent in the membership report, stating that as of May 31, 2012, LSSIRT membership stands at 443. Membership is down 13 members from the same time last year. It was also mentioned that ALA as a whole, is down 500 members.
- Valeria Fike, ALA Councilor, mentioned in her report that the deficit in budget is caused by various factors, that include membership dues, conference attendees, and the purchase of Neal Schuman Publishing. American Library Association did approve a 1-2% compensation increase pay raise for ALA staff members. The (new) Digital Content Working Group's focus has been the ebook and publishers (the big 6) issue as the most urgent. These are major publishers who will not sell ebooks to libraries. Subgroups of DCWG are working on:
 - educational materials to inform the library community on ebook issues
 - communication avenues to promote public awareness and public support.
 - development of business models and licensing agreements

Among her report, there was an announcement that a special American Libraries E-Content Supplement was released in May. It's available on the American Libraries website and print copies are at the Membership Pavilion. Other things she covered:

- The website for Transforming Libraries has had content updated and has added "blog" pages.
- About the ALA conferences: The ALA Conference Committee and ALA staff in Conference Services, Divisions and Offices have been work improve ALA conferences, based on feedback provided by members and actions by

Council. The Conference is now shorter, with a tighter schedule. The most recent change, the Tuesday night Inaugural Banquet has been replaced with a Tuesday morning closing general session, followed by a ticketed Inaugural Brunch.

- Starting at Annual 2013, conference programs (subject to speaker agreements) will be digitally captured. The digital archive is included in the conference registration fee; so participants can “attend” sessions they couldn’t attend. It will be also be available at a reasonable rate to non-attendees. To improve the conference experience, all programs will be located in the convention center or “core” campus.
 - If anyone is interested, the ALA Conference Committee and staff have posted a document describing their plan on ALA Connect <http://connect.ala.org/node/178761> They are soliciting comments. Membership feedback is extremely helpful.
 - Council did a self-assessment survey, with the Highlights being that Councilors, and Membership, don’t always have a good understanding of processes and structure. Takes some time for new Councilors to learn. ALA staff are a critical and important part of getting Council and Association work accomplished and is highly appreciated. Council will continue with the cleanup and updating of the Policy Manual. Some changes are simple - language, clarification and congruency within the document and with practice, and others are implementation of Council action.
 - She discussed the resolutions that the ALA Council will be voting on- including a. Resolution in Support of Whistleblower Bradley Manning (Wikileaks issue); b. Resolution on Access to Information and Wikileaks; and c. Resolution on Voter Suppression in America- announcing that 7 % of voters had no proof of citizenship and 11 % had no government issued identification cards.
- Communications/Newsletter report was presented by Jennifer Kutzik and Kerrie Stramler. They apologized for not posting a February newsletter. Schedules were the problem. ALA websites have now all been converted to Drupal and there’s a new side bar. We now have 42 members on our Facebook page. Martha Parsons had taken over control of the “[libsup-1 listserv](#)”.
 - JP Pendleton gave his report. Not everyone is able to use Skype so he has been looking into other possibilities for virtual meetings and is also looking at ALA memberships, possibly a corporate membership to help sponsor sessions with LSSIRT.
 - In the President’s report, Trish Palluck discussed membership and submitting another survey to our members. We discussed methods of programming, rough draft to be submitted by October, and the By-laws, which state we can have up to six Members-at-Large. An offer of a free membership for one year was also discussed.

15 minute Break 10:05-10:20

- Karen Strege, from the LSSCP, Library Support Staff Certification Program, gave us an update on their status. Check out the newest updates at <http://ala-apa.org/lssc/> and latest news on their webpage: <http://ala-apa.org/lssc/files/2012/06/Breaking-News-June-2012-3.pdf>

She also introduced Julie Wright, who was attending our meeting as a recent LSSC graduate.

- Beatrice Colvin, ALA Staff liaison, discussed our Night Out. Chinatown and the BergHof were mentioned. There will be a special ALA-APA event at Mid-Winter--**ALA-APA, Networking Reception**. Details will be announced closer to Mid-Winter.
- J. Linda Williams, ALA Executive Council liaison came and discussed the concerns about membership and the ALA Roadmap for Change, with LSSIRT's involvement. Membership dues are tied to the Consumer Price Index; there will be more discussion about the dues structure in October.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Library Journal's reception for the Paralibrarian of the year will be held at Tortilla Jo's at 5:30 PM. We will be honoring LJ's 2012 Paralibrarian of the Year, Linda Dahlquist, Reference Associate, Volusia County Public Library, FL

The LSSIRT's Dining Out will be held at Ralph Brennan's Jazz Kitchen at 7:30 PM

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM
Kareen Turner, Secretary