

**AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
RETIRED MEMBERS ROUNDTABLE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING (VIRTUAL)
DECEMBER 12, 2024**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Naomi Angier, Nan Hilyard, Ray James, Carrie Marlow, Judy Merillion, Rocco Staino, Sara Kelly Johns, Ann Marie Pipkin, Michelle Lauer-Bader, Lisa Kippur, Toni Negro, Jane Prock, Madelyn Haussner, David Nutty, Kay Cassell

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Intellectual Freedom: There is a working group tasked to create documents about books bans. Judi has written an article for United For Libraries about book bans and Freedom to Read. She has also reached out to groups on ALA Connect.

Education Committee: Posters are available at no cost from the banned books grant. Proposals are open for the AASL Conference on book banning.

Professional Ethics Committee: Ray James reported that a meeting is scheduled in January. There were no activities to report.

ALA Program Jury Committee: Jane Prock reported that the criteria and scoring of programs was reviewed. Programs selected by ALA are to be announced.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Kay Cassell reported that the group's funds are solvent.

ALA LIAISON REPORT: None presented

ALA CONFERENCE IN PHILADELPHIA

Joint Program with United for Libraries: Lisa Kippur: The conference will include a joint program with United for Libraries. The proposal has been completed. A panel of speakers will address "How They Came to Advocacy." In addition, topics will include funding cuts, intellectual freedom, collaboration efforts, serving as library trustee. We are looking for a theater setup for 75 attendees. Tamara Sarnoff of the Maryland State Library will be on the program.

Library Tour: Nann Hilyard: The library tour will be at the Rosenbach Library (a private library). Details will be in the conference planner under ticketed events to facilitate sign-up. The limit is 20 people. More information about the Rosenbach Library and the deadline for submitting is January 10, 2025. The tour of the library is Saturday, June 28, 2025 and cost is \$15.00 per person.

President's Program: Naomi Angier: The librarian from the Philadelphia Museum of Art will talk about the collection, show the art, talk with collectors and how the library supports the art community. The program is Saturday afternoon, at the Convention Center followed by the membership meeting.

Tea with United for Libraries: Lisa Kippur: Scheduled for Monday, June 30, 2025, at 2:00 pm. RMRT will purchase a table and offer places to board members. There are 8 seats at the table. Date and time will be confirmed. The invoice for payment should be sent to Daniella Ponton.

Reception with New Members Roundtable: Naomi Angier will follow-up with Tara Brady for possible time on Sunday afternoon, June 29, 2025.

Friday Night Dinner: It is too early to get a commitment. The restaurant will be near the Convention Center. Still to be determined if there is a limit on price, fixed price or if drinks paid separately. Michelle Lauer-Bader will receive recommendations for restaurants.

Gadfly Award: Kay Cassell: Deadline for nominations is March 16, 2025

Norman Horrocks Award: Chair and deadline date to be determined.

Announcements: Next Board of Directors meeting is January 16, 2025, at 12:00 pm ET.
Book Club is Sunday, January 26, 2025
Deadline for slate of next election is April 2025
Valerie Fineman has passed away