

ALA Scholarships and Study Grants Committee 2019 Annual Meeting

Friday, June 21, 2019

1:00-2:00 PM

Marriott Marquis, Judiciary Square

Members Present: Sarah LeMire, Dr. Carl A. Antonucci, Jr., Mr. Marcus Lowry, Amber Loos (Committee Associate), Lessa Kanani'opua Pelayo-Lozada (ALA Executive Board Liaison), Kimberly Redd (ALA Staff Liaison)

Guests: Gisele Tanasse (FMRT Chair-Elect), Danielle Ponton (FMRT Staff Liaison)

Reminder: This is a closed meeting.

1. Welcome and Introductions – Sarah LeMire, SSGC Member and Past Chair.
Sarah convened the meeting
2. Reminder – Confidentiality for Closed Committee Meetings
Sarah reminded committee that the meeting was closed and of confidentiality policy. Guests were excused pending their spot on the agenda.
3. Approval of Agenda & Previous Meeting Minutes
There was not a committee quorum so ALA Midwinter Meeting minutes could not be approved.
4. Reports

- ALA Executive Board Talking Points, Lessa Pelayo-Lozada

ALA had a budget deficit for this fiscal year of \$3.6 million. \$2.4 million of that deficit was intended as an investment in IT infrastructure and other areas, leaving a \$1.2 million operational budget due to cost of technology at Midwinter and lower than anticipated contributions from the divisions. ALA has agreed to a letter of intent to sell ALA property in Chicago. ALA will be moving to a new location in January 2020 at 205 Michigan Avenue, where all ALA staff will be able to be on the same floor.

SCOE has presented recommendations for restructuring and is asking for feedback. There were multiple feedback sessions at ALA Annual and a virtual feedback session is scheduled for July 8 at 11AM PST. Feedback is also encouraged via email and ALA Connect.

ALA has conducted membership and communication studies, identifying barriers to participation. ALA members are drawn to advocacy and different membership models are being tested. An IT assessment is also identifying ways to make IT easier for staff and for users. ALA has hired a temporary chief IT officer who is working through these issues.

The ALA Executive Director search is ongoing. ALA is celebrating

multiple anniversaries this year, including the 50th anniversary of the ALA Scholarship Program. ALA individual memberships are down this year, but corporate and institutional memberships are up. ALA Round Table memberships are up as well.

- ALA Staff Liaison, Kimberly Redd

- Lois Ann Gregory-Wood Fellows Grant

- Kimberly is administering this program, and the first jury is in place. The call for nominations will open after the original opening date of July 1. Instead, it will open July 8 and the recipient will attend Midwinter and Annual 2020.

- ALA Scholars Program

- The first group of ALA General Scholarship recipients to participate in the ALA Scholars program attended ALA Annual this year. They had a group photograph with the ALA President, Loida Garcia-Febo. Next steps include developing a mentoring component for the scholarship recipients.

- 50th Anniversary of ALA Scholarship Program

- The 50th anniversary website is up and fundraising campaign is ongoing.

- Committee update, Sarah LeMire

5. New Business

- deg farrelly Memorial/Alexander Street Press AMIA/FMRT Media Librarian Scholarship

- Committee provided feedback to meeting guests from FMRT regarding application timeline of the award, clarity around disbursement of funds, alignment of selection criteria with candidate academic status, and jury makeup. FMRT will consider feedback and send a revised version to SSGC for review.

6. Committee remarks

Meeting adjourned at 2:05 pm. Minutes by Sarah LeMire.