

ALA Committee on Membership Meetings

Annual Report

Annual Meeting 2017-Chicago, IL

July 24, 2017

The ALA Committee on Membership Meetings met on Friday, June 23, 2017 in Chicago, IL. Five members attended: Holly Camino (COMM, chair), Monika Chavez, Lisa Leyser Jochelson, Jonathan Lu, and Karolina Lewandowska. Board Liaison, Peter Hepburn was present. Lois Ann Gregory-Wood ALA staff liaison was also present. Karen Miller stated she would not be in attendance previous to the meeting. Absent from the meeting were: Maureen McCombs, Nadine Kramarz, KYmberly Mieshia Dionne Keeton, Heidi Liundquist, Stephanie Santiful, and John A. Trischitti, III.

The committee discussed the Virtual Membership Meeting that was held on June 8, 2017 from 1:30-2:30 p.m. (central). Lois Ann Gregory-Wood provided us with a summary from the VMM and the questionnaire. An intense discussion was held among the committee regarding the resolution that had been presented during the VMM and the lack of time that membership had to discuss the resolution before a vote was taken. This concern was also commented on by several members on the follow up questionnaire. The committee will continue to discuss this issue along with our ALA liaisons and see if there is an opportunity to work with leadership on how and when resolutions are presented at the VMM.

Also, regarding the VMM Lois Ann Gregory-Wood discussed with us changing the date of the VMM for 2018. Currently, as the meeting stands it is scheduled just a few weeks before ALA annual. Lois Ann will keep the committee up to date on a proposed new date for the VMM in 2018.

The committee discussed the ALA Membership Meeting taking place the following day. Bookmarks and flyers were available and all committee members took stacks to pass out during sessions and around the conference to help promote the meeting. The biggest obstacle this year was the ALA President program featuring Sarah Jessica Parker was held at the same time as the membership meeting. The committee continued the practice of handing out raffle tickets to those in attendance and gave away a 1-year membership to ALA, registration for next year's annual conference, and several Starbucks gift cards.

The committee will explore how resolutions are brought forth during VMM and continue to consider opportunities to educate membership about meetings.

Respectfully Submitted,

Holly L. Camino

Chair, Committee on Membership Meetings (2016-2017, 2017-2018)