

Committee on Diversity Minutes

Friday January 8, 2016

By April Grey

In attendance: April Grey, Jesse Sanders, Ed Garcia, Lori Mestre, Karen Quash, Holly Carroll, Matt Cizek, Gwendolyn Prellwitz, Rebecca Kemp and Lessa Pelayo-Lozada.

1. Introductions
2. New Business Items
 - a. Office of Diversity, Literacy and Outreach Services proposal to change the name to Office of Equity and Inclusion. We voted to support this new name.
 - b. Resolutions from Council
 - i. Resolution Concerning Accessibility of ALA Conferences and Meetings for Peoples with Disabilities. We voted to support this resolution.
 - ii. Resolution on replacing the Library of Congress Subject Heading "Illegal aliens" with "Undocumented immigrants." We chose not to vote on this resolution.
 - c. Diversity Research Grants Advisory Committee proposal to have COD sub-committees (Diversity Research Grants Advisory Committee and Spectrum Advisory Committee) on the ALA Volunteer Form. We voted to support this addition to the form.
 - d. MIG co-chair proposal. The COD interns will be MIG co-chairs. We voted and support this change.
3. Ongoing Business Items
 - a. We are waiting to hear if the Equity and Inclusion Office Advisory Committee will be approved. Then we can vote to formally disband the Diversity Council.
 - b. Lessa spoke about the ACRL RBMS program we will be sponsoring at ALA Annual 2016.
4. Current Work Plan
 - a. We will meet on a conference call in February or March to update the work plan that is on Connect.
 - i. Jesse Sanders volunteered to replace Eboni Dickerson on the Diversity sessions spreadsheet working group.
5. Updates
 - a. Gwendolyn Prellwitz gave an update about the Spectrum Scholar Program.
6. Additional Items
 - a. Holly shared her experience with two programs at her library. She will write up the experience and share on with the MIG.
 - b. It was suggested that Ed and Matt propose a resolution to Council to have all subcommittees be on the ALA Volunteer Form.
 - c. It was suggested we write a resolution to get Spectrum Scholarship Program funded since its run on donations currently.