Committee on Diversity Minutes

Friday January 8, 2016

By April Grey


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.