

ALA Rainbow Round Table 2023 Membership Meeting

Saturday June 24th 4:00 Central Time McCormick Place Room w176ab

1. Call to Order

Called to order at 4:02 pm CT

Item Facilitator: Dontaná McPherson-Joseph

2. Introduction of 2023-2024 RRT Executive Board

Chaz Carey will be the incoming chair of RRT Executive Board for 2023-2024. Outgoing Past Chair Kat Breitenbach will be moving into the role of Councilor at large for ALA Council. Nadia Ocasio-Sahi will be the Chair of The RRT Executive Board for 23-24, and Dontaná McPherson-Joseph will serve on the board as Past Chair.

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3. Watch for Committee calls coming soon for non-book award committees

Action: None

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4. RRT items in ALA store <https://alagraphics-gift-shop.myspreadshop.com/rainbow+round+table>

Jo Dellosa is the winner of the Tshirt design contest. Jo Dellosa and runner up Daniel Kaufman's artwork is now featured and for sale on T-shirts and stickers.

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5. Update on IFLA's decision to meet in Dubai

RRT can not put out a public statement as a Roundtable of the ALA, but language is being suggested to ALA Council for a public statement. The members of RRT that are also members of IFLA are invited to suggest language of support.

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6. Update on RRT request for action on firing of queer librarian and resolutions to Council.

The letter Drafted by membership asking ALA to take actions in support of queer librarians losing their jobs- specifically in response to the firing of the librarian in Florida from New College, will be presented to Council during Council II tomorrow (Sunday). Another resolution asking for ALA Annual to be moved so as not to be held on a Pride weekend will be presented at Council III on Monday.

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7. Membership Q&A

Q: Objection to moving ALA, as a rural resident that has PRIDE at other time than 4th weekend in June.

A: Ongoing discussion- Not June at all? Many big cities have Pride the 4th weekend in June, but many small communities have Pride the 1st or another weekend.

Q: what are the committees?

A: The committees are:

Advocacy Committee. Creates Libraries for all toolkit. Very important

Fundraising committee

Social Committee

News & Reviews Committee

Program Planning Committee (conference programs, webinars)

Web Committee

Q: what is the rainbow roundtable doing to support librarians in Florida?

A: Resolution asking Council to act, programs in conjunction with IFRT

(Help, they're coming for our books! Program tomorrow)

Q: Get representation on your library boards!

A: also get talking points to your boards. ALA website "United for Libraries."

Q: Recommendation watch the recording of the News You Can Use Book Bans and the Law by Deborah Caldwell Stone from earlier.

Unite against Bookbans website

8. Announcements & Other Business

Dontaná: Stonewall Awards Monday 2 pm in this same room!

Erin: survey about intellectual Freedom see Erin. Share your story. Huddle tomorrow at Connect Lounge, too.

Gala Sunday at Museum of Contemporary Art. Address on Tickets.

Adjourned at 4:30 pm.