

## **Rainbow Round Table Executive Board Minutes**

**Friday, April 23, 3:00 pm ET/2:00 CT/1:00 MT/12:00 PT**

Board Members: Rae Anne Montague, Chair; Kathleen Breitenbach, Chair-Elect; Megan Drake, Past Chair; Shira Pilarski, Director-at-Large; Jessica Jupitus, Director-at-Large; Ahliah J. Bratzler, Director-at-Large; Elizabeth Marshak, Director-at-Large; Lea Wentworth, Director-at-Large; Deb Sica, Round Table Councilor; Ben Gomberg, Treasurer; Anne L. Moore, Secretary.

- 1. Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 3:03 pm (EST)
- 2. Approval of Agenda & Minutes** – The agenda for this meeting and the March meeting minutes were approved.
- 3. ALA RRT Incoming EB Members** – Rae announced the winners of the recent election and the 4 new members of the RRT Executive Board (as of July 1) – Rachel Wexelbaum as chair-elect, LaJuan Pringle as Treasurer, and Nancy Jo Lambert and Nicholae Cline as Directors-at-Large.
- 4. ALA Council Update** – Deb updated the board on recent Council activities. The ‘Forward Together Resolutions Working Group’ is organizing two informational sessions. On April 29th 4:00 PM, at 5:15 PM ET the session will focus on ALA Core Values, ALA Executive Board, and ALA Committees. On May 4th 4:00 PM, at 5:15pm ET, the following issues will be addressed: Roundtables, Leadership Assemblies, and Council.
- 5. ALA Board Update** – Karen provided a quick update and has since uploaded a lengthier written update to Connect.
- 6. Budget Update**  
We have received a budget update through August, 2020, end of fiscal year. Ben will post report on Connect.

7. **Annual Conference Updates** – Two of our proposed sessions were accepted, as mentioned during the last meeting. A time for a social on Sunday night has been requested, has not been confirmed yet.
8. **Other Business** – Rae will move ahead with contacting other groups to set up liaisons.

-Rae has been contacted by colleagues of (the late) Cat Walker regarding a symposium to honor Cat on August 12, 2021. They have invited someone from RRT to participate. Rae will speak to John De Santis and ask if he will represent RRT at the event.

Kathleen updated on non-Stonewall committees and call for new members. At least one person interested in each committee.

Deb raised concern about the wave of anti-trans legislation - <https://www.cnn.com/2021/04/15/politics/anti-transgender-legislation-2021/index.html>

***Action Item – will look at last statement and see if it should be updated to reflect this concern.***

Monica - Switchover to Connect from listservs – will happen in May. There will be a recorded training session.

Discussion about keeping RRT connect

Anthony Davis updated us on FRF – task force on neutrality. ‘Radical empathy’ approach being taken. How does ALA address tension between intellectual freedom and censorship? Anthony will keep RRT updated.

-Megan mentioned letter which came to the board from Jonathan Khan – asking for a letter of support in forming a LGBTQIA+ teen club at his public letter. Monica will check if RRT can write a letter. Megan will reply to Jonathan and communicate with Monica as to ALA view of RRT issuing such a letter.

-Rae and two other members of the Stonewall committees doing promotion of rainbow books for Illinois Library Association. <https://www.ila.org/events/ila-noon-network/remote-learning/are-you-ready-to-celebrate-rainbow-book>

-Jessica doing session in May -

<https://www.alastore.ala.org/content/creating-safe-and-welcoming-library-lgbtqia-community-workshop>

Meeting adjourned at 3:48 EST.

Next meeting: Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup>.