

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered Round Table
of the American Library Association
2012 Midwinter Meeting, Dallas, Texas

Steering Committee II
Meeting Minutes

23 January, 2012

I. Call to order

Anne Moore called to order the regular meeting of the GLBTRT Steering Committee of ALA at 8am.

II. Introductions

[SECRETARY'S NAME], GLBTRT Secretary recorded the names of those in attendance. The following were present: *[NAME; NAME]*.

Missing sign-in sheet. (Karen and David will locate)

III. Agenda

- Resource Ad Hoc Committee (David Vess);
- Barbara Stripling, Candidate for ALA President (Barbara)
- Peter and Larry will need to adjourn before 10 to attend council

IV. Open Issues

None.

V. New Business

a) Proposal for GLBTRT Ad hoc Resource Committee

David Vess

[Proposal is posted on GLBTRT ALA Connect Space](#)

Publications page on our website is the landing page for all our resources, including blogs, etc. It was the “Popular Resources” page on our old site.

The round table needs to decide if we are really going to maintain these resources or not. Then we need to assess what is on that site as all things haven’t been maintained in years. Need to compare what we have with what is created by other organizations now, like HRC. Verify what we can do, that isn’t duplicative and create and maintain those things. The round table can contribute to this information landscape if we have a team of people working

on creating and maintain these things. Things cannot be posted and forgotten about.

On the old site, the “Popular Resources” pages were the 4th most visited section of our site (between December 2009 and June 2011). Stonewall Book Award pages, the main round table home page, and pages with administrative content, were the top three areas of the site.

Larry: by that do you mean updating resources? David: charge a group to assess what we have; identify what other organizations have (can we do better, are these things we could do that no one else is doing?); identify what we can do and do it; decide if the round table should even try to create and maintain such resources. Allow a group one year to take on these resources. Board can decide if the round table can really support the creation and maintenance of these resources at Annual 2013.

Vess will recruit new members.

Sandstrom: who’s doing the work? Vess: the committee.

- **Motion Number 1**
- **Motion to charge the GLBTRT Ad hoc Resources Committee a year to assess the resources on the Popular Resources page of the GLBTRT website.**

GLBTRT Ad hoc Resources Committee Charge

The GLBT Round Table charges this ad hoc committee one year to assess, develop, and maintain all resources listed on Publications page of the round table website. (The contents of this page were on the old website -- on the Popular Resources page.)

Assess existing resources / add to the list:

assess existing GLBTRT Popular Resources pages for update or deletion (Note that the Religion and Spirituality bibliography is the only resource on this page being maintained)

use the member-generated [GLBTRT Toolkit Development List](#) for topic ideas

assess resource lists outside the GLBTRT to avoid duplication -- link to them when appropriate (HRC, etc)

continually consult membership on the email list for suggestions and ideas

Document a development and maintenance plan that includes:

leveraging the collective wisdom of membership on the email list for topics and specific resource suggestions
assessing resources outside the GLBTRT to avoid duplication and link to them

assessing existing resources with membership input and consideration of outside GLBTRT resources

- **Motion: David Vess**
- **Second: Peter Hepburn**
- **Motion Passed**

b) Barbara Stripling, Candidate for ALA President Barbara Stripling

Barbara Stripling: transforming libraries, transforming communities

Need to transform ALA. ALA needs to be more inclusive. By that means needs to have more permeable forces within ALA. Still in silos. Connect – lacks cross-fertilization. Need conversations among all of us.

Need national online conversations re key issues.

Individual voices within ALA matter. ALA is not a place that just puts out information. Every voice has an impact on the association. Need to build profession. Virtual access to conferences, virtual professional development. Not boring static delivery, but interactive form of professional development. If we want to move from transforming ALA, we need to transform our libraries and our communities through our libraries. Through ALA we need to ... we are dedicated to designing services around the priorities of the communities we serve. But we need training on strategies for identifying our community priorities. ALA can provide training that is exceptional. IF and equity of access are my foundations. Personal vignette: did an expert report for the ACLU. School district in Missouri w filtering that filters out GLBT sites. Including GLBTRT! We are classified as sexuality. But anti-gay sites is classified as religion. Testified in Missouri. It's really important. Couldn't believe it was ok to marginalize these kids. Many of us are actively trying to fight the good fight.

c) Reports

Dale: Planning and Budget: noted conversation about net assets and moving them to longterm investment. Until 2015 no unit of ALA can move net assets to their longterm fund. But we can still ask members to GIVE to our fund. Revenue stays in our bank account. 4 posted under ALA Youtube channel.

Liaison reports: Jerry Reynolds: ASCLA. FTRF. Going to post to ALA Connect. Age issues. Is not over. Can't just write congressmen. FTRF/IFC worthwhile investments of time. Accessibility: hotel accommodations are being addressed for a wider variety of genders. Auspices of family-friendly.

d) Announcements & General Conversation

Lewis Day: thanks for turnout for book awards. Great turnout for YM awards. Vendors very happy.

We now run shuttle buses for attendees to YM awards.

Lewis: pleased by diverse author and character pool.

Need to Share with ALA some perceptions of the conference: Free internet access in the hotels was a plus. All hotels except were free (Fairmont and Omni required free membership). John Townsend is possible person for access for round table committees. Electrical power and wireless were issues in hotel rooms. Lewis: seems like some of the hotels were taking full charges from people of color and people who are young.

Dallas – inaesthetic, discomfort issues: Lewis – convention center is not set up for crowds. Not enough food. Not enough seating.

- **Motion Number 2**
- **Motion to Adjourn**
- **Motion: ?**
- **Second: Dale**
- **Motion Passed**

Minutes submitted by: Karen Schneider, GLBTRT Secretary and David S. Vess, GLBTRT Chair-Elect, 19 June, 2011.

Minutes approved by GLBTRT Steering Committee: *[DAY MONTH, YEAR]*