

**2016 April Executive Board Meeting Agenda & Minutes**  
**Teleconference**

Thursday, April 28 7 pm EST

**Attendees:** P. Coyl, D. Sica, A. Symons, I. Abrams, P. Hepburn, J. Maguire-Wright, Cisek, D. Issak, L. DeCoster, and M. Townley.

**1. Call to Order and Introductions**

Action: Board members will introduce themselves; Attendees will be invited to do so as well

Item Facilitator: Peter Coyl

**Minutes:** The meeting began at 7:05 pm.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Action: Approve agenda for the April 2016 Executive Board meeting.

Item Facilitator: Peter Coyl

**Minutes:** Items 7 & 8 were combined. A new #8 added.

**3. Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes**

Action: Approve minutes from January 2016, February 2016, and March 2016 Executive Board meetings.

Item Facilitator: Peter Coyl

Supporting Information: Minutes are posted on Connect from the January, February, and March meetings. January: <http://connect.ala.org/node/252983> February: <http://connect.ala.org/node/252987> March: <http://connect.ala.org/node/252988>

**Minutes:** Jen's name was spelled wrong on the March agenda. Sorry, Jen! January minutes: The Executive Session minutes should read: "The board entered into Executive Session to consider the following: attendance of members on the Rainbow Book List and Over the Rainbow committees and potential new award winners and then came out of Executive Session."

**4. Treasurer's Report and Budget**

Action: Update from the Treasurer.

Item Facilitator: Liz DeCoster

Vote: Yes

Supporting Information: Liz will provide us with an update on the budgets with a simplified narrative that a lay person could understand.

**Minutes:** Currently there is no additional information since the March meeting. Liz has been in contact with John, but there is no March information yet. February information was discussed in the last call. She is keeping an eye on monies re: the Social at Annual since Orlando has proved to be a very pricey setting for hosting social events. Our price for the Social, however, seems similar to the prices that other units are paying for social events.

**5. ALA Elections**

Action: Update on ALA Elections

Item Facilitator: Peter Coyl

Vote: No

Supporting Information: An update will be given about the GLBTRT elections, which closed on Friday, April 22nd.

Minutes: Polls have closed. Peter has an email from John that says results will be posted tomorrow (April 29th) around 11 am. He'll send them ASAP once he receives them. Overall, participation was about 18% of possible voters. This is an unfortunately small number but it is typical turn-out.

## **6. Advocacy Committee Toolkit**

Action: Update on the Advocacy committee toolkit

Item Facilitator: Ann Symons

Vote: No

Supporting Information: Peter will provide an update about the program they held at PLA and about how the toolkit was received by the general public.

Minutes: The new toolkit was released at PLA. We worked with ALA to get a permanent link to the toolkit: [www.ala.org/opentoall](http://www.ala.org/opentoall) The Saturday of PLA, around 10:45 am, was the program. It had about 60 people attending. They brought paper copies of the toolkit and by the end, only about 20 copies were left. We made around 80 copies to begin. There were great comments about the toolkit. Jamie LaRue came and talked about banned books. Many people stayed to chat with Ann, Peter, and Deb after the presentation was done. ALA Graphics did a great job with the visuals. Along the same lines, several board members also met with the President and Executive Director of ALSC at PLA. As a result of those meetings, ALSC decided to cancel their meeting in September in North Carolina. There was also a meeting with Barb M., who wanted to have some conversations about resources for restroom usage in states with discriminatory restroom practices and to discuss the potential for other projects together. ALSC will be holding a Midwinter program to help make up for canceling their September conference.

## **7. 50th Anniversary Celebration**

Action: Discussion

Item Facilitator: Ann Symons, David Isaak, and Ana Elisa de Campos Salles

Vote: No

Supporting Information: Update about the creation of a "skeleton" of the actions that must be taken while planning for the 50th anniversary in Chicago 2020. Ann, David, and Ana Elisa volunteered to get this ball rolling.

Minutes: It was moved and seconded to table concrete discussions of the celebration until the Annual meeting to get membership feedback.

Discussion around a GLBTRT sponsored Emerging Leader project involving the history of the round table was discussed. Ana Elisa mentioned a multi-year project LLAMA initiated and will reach out to gather more information. October 1st is the deadline for submitting EL projects. We should get general ideas at the membership meeting at Annual. We need to

decide how we want to present this idea to the membership meeting and then have time to make the October deadline. This item will be continuing onto the next agenda.

### **8. Mentor Award in Honor of Larry Romans**

Action: Information

Item Facilitator: Ann Symons

Vote: Yes

Supporting Information: Email from Ann

**Minutes:** Ann has drafted, with the support of Susan Jennings, the TnLA Chapter Councilor, a proposal for a mentorship to honor Larry. The award will be joint with GODORT and Council. It was moved and seconded to have a 3 year trial period for this award and then reevaluate. It was also voted to send the existing information onto GODORT and then to the awards committee for approval at Annual. Many thanks to Ann for her hard work on this award.

### **9. Actions Taken on Legislation**

Action: Information

Item Facilitator: Peter Coyl

Vote: No

Supporting Information: Update on the latest actions from Georgia and North Carolina re: recent anti-trans legislation.

**Minutes:** ALA has been very forthcoming in responding to the legal challenges put in place in a number of states. GLBTRT was approached for a statement to be made jointly with the ALA President in Georgia & NC. We were also involved in drafting an editorial for a local newspaper, but we're not sure if it was accepted. Peter will follow up on it. As things appear in other states, we'll have a response. Some questioned why there might be some lag time between an event occurring and the RT and/or ALA responding. This is because sometimes big ALA doesn't get involved, because they often contact state library associations first to see what their plan of action is before also getting involved.

### **10. June is GLBT Book Month**

Action: Information

Item Facilitator: Peter Coyl

Vote: No

Supporting Information: An update will be given about the status of finding someone to run social media for June is GLBT Book Month.

**Minutes:** At PLA, stamp sales were modest. We need a better way to promote them. We can reach out to the big ALA Twitter about promotion. Currently, the Resource committee is working on some ways to promote it. We had a former Emerging Leader reach out to us about promotion on Twitter, so she might be interested in running our publicity. Andrea N. wants to do some volunteer work too, so Deb will ask her about volunteering. Perhaps, the publicity might be easier to accomplish and be more sustainable if the work was done by a little committee rather than by just one person. We will have an update next month. We

need to appoint people to an ad hoc committee to work on figuring out our plan for social media.

### **11. ALA Annual Orlando Social**

Action: Information

Item Facilitator: Peter Coyl

Vote: No

Supporting Information: An update will be given about the upcoming Orlando GLBTRT Social.

Minutes: On Facebook, we have an event listing:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2007963012762803/> The event will be at the Blue Martini Lounge, which is close to the convention center. There will be heavy appetizers plus two free drink tickets per person. We are budgeting for an attendance of 80-120 people. The space is reserved just for us. We haven't seen the space in person. If the distance is walkable (which it seems to be), perhaps we can organize some walking parties with board members or RT members helping to direct attendees from various locations at the conference to the Social.

### **12. Announcements and Other items**

Action: Information

Item Facilitator: Peter Coyl

Vote: No

Supporting Information:

Minutes: GLBTRT Annual schedule has been sent out. The conference scheduler is open now. The general scheduler can be found here: <https://www.eventscribe.com/2016/ala-annual/> A listing of GLBTRT events can be found here:

<https://www.eventscribe.com/2016/ala-annual/agenda.asp?h=Full+Schedule&BCFO=S&pta=GLBTRT>

### **13. Adjournment**

Action: Information

Item Facilitator: Peter Coyl

Vote: No

Supporting Information:

Minutes: The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.