

Rainbow Round Table Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Friday, April 22, 2022, 3:00 pm EST

Members and others present: Kathleen Breitenbach, Rae Anne Montague, Elizabeth Marshak, Lea Wentworth, Nicholas Cline, Nancy Jo Lambert, Deb Sica, LaJuan Pringle, Anne L. Moore, Karen Schneider, Ann Symons.

1. Call to Order

Kathleen Breitenbach called the meeting to order at 3:05

2. Approval of Agenda & Minutes

The agenda and the minutes were approved.

Lea asked to have an update from the RC Coordinating Committee added.

3. RRT Gala Update

Ann referred to the budget she sent out March 22, 2022. She asked the board to decide if the event should be free to members registered for the conference, with guests charged \$25 per ticket. LaJuan thinks this fee structure is fine, given the financial picture he sees of the round table. Ann then asked if tickets can be bought as members register for the conference. There will be 300 tickets available. Monica suggested putting tickets aside for the VIPs. LaJuan suggested setting 50 tickets aside for former members who no longer attend ALA. The venue rental has been paid. The catering has to be arranged. The cake is picked out. There will be a cash bar and each ticket will receive one drink ticket. DJ and equipment is set. A photographer will be there. The planning group remains intact. Ann will contact Daniel Wilson, fundraising committee chair for the RRT.

4. Treasurer's Report

La Juan did not have an official report. He is hoping to get a report from ALA in the next month or so. He wanted to follow up on how to work with Sinking Ship Entertainment Group and see if this group would sponsor our social. There have been issues in trying to arrange a time to work together. LaJuan wondered if we have a budget for the social.

5. RRT Councilor Report

Deb sent a comprehensive report after the last meeting. Her term expires at the end of June but the counselor position was not included on the ALA ballot. She is waiting to connect with the next councilor. She gave a shout out to the programming committee for their hard work and success in putting together programs.

6. ALA Executive Board Update

Karen recently sent out an update. Another one is forthcoming. Registration for annual is what would be expected. It will be a smaller conference - likely around 8,000 rather than previous figures of around 18,000. Karen is serving on the search committee for the Chief Technology Information Officer. The PLA conference was well attended. There will be a digital experience with Annual, for those who can only participate digitally. There will be a search for a development officer for ALA. The finances are in good shape, as there is a focus on revenue streams and keeping these diverse.

7. Round Table Coordinating Committee - Lea Wentworth

She provided a link to a document outlining the timeline to standardize round table bylaws and fees.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1RqhXkgrLfqZheg2s3sZj1nEHJaksY_7I3PZ1xltibkE/edit?usp=sharing

The RTCC would like to standardize the fee structure for RTs and a vote is on the agenda for the May RTCC meeting. Discussion ensued about what the fee should be for student members. Currently our fee is \$5. Lea also shared

[Summary of Standardizing Round Table Dues.docx - Google Docs](#)

8. RT Non-book Awards -Kathleen Breitenbach

The meeting went into executive session to discuss the awards. The board voted to award the 2022 Newlen-Symons Award to Katherine Oseas Champion, Department of Archives & Manuscripts, Birmingham Public Library.

9. Announcements/Other Business/Adjournment

LaJuan asked the board to co-sponsor Honoring Bayard Rustin. The board voted unanimously to sponsor this event.

The meeting adjourned at 3:57 pm ET.