

# 2014-08 GLBTRT Executive Board Meeting Agenda & Minutes

August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014, 4 pm CST

Location: Conference Call  
**Dial** - (605) 475-4700  
**Enter Access Code** - 974507#

Attendees: A. Symons, P. Coyl, A. de Campos Salles, D. McNeill, P. Hepburn, M. Cisek, C. Caywood, and M. Townley

Guests: J. Covari

## 1. Call to Order (Ann)

Minutes: The meeting was called to order at 4 pm CST.

## 2. Introductions (Ann)

Action: Callers present should introduce themselves.

Item Facilitator: Ann Symons

Vote: n/a

Minutes: n/a

## 3. Approval of Agenda (Discussion, Vote) (Ann)

Action: Approve minutes from ALA Annual 2014 in Las Vegas.

Item Facilitator: Ann Symons

Vote: Yes

Minutes: Agenda was approved.

#### **4. Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes (5 mins)**

Action: Approve minutes from ALA Annual 2014 in Las Vegas.

Item Facilitator: Melody Townley

Vote: n/a

Background Information:

- [Minutes from Annual Executive Board Meeting](#)
- [Minutes from Annual Membership Meeting](#)

Minutes: No changes, approved. Noted that membership meeting minutes don't need to be approved since they're an organic result of the voices of the membership.

#### **5. 2015 ALA Annual Pre-Conference Committee (10 mins)**

Action: Update & Discussion

Item Facilitator: Shawn P. Vaillancourt & Carrie Moran

Vote: n/a

Supporting Information:

Friday, June 26, 2015, 8:30am-12:00pm

Costs:

RT Member/Division/Students: \$75

ALA general member: \$100

Non-member: \$125

Rolling out the Rainbow Carpet: Serving LGBTQ Communities

Description: Libraries are well situated to meet the needs of their lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans\* and queer/questioning individuals, as well as supporting their families and allies. This half day conference will provide participants with a forum to discuss programming, collection development and outreach efforts that help librarians show these unique populations that they're welcome in our libraries. Each topic forum will be facilitated by librarians who have had great success in these areas and allow for participants to take home ideas and inspiration to apply to their own library.

Minutes: The board expressed a desire for more information about the event. It was questioned how many "topic forums" would be facilitated, who the librarians present would be, what type of library, and what age range the event aimed to focus upon. It was suggested that if the event aimed to focus on public and school libraries, then that was fine but needed to be clearly stated in the description. It was also suggested that such events typically focus on the young adult and adult age range, but it would also be beneficial to discuss service to children and senior citizens as those tend to be underserved age ranges. It was clarified that the cost would likely include coffee service.

## **6. Appointment Process for Book List and Award Committees - Update (5 mins)**

Action: Information Sharing

Item Facilitator: Peter Coyl and Ann Symons

Vote: n/a

Supporting Information:

Minutes: Prospective committee members are being asked to fill out both the typical ALA online volunteer forms as well as a special questionnaire designed to solicit information about the qualifications for perspective members of the Stonewall Book Award Committee, Rainbow and Over the Rainbow. There will be 22 committee members for the newly reconfigured 2015 Stonewall Books Awards committee. Service on this committee begins February 2015.

### **6b. ACRL / Rare Books & Manuscripts Annual Program Sponsorship (10 mins)**

Action: Determine whether GLBT wishes to co-sponsor in name or co-sponsor via financial support ACRL Rare Book & Manuscripts' annual conference panel speaking event.

Item Facilitator: Jason Covari from ACRL

Vote: Yes

Supporting Information: Please find attached the current draft of the RBMS proposal for 2015 ALA in SF. Historically, the RBMS program has occurred on the Sunday of ALA, 1-2:30pm.

Guidelines: <http://www.ala.org/acrl/conferences/confsandpreconfs/annual/annualprogramsfaq>

## **ACRL Proposal : 2015 ALA Annual Conference Program**

**Deadline:** 2014.09.01

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### **Sponsors:**

1. Rare Books and Manuscripts Section (RBMS)
2. Under Consideration: Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Round Table (GLBTRT)

### **Contacts:**

RBMS: Jason Kovari ([jak473@cornell.edu](mailto:jak473@cornell.edu)) & Shannon Supple ([sksupple@humnet.ucla.edu](mailto:sksupple@humnet.ucla.edu))

### **Proposal:**

The San Francisco Bay Area, an important focal point of United States cultural history and activism, affords an opportunity to reflect on the importance of preserving and making accessible materials documenting the history of activism. For the ACRL Rare Books and Manuscripts Section's (RBMS's) 2015 ALA Annual Conference program, we propose to discuss the successes and gaps in preserving the cultural memory of activist movements in special collections libraries. In particular, we would like to focus on the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) community because of the rich history of activism of these communities in San Francisco while also delving into the lacunae of LGBT history in many archives housed in academic and research institutions.

This panel will include the perspective on special collections materials as cultural historical objects significant to documenting and teaching about activist and cultural movements. We aim to have two panelists: One who would discuss the nexus between education and activism within the LGBT community and uses of and perspectives on primary source materials. The second panelist will discuss collecting and exhibiting LGBT materials from a practical perspective.

The program aims to provide an opportunity for librarians from a variety of types of institutions to hear from speakers who can help us to reflect on varied views in the LGBT community. Since activist communities are often represented in archives through documentary materials created and collected by others, this session will help to shed light on the lacunae in our library collections as it sheds light on general collections and ephemeral materials many may not realize are historically significant, yet reside in a variety of libraries across the United States. Further, this panel seeks to provide perspective on what special collections libraries could be collecting and describing so that they are accessible to future researchers and community members.

By bringing together panelists to discuss the importance of materials documenting activist movements and LGBT history, we anticipate that participants will leave the session with:

1. A critical assessment on where special collections libraries succeed and fail in preserving the legacy of cultural movements
2. Ideas of how to incorporate the perspectives of the communities whose cultural heritage we collect
3. A better understanding of how libraries (not just those with special collections units) can make available cultural heritage materials to a broader range of library patrons
4. Broader ideas of who could be donors of materials of historical and cultural significance

The format of the session will encourage a greater-level of audience participation than in previous years. We aim to focus the session around highly guided discussions with the audience, preceded by relatively short presentations. Finally, we aim to identify a strong moderator/respondent who can guide the dialogues between speakers and audience.

Minutes: Jason Covari joined the board for a discussion of the ACRL RBMS sections proposed program for Annual Conference San Francisco. The board discussed the option of sponsorship in name only and full sponsorship. After discussing costs, time and structure of the program, the GLBTRT Board MOVED TO to join ACRL RBMS with full sponsorship. It also agreed to provide financial support of \$250.00 and to find GLBTRT members to work on the program committee. MOTION PASSED.

## **7. Request for Gender on ALA Forms (5 mins)**

Action: Information Sharing

Item Facilitator: Ann Symons

Vote: n/a

Supporting Information: The Emerging Leader application form from ALA asked applicants to select Male or Female. A message was sent to Mary Ghikas, ALA Deputy Executive Director, asking that ALA look at the issue of all asking for gender on ALA forms.

Minutes: A question was raised by a GLBTRT member about the request for gender on the ALA post Conference survey. Paul Graller, ALA Conference Services, reported by e-mail that gender would no longer be on the Conference survey. Ann raised the issue about gender on other ALA forms including the validity of gender on the registration for the Emerging Leaders application. The Board asked Peter Hepburn to take up the issues of requiring gender with the ALA Executive Board.

## **8. National GLBT Book Month (15 mins)**

Action: Determine whether or not the round table wants to pursue establishing an ALA/GLBTRT National GLBT Book Month held every June.

Item Facilitator: Ann Symons, Peter Coyl

Vote: n/a

Supporting Information: ALA's Deputy Executive Direction, in conjunction with ALA Legal Counsel, is looking into use of the slogan "National GLBT Book Month"

Minutes: There was no news. Mary is continuing to work with ALA Legal Counsel to figure this issue out.

## **9. Pride Parade (5 mins)**

Action: Information Sharing

Item Facilitator: Ann Symons and Peter Coyl

Vote: n/a

Supporting Information: Paul Graller, in conjunction with ALA Legal Counsel, are looking into liability issues regarding participation in the parade.

Minutes: San Francisco Public Library approached GLBTRT to ask if GLBTRT would like to them in the Pride Parade. The parade has become more complicated in recent years and no "hopping" in or out of the parade along the route is permitted. GLBT is exploring participation but would need "monitors" (pre-trained individuals) as part of the group. There need to be two monitors for every 25 people or the group will not be permitted to walk in the parade. We would not know our specific time slot until about two weeks before. Everyone would need to show up at the same time and stay the entire time.

Marchers can be friends and family, but due to the monitors rule which is based on the number of people present, ALA would need to make the parade a ticketed event. Last year, SFPL was #114. The parade started at 10 am and SFPL started around noon and finished around 2:30 pm. Those interested in becoming monitors should be on the look-out for future emails on the listserv regarding this matter. Trainings will likely be on the Friday night before. Paul Graller of Conference Services will be the point person for the parade and will keep the RT updated.

## **10. ENDA (10 mins)**

Action: Discuss whether a resolution should come from the RT to Council at MW asking Congress to narrow the religious exemption in HR 1755 & S 815. Brainstorm whether there

might be other ALA bodies to reach out to such as SRRT, COL, APA.

Item Facilitator: Peter Hepburn, Carolyn Caywood available to expand on it.

Vote: Yes, but maybe not this call

Supporting information:

[http://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/governance/policymanual/Links/cd\\_10\\_2\\_Section%20B%20New%20Policy%20Manual-1%20%28final%205-28-14%20with%20TOC%29\\_0.pdf](http://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/governance/policymanual/Links/cd_10_2_Section%20B%20New%20Policy%20Manual-1%20%28final%205-28-14%20with%20TOC%29_0.pdf)

B.9.16 Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Rights (Old Number 54.16)

The American Library Association supports equal employment opportunity for gay, lesbian, and transgender librarians and library workers.

(See “Policy Reference File.” A Resolution Reaffirming Equal Employment Opportunity for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Librarians and Library Workers, 2010-2011 ALA CD#43) (See also B.9.3) ALA Policy Manual Section B, page 45.

Note: the Wheaton College injunction would affect academic library workers, unlike the Hobby Lobby case.

Minutes: The board voiced a desire for a narrower religious exemption. It was suggested that the matter should be brought to the Legislation Committee and ALA should consider updating their support statement on the matter. GLBTRT would be involved in such proceedings, but likely could not initiate the proceedings. There was a motion “to support the executive board in drafting a resolution” that would be brought to the council at Midwinter. The vote was passed, with one abstention.

## **11. Announcements**

Action: Update & Discussion

Item Facilitator: Any

Vote: n/a

Minutes: It was suggested that brainstorming and discussion should begin soon on how to celebrate the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

## **12. Adjournment (Ann)**

Minutes: The meeting was adjourned at 5 pm CST.