

2017 August Executive Board Meeting Agenda/Minutes

Wednesday, August 16, 2017, 3:00 am EST

Dial-in info is as follows:

Toll Free Number: 866-801-5789

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1. Call to Order

Item Facilitator: Jen Maguire-Wright

EB members present: Jen Maguire-Wright, Ana Elisa De Campos Salles, Ann Symons, Megan Drake, Sherry Machones, Sukrit Goswami.

Guest present: Erica Friedenberg

2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Item Facilitator: Jen Maguire-Wright

Minutes: Executive Board tabled the approval of July 2017 minutes until next month when ALA Connect is back up, and is available to the membership.

Agenda: Executive Board accepted the agenda with a correction to starting time at 3:00 pm.

3. Treasurer's Report and Budget

Item Facilitator: Liz DeCoster

These reports will be sent via email to the EB.

4. GLBTRT Councilor Report

Item Facilitator: Ann K. Symons

Ann reported that there is some talk about ALA releasing a statement regarding Texas bathroom legislation, and asked if anyone has more information on it. Jen reported that Executive Board met last Monday, and they are drafting a statement with ALA & GLBTRT to release a joint statement. Currently the Public Awareness Office is working on the draft.

5. Free RT membership for Spectrum Scholars

Item Facilitator: Jen Maguire-Wright

At ALA conference, it came up that a lot of other round tables offer free memberships to spectrum scholars. Currently GLBTRT does not offer this. Ann Symons moved a motion that "GLBTRT offer free RT membership to each current Spectrum Scholar for the next two years, and revisit this at the end of two years."

Ana Elisa seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

6. Splitting Stonewall Committee

Item Facilitator: Jen Maguire-Wright

There was a discussion on the steps and procedures to split Stonewall into two or three official committees or subcommittees. The EB discussed that instead of splitting, we might add two additional committees. Jen will discuss this further with our two Stonewall committee chairs, and report to GLBTRT EB in September.

7. New Award/Grant by GLBTRT

Item Facilitator: Ann Symons

Guest: Erica F

Ann introduced Erica Freudenberger to the GLBTRT EB. Erica is working at the NY Library Association's community engagement program.

The EB discussed and evaluated that if GLBTRT has the capacity to offer another grant. The EB believes that this is doable. It is for something that comes under community engagement and advocacy umbrella, and it is to convene dialog on hot button issues and to create resilient communities. Ann will write up a draft proposal with Erica's assistance.

8. GLBTRT Archive Project Report

Item Facilitator: Ana Elisa

Ana Elisa gave the EB update on the Archive Project. She is assisting Lisa Johnston who is the board liaison for Emerging Leaders.

Ana Elisa had suggested that we give Cara Setsu Bertram, the archivist in the ALA Archives at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign who has been working with the Emerging Leaders, the GLBTRT Google Site's email address so that she can give that email address access to the Dropbox account at the ALA Archives. That way, the Emerging Leaders can use the GLBTRT account to deposit digital copies of historical material directly with the ALA Institutional Repository.

The board agreed not to vote on the issue of funds for digitizing the GLBTRT archival material already donated to ALA because we only had a quorum, so those of us on the call agreed to simply vote on it by email.

9. GLBTRT Google Site

Item Facilitator: Ana Elisa

We need to delineate the next steps for the Bylaws and Web Committees. Ana Elisa has been communicating with Rachel Paul, Bylaws committee chair. She informed that

currently, all the committee pages are set to lock. There was a discussion on which committee pages should be locked and which ones should be open. In addition, who should have access to the locked pages. The EB will start this discussion on the board list. Furthermore, Jen, Ana Elisa, Rachel Paul & Amelia Vander Heide will spearhead/brainstorm this discussion, as we are nowhere close to making a decision at this point in time.

10. ALA Fund Raising Committee – Request/Expectation?

Item Facilitator: Sukrit Goswami

Sukrit informed the EB that we were contacted by Casey McCoy, Fundraising committee chair, about GLBTRT's expectation from the Fundraising committee. EB also discussed that we should collaborate with the Membership committee. EB would like fundraising to focus on the 50th anniversary. Jen will connect Sukrit & Deb so they can make progress on it.

11. GLBTRT renaming next steps

Item Facilitator: Deb Sica

The EB decided to table this until September meeting.

12. Announcements/Adjournment

Item Facilitator: Jen Maguire-Wright

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Sukrit Goswami