

2017 December Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 20, 2017, 3:00 pm EST

Dial-in info is as follows:

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Executive Board members present: Jen Maguire-Wright, Ann Symons, Liz DeCoster, Megan Drake, Ana Elisa De Campos Salles, Sherry Machones, Cat Walker

1. Jen Maguire called the meeting to order at 3:06 PM.

2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

After adding two topics to the agenda, the agenda was approved. The November 2017 Executive Board meetings minutes were unanimously approved after making a minor word change and name spelling correction.

3. Treasurer's Report and Budget

Liz updated the Board about the fiscal status and the monthly financials. For the endowment budget: Beginning net asset balance of \$267,854; Ending net asset balance of \$271,239. For the administrative budget: Beginning net asset balance of \$30,979; revenue of \$1,286 in dues; \$108 in donations/honoraria; Ending net asset balance of \$32,184. The Round Table continues to grow, and income from dues is higher than the budgeted amount. There haven't been many expenditures the past month. Liz was asked about the bank surcharges, but said they are the standard monthly fees. Liz will post the detailed report on ALA connect.

ALA says that we need to provide funds to Emerging Leaders in advance for their expenses, instead of reimbursing them later, so we will begin doing it that way for new Emerging Leader Stephen Krueger.

4. GLBTRT Councilor Report

Ann provided her monthly update on Council activities including the ALA Executive Director position search. Council recently voted by e-mail to specify an MLS degree as "preferred" instead of "required" as an educational qualification for the new ALA Executive Director. There has been a successful petition to place the question on the ALA spring ballot. The ED search will resume after the spring election results. There has been little traffic on the Council email list. We are fortunate to have Mary Ghikas continuing as Acting Executive Director.

5. Updating of GLBTRT Awards language and deadline extension

Ana Elisa told us of the changes to the GLBT Awards language and the deadline extension to February 1, 2018 (like other ALA Awards). There are only a few awards submission so far, and none for the activism award yet. We are not planning to look at past years' submissions (although they can resubmit), and we do not have to give out an award every year (if there are not worthy submissions). We will send out reminders calling for awards submissions to the GLBTRT email list.

6. Resources Committee Report

Sherry informed the Board that Peter Brunette, chair of the Resources Committee, would start updating the Open to All Toolkit, posted to the GLBTRT website in April 2016, but Megan said that the Advocacy Committee would like to update the toolkit. Peter had said that he needs a Word document version of the original toolkit, so Ann will be sending that to Sherry, Peter, and Megan. The Advocacy Committee wants to create multiple versions of the toolkit for different kinds of libraries, regions, and settings. The Advocacy Committee will work with the Resources Committee to accomplish this.

The GLBT Controlled Vocabularies and Classification Schemes report was updated in July, and a GLBT military bibliography is currently in progress and will be posted in early 2018. There has also been a request from a new website called Queer Books for Teens for partial funding of their launch party at the Trident Bookstore in Boston after the website (partially funded by an ALA grant) is finished in late January 2018. The Board will discuss this further after receiving more information, and may try to do something regarding the website at the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Denver in February.

7. Advocacy Committee Report

Megan updated the Board on the Advocacy Committee's work for the June 2018 GLBT Month. They plan to select a spokesperson at their February committee meeting. Ann says they should come up with a dream plan for ALA and GLBTRT, including the resources they need from both groups, for promoting the GLBT Month. It is unclear whether ALA thinks we are asking for help for June 2018 or June 2019. There was some discussion over whether the Board should be involved in the spokesperson selection, but we decided to let the Committee do this. We also said that the Advocacy Committee can update their own procedures and policies documentation.

8. Digitization Request from Adam Matthew

An academic digital publishing company (Adam Matthew) would like to digitize [A Gay Bibliography](#) (1975), which GLBTRT owns the rights to. We approved this request and expect a digital copy of it for our archive in return.

9. IFLA Conference 2018 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

There have been complaints made about the next IFLA conference being held in a country with anti-LGBTQ laws. While it is too late to change IFLA's location this year, we will ask IFLA that they not schedule future conferences in countries with similar anti-LGBTQ laws.

There was also concern expressed about ALA's involvement in the Sharjah International Book Fair in the United Arab Emirates. The Board will investigate this further, and possibly ask ALA to sever ties with the Sharjah Book Fair.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 4:09 PM.