

Rainbow Round Table Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Friday, February 25, 2022, 3:00 pm EST

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Members: Kathleen Breitenbach, Chair; Rae Anne Montague, Past Chair; Rachel Wexelbaum, Chair-Elect; Lea Wentworth, Director-at-Large; Nicholae Cline, Director-at-Large; Nancy Jo Lambert, Director-at-Large; Elizabeth Marshak, Director-at-Large; LaJuan Pringle, Treasurer; Anne L. Moore, Secretary; Karen Schneider, ALA Executive Board representative.

Guests: Dave Saia, Samuel Rumore, Kelly Marie Wilson, Nadia M Sahi, Ashley Dunne, Cate S. Triola, April Sheppard, Mary Abler,

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:02 pm
2. The February agenda and the January minutes were approved.
3. **RTCA (Round Table Coordinating Assembly)** is meeting on March 7. Everyone is welcome to attend. Will be discussion on standardizing round table dues rates.

4. Committee Updates

April Sheppard: Advocacy – updating resources and bibliographies.

Kelly Marie Wilson – Program Planning. 1 program for annual – library leaders – how to be an ally, scheduled for Sunday. 4 speakers scheduled. Kat noted there are 2 other programs the rt has scheduled, plus other queer programs. Samuel Rumore also in attendance.

Mary Abler, Fundraising Committee, also chair of Membership Committee.

Fundraising update – working on looking for sponsor for Spectrum Scholar, looking to do fundraising through membership and how to make the request

meaningful so members will contribute. Asking to work with the RRT treasurer to be able to itemize what a donation could fund. Also wondering how to email membership. Mary asked if the Membership Committee are responsible for a social during annual and how to set that up. Looking for local members in DC to help. Will also coordinate conference buddies.

Cate Triola – Chair of Stonewall Barbara Gitting Literature Committee – just getting started. 1st books should arrive Monday! Questions about award being connected to Lib Learn X. Monica noted the award committees should plan to only do final deliberations during conference.

Ashley Dunne: News & Reviews – updating site and looking at new ways to use columns, postings can only be by members.

Nadia Sahi – OTR (Over the Rainbow) – getting started, will be using blog (not updated last year). The committee has 10 members,

Dave Saia – Stonewall Children’s committee – 5 returnees from last year, have had 1st meeting, going very well.

5. Spectrum Institute ‘Birds of a Feather’ Project

Asked to sponsor ‘Birds of a Feather’ program, honoring the 50th anniversary of organized LGBTQ Law Student Activism. \$250. Decided to endorse rather than sponsor project.

6. Treasurer’s Report

Total revenue for quarter ending Nov 2021 was \$1682. \$1521 in net revenue. \$3625 in total and net revenue for Stonewall Book Awards as of Nov 2021.

Budget discussion: Net balance for RRT \$183,141.09. Suggesting \$40,000 for Stonewall budget and \$22,000 for administrative budget. We also need to set aside money for the gala. Monica suggested setting aside \$40,000 for gala budget, up from the \$34,000 requested in 2020. Hopefully some of this money could be recouped through fundraising, ticket sales, and sponsorship. She also noted the Stonewall seals profits are being eaten by cost of printing. ALA looking at raising the cost of all seals. Do we want \$10,000 from endowment for Stonewall fund?

Motion: by La Juan: Budget for FY 2023 - \$62,000 RRT admin, \$22,000 with \$10,000 from the endowment. Seconded by Lea. Passed.

7. RRT Councilor Report – brief response by Deb in Connect.

8. **ALA Executive Board Update** – Executive board meeting to discuss how to respond to Ukraine, with focus on how to support libraries and librarians. Also looking to put pointers on website on how board responds.

9. **Announcements/Other Business/Adjournment**

The non-book awards – no nominations for these. Should we extend date through end of March, discuss at April meeting. Yes.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:17. Next meeting March 25 at 3:00 ET.