

Rainbow Round Table Executive Board Meeting Minutes February 2023

Zoom Meeting

Board Members Present:

Chair: Dontaná McPherson-Joseph, Chair-Elect: Nadia Orozco-Sahi, Past-Chair: Kathleen Breitenbach, Secretary: Lea Wentworth, Director at Large: Amy Dodson, Director at Large: Samuel Rumore, Director at Large: Nicholae Cline. Also Present: Eric Seuss, Cindy Hohl, April Sheppard, Kevin Strowder

Monday February 13th 12 pm PT/ 1 pm MT/ 2:00 pm CT/ 3:00 pm ET

1. Call to Order at 2:01 pm Central time

Item facilitator: Dontaná McPherson-Joseph

2. Approval of Agenda & Minutes

Action: Approve **agenda** for February 2023 Executive Board Meeting

Approve the [minutes](#) of January 2023 Executive Board Meeting

Item Facilitator: Dontaná McPherson-Joseph

Vote: Approved

3. Visits and introductions from ALA Presidential Candidates

Cindy Hohl, member of RRT, in support of Inclusive leadership, supporting library workers in serving their communities. “Free people read freely” Website link: <https://cindyforlibraries.com/> Support for and organization of in-person meeting opportunities for all roundtables and communities within ALA is one project they would like to see through as ALA President.

Eric Suss (pronounced Sice), passionate about ideals and core values, including diversity. Concerned about hate groups trying to pull diversity from library collections. Fighting hate is a priority. “People first and employees second.” Recruiting of diverse people to enter the field is a project they would like to see through as ALA President.

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4. **Follow-up on possible closed session consult with GODORT members**

Needed for Larry Romans Mentorship Award deliberation. Will be set up via e-mail-watch for updates.

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5. **Council Update (? if time allows)**

Updates on council from LibLearnX Standardization of Roundtable fees: 15 dollars for regular members, 5 dollars for students across roundtables, with some possible exceptions.

6. **Announcements/Other Business/Adjournment**

As time allows or to save for next time:

(from Dontaná) 1) RRT Social at LLX donation amount \$178

2) Chicago Pride Parade is Sunday, June 25th during Annual. Looking into possibly setting up a viewing area or trying to be IN the parade!

3) Should we explore the idea of having a permanent T-shirt/apparel design(s) that we can sell in the ALA store to generate RRT funds. Maybe a design contest? Would be great to have for sale at Annual in ALA store and/or at programs. Design should be finalized by April meeting. Language needed for giving of artwork rights if soliciting artwork.

(from Erin) 4) Fill out Core Values [Survey](#) by 2/28

(from Lea) 5) Round Table Coordinating Assembly (RTCA) Meeting via [Zoom](#) Thursday 12:00-1:30 pm EDT

(from Kat) 6) Rainbow Booklist on Twitter. A rash of hateful comments recently. A troll account was harassing and taking screenshots and posting elsewhere with hate language. Reporting tweets and not engaging is advised. Removing contact info and names from posts/web pages may be necessary in some cases. Threats of physical violence should be reported to law enforcement. Possibly helpful links:

<https://www.ala.org/yalsa/aboutyalsa/yalsahandbook/socialmediapolicy>

<https://www.2023.alaliblearnx.org/community-care-ala-conferences>

Deborah Caldwell Stone, Director of OIF may be a good person to contact about this also.

Adjourned at 2:57 pm Central time