

2016 January Executive Board Meeting Agenda & Minutes
ALA Midwinter Meeting
Boston, MA

Saturday, January 09, 8:30 am - 11:00 am
Boston Convention Center and Exhibition Center, Room 153C

This document holds meeting minutes in spaces at the end of each agenda item. The minutes for this meeting will be approved at the April board meeting. Please share agenda/minutes amendments to the board email list. Non-board members can submit amendments via the board contact form.

Attendees: P. Coyl, A. Symons, P. Hepburn, I. Abrams, M. Ciszek, L. DeCoster, D. Sica, A. De Campos Salles, D. Isaak, E. DeCoster, and M. Townley

Guests: J. Amundsen, J. Gray, and L. Houde

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Action: Board members will introduce themselves; Attendees will be invited to do so too.

Item Facilitator: Peter Coyl

2. Approval of Agenda

Action: Approve agenda for the January 2016 Executive Board meeting.

Item Facilitator: Peter Coyl

Minutes: The agenda was approved for the January 2016 Midwinter Executive Board meeting.

3. Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

Action: Approve minutes from the November 2015 Executive Board meeting.

Item Facilitator: Peter Coyl

Minutes: The minutes were approved for November 2015. (There was no December 2015 meeting.)

4. ALA Elections

Action: ALA Presidential candidates Jim Neal, Christine Lind Hage, and Lisa Janicke Hinchliffe, as well as Treasurer Candidate Susan Hildrith have requested time to address the Board. We will take their visits as they come and may move agenda items around to accommodate them.

Item Facilitator: Peter Coyl

Vote: No

5. Treasurer's Report and Budget

Action: Update from the Treasurer.

Item Facilitator: Liz DeCoster

Vote: Yes

Minutes:

- a. November 2015 budget
 - i. We had some seals printed - we now have two years of Stonewall seals based on previous sale history.
 - ii. The "Professional services" \$1,000 charge in the budget is for GLBT Book Month materials.
 - iii. We were overcharged by \$120 and the overage will be returned in late January.
 - iv. There have been additional donations since the creation of the 2017 budget report.
- b. 2017 Budget Worksheet
 - i. We are moving Stonewall to its own project number.
 - ii. Previously, seal sales, printing brochures, and award money was lumped in with other, non-Stonewall costs.
 - iii. This will help us keep better track of Stonewall expenses, since it's one of our bigger undertakings.
 - iv. Donations and honoraria are budgeted up to \$4,000 because of a potential offer of a second award for children's Stonewall.
 - v. The budget line has been increased for "Meal functions" from \$1,000 to \$4,000 because it covers added socials for division conferences.
 - vi. Ann suggested that the format of the 2017 budget worksheet might be changed because it doesn't reflect carry-over, actual versus expected expenditures, and projected total revenues & expenses.

- vii. We also want to discuss expenditures for June is GLBT Book Month.
- viii. It was moved and seconded to postpone approval of the 2017 budget until the February 2016 Executive Board meeting.

6. Proposal for GLBTRT Award for Political Activism

Action: The ALA Awards committee will be deliberating on the proposed award at the same time as our meeting. Robert Newlen will be attending that meeting on Ann's behalf and will report the outcome as soon as it is decided.

Item Facilitator: Peter Coyl

Vote: Yes

Minutes:

- i. It was moved and seconded to award Mike McConnell and Jack Baker this new award. They sustained the fight for GLBT rights and services over a long time.
- ii. The new award comes with \$1,000 monetary award. Fundraising needs to be done for this award in the future.
- iii. In the fall we will appoint a jury to decide the winner.

7. Bylaws Changes Proposal

Action: The Bylaws committee has proposed some changes for inclusion on the Ballot for membership approval. The Board should review these changes and may suggest changes and additions to them.

Item Facilitator: Peter Coyl

Vote: Yes

Minutes: <http://connect.ala.org/node/248837>

- i. Bylaws changes are due by January 28th. The Committee has done an excellent job of providing a starting point, but there are more issues to be clarified. Rather than have 2 bylaws changes on the ballot 2 years in a row it was decided that changes would be drafted and we would wait until Annual meeting to get larger group feedback at the Membership meeting.
- ii. It was moved and seconded that GLBTRT should complete work by May 2016 to complete a Bylaws draft to be presented via the listserv and on Connect which can be

discussed online and in person at the Annual 2016 Membership meeting.

8. Advocacy Committee Toolkit

Action: The Advocacy committee has drafted a toolkit. The Board should review the toolkit and offer comments, corrections, and additions.

Item Facilitator: Ann Symons

Vote: Yes

Minutes: <http://connect.ala.org/node/248838>

- a. The toolkit is the product of over a year's worth of work.
- b. The tone of the toolkit varies. For example "Consider doing X" versus "Do X". We should pick one tone and verb tense and stick with it.
- c. In-text citations should be included since we're citing things in the report.
- d. We're in the editing process now, but in the next month, we want to be done with all editing.
- e. We need to take back to toolkit to its committee and also allow the Board to edit in concert.

9. Announcements and Other Items

Action: Information

Item Facilitator: Peter Coyl

Vote: No

Minutes: Is there a place for GLBTRT members to post photos from Socials, Preconferences, etc?

Fundraising for the new award should be discussed next meeting.

Executive Session

The board entered Executive Session to consider the following:

- The Board discussed issues around attendance of Book Award and Book List committees at Midwinter Meeting.
- The Board reviewed and discussed the applications/nominations for the Newlen-Symons Award for Excellence in Serving the GLBT Community. The Board selected the Tretter Collection in the Elmer L. Library at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities Campus for the award based on the following categories: *Innovation:* It helped to co-found and plan the international GLBT ALMS conference since 2006; *Impact:* It has

extensive outreach to and archiving with the non-University related community groups; *Sustainability*: Its collection has been long standing, but it has also been thoughtfully growing to fill gaps. It is actively expanding its breadth; *Advocacy*: They started a trans community oral history project. Their collection includes international collections as well. This is visionary work.

13. Adjournment

Action:

Item Facilitator: Peter Coyl

Minutes: The meeting was adjourned at 11 am.