

Rainbow Round Table Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Friday, January 28, 2022, 3:00 pm EST

Members In Attendance: Kathleen Breitenbach, Chair; Rae Anne Montague, Past Chair; Rachel Wexelbaum, Chair-Elect; Lea Wentworth, Director-at-Large; Nicholas Cline, Director-at-Large; Deb Sica, Round Table Councilor; LaJuan Pringle, Treasurer; Anne L. Moore, Secretary.

Others Attending: Monica Chapman, Karen Schneider, Daniel Wilson, Anthony Davis, Bob Diaz, Kelvin Watson, Emily Drabinski.

1. Call to Order

Kathleen called the meeting to order at 3:01 ET.

2. Approval of Agenda & Minutes

The agenda for this meeting and the minutes of the December, 2021 meeting were approved.

3. ALA President Candidates:

Kelvin Watson and Emily Drabinski presented their platforms, answered questions, and provided links to their website:

<https://www.kelvinwatsonforlibraries.com/>

<https://www.emilydrabinski.com/>

4. Treasurer's Report

La Juan does not have an update but expects to have the latest financial information for the next meeting. He noted he is working on the budget for the next fiscal year. Monica will send him the information he needs to complete his part of the process.

5. RRT Councilor Report

Deb had sent a written report (posted on CONNECT). She sees the organization (ALA) being in better shape financially. The new financial chief officer is in place.

<https://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/blogs/the-scoop/11-questions-dina-tsourdinis/>

In other news, the Coretta Scott King Award has become a round table. As Deb expressed concern about what this means for the Stonewall awards and the RRT, Monica added information about why the structure of Coretta

Scott King Awards is different than the Stonewall Awards. CSK has had its own bylaws and board.

6. ALA Executive Board Update

Karen had posted an update in CONNECT.

7. Fundraising Committee Ideas

Daniel Wilson, Chair of the RRT Fundraising Committee presented several ideas proposed during a meeting he had with Ann Manly, from the ALA Development Office. The first is to find a sponsor to fund a RRT spectrum scholar. She also suggested seeking a partnership with Sinking Your Ship Enterprises, FreeWill.com, both of whom have also recently partnered with ALA. The latter organization allows individuals to create wills for free; and identify groups to leave money to. The board agreed to have an account set up for the RRT and promote this to our membership. Deb and LaJuan agreed to join Daniel in following up with Ann and the Development Office to pursue these ideas.

8. LLX Wrap-Up

Kathleen provided a brief update on LLX (due to the meeting running over the allotted time). The Texas Librarians' panel went well.

9. Programs for Annual

Kathleen reported the RRT has been approved for three programs at the Annual Conference. They are posting the detail in CONNECT.

10./Other Business/Adjournment

Kathleen reported the RRT book committees are set to start their work on February 1. This year the Gittings award will include a literature and a poetry award. The Mike Morgan and Larry Roman's Children and Young Adult Award will be split into two awards.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm ET.