

# 2018 June Executive Board Meeting Minutes

## *ALA Annual Conference 2018*

**Saturday, June 23, 2018, 8:30 am CDT**

Morial Convention Center, Room 204

New Orleans, LA

Board Members Present: Jen Maguire-Wright, Deb Sica, Ana Elisa de Campos Salles, Megan Drake, Sukrit Goswami, Ann Symons, Matt Cizek, Sherry Machones, Elizabeth De Coster, Cat Walker

Additional Members Present: Thomas Maxheimer, Ash Faulkner, Ann Moore, Toni d'Lagg, Roland Hanson, Megan Wolff, Emilia Marufe, Katie Spires, Casey McCoy, Amelia Vander Heide, Stephen Krueger, Briana Jarnagin

### **1. Call to Order**

Jen Maguire-Wright called the meeting to order at 8:30 am. Jen reminded that everyone is welcome to join the ALA listserv.

### **2. Approval of Agenda & Minutes**

The board approved the agenda for the June 2018 Executive Board Meeting by adding 4 additional items.

- i. 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary update
- ii. Round Table Coordinating assembly (RTCA)
- iii. Gender Neutral Bathrooms
- iv. Spectrum Scholar

*June Minutes:* Deb made a motion to approve the minutes of May 2018 Executive Board Meeting after one correction of adding Ana Elisa as present during May meeting.

### **3. Treasurer's Report and Budget**

Liz provided her monthly update on the Round Table's finances as follows:

1. Monthly report (close of April 2018)
  - a. Beginning net asset balance of \$59,915.
  - b. Revenues (total \$2,052)
    - i. Dues - \$1,382.
      1. Ahead of budget and prior year.
    - ii. Donations - \$669.
      1. Ahead of budget, slower growth than last year.
    - iii. Sales - \$0.

1. Reminder that most revenue in this area will now be recorded under the book award budget; do anticipate t-shirt revenue at some point.
    - iv. Royalties - \$2.
  - c. Expenses (total \$200)
    - i. Overhead - \$138
    - ii. Expenditures - \$62 (\$14 for telephone/fax; \$28 bank surcharge)
  - d. Ending net asset balance of \$61,769.
  
2. Stonewall operating budget (close of April 2018)
  - a. Revenues total \$26 from sales.
  - b. Expenses total \$0.
  
3. Administrative budget (YTD)
  - a. Revenues (total \$32,631)
    - i. Dues - \$10,804.
    - ii. Donations - \$3,646.
    - iii. Sales - \$4,432.
    - iv. Royalties - \$13,753.
  - b. Expenses (total \$1,998)
    - i. Overhead - \$1,080.
    - ii. Expenditures - \$918 (direct).
      1. Most expenses were offset by the credit to our account from a \$2,324 matching gift at the end of 2017.
  
4. Endowment (Book Award) budget (YTD)
  - a. Endowment at \$325,309.
  - b. Revenues (total \$7,691)
    - i. Donations - \$1,116.
    - ii. Interest/dividends - \$6,575.
  - c. Expenses total \$1,251, all bank fees/surcharges.

#### **4. Contingency Plan during Treasurer's leave of absence**

Ana Elisa led the discussion regarding appointing a caretaker Treasurer while Liz is away on maternity leave. The board decided to appoint Dale as the caretaker Treasurer if he accepts this responsibility.

#### **5. GLBTRT Councilor Report**

Ann asked if we could use zoom for the meetings when she is in Mexico. Board member discussed if this is a possibility and if ALA office can arrange this for us.

Ann asked the board to grant her permission to skip council 3 meeting so that she can attend the Stonewall Book Award.

Ann also mentioned that she picked up “Planned Giving Toolkit” from ALA office, and suggested that we do something similar in conjunction with our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration to target our membership. The board was receptive of this idea.

## **6. Consolidation of committees’ discussion**

Jen Maguire-Wright mentioned that we have a lot of committees, and we might want a discussion on if we should consolidate some. Membership was asked to give their feedback on this topic. The board had an in-depth discussion on this. It was discussed that we have a lot of committees and it might work better if we consolidate some committees.

There were three motions made to re-organize the committees: **(We will need to make the motion to dissolve the appropriate committees again at the Midwinter).**

- i. Deb Sica made a motion on merging and dissolution of appropriate committees and forming “Advocacy & Resources” committee, Ana Elisa seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
- ii. Meg made a motion to merge “News & Reviews” committee, and Sherry seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- iii. Jen made a motion to create an “Ad Hoc By laws” committee, and then to dissolve standing By Laws committee (It takes a year to dissolve). Ana Elisa seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

## **7. Social Media Guidelines**

Ana Elisa de Campos Salles led the discussion on the document “*Draft # 2 GLBTRT Social Media Guidelines*”.

Jen made the motion to approve the Social Media guidelines as amended. The amendment states, “*ALA Executive Board members shall not support or endorse any candidate for ALA office*”. Ann Symons seconded it, and the motion carried unanimously.

## **8. GLBT Book Month Honorary Chair/Spokesperson**

Megan mentioned that advocacy committee chair will again reach out to Ru-Paul.

Megan asked if we will be changing the day/time of the Executive Board monthly meetings. Ana Elisa will send out a poll to find out a common date/time for the members to have the monthly executive board meeting.

## **9. Assignments of EB Liaisons for committees**

The board decided to table this until the next meeting. This item will be discussed in the July meeting.

## **10. Procedure Manual for Board Positions**

Jen Maguire-Wright asked everyone to look at their board positions and guidelines, and email to web committee. If anything needs to be updated please email the web committee.

### **11. Resolution on Cessation of Family Separations for Refugees**

Ana Elisa discussed the “*resolution on Cessation of Family Separations for Refugees*”. Ann Symons made a motion to add our name or seconder to this resolution in the council on principle. Ana Elisa seconded it, and the motion carried unanimously.

Sukrit will send this information to Martin Garnar and Mario Ascencio informing them that GLBTRT would like to add their name to the resolution in council.

### **12. GLBTRT Resolution for midwinter**

Ann Symons led the discussion and suggested that we form a group to discuss this resolution and bring this to council at midwinter. The board agreed that we would like to have a resolve clause to this. We want a resolution to tie the LGBTQ community to the resolution of EDI in future. Jen mentioned that we should also bring up the accessibility issue, e.g. gender neutral bathrooms.

Ann suggested that we table this until the Gender Neutral Bathroom resolution is resolved by council. Ann will take the lead on this.

This will be an AGENDA ITEM FOR NEXT MEETING

### **13. Gender Neutral Bathroom**

Megan Drake informed the board that a male was stopped by a conference center security at the entrance of a gender neutral bathroom, and was told that he cannot enter in that bathroom. It was noted that another trans person was refused access to a gender neutral bathroom at the conference center.

The board decided that such a serious matter needs to be addressed immediately at the council. It was noted that the signage was not obvious at the few gender neutral bathrooms that are sparsely available at this conference. On the conference website, the gender neutral bathrooms are not even marked.

The board decided to draft a resolution immediately so that it can be discussed during council 3 and/or council 4 meeting. Ann Symons will prepare this resolution and a draft will be sent to the board for comments tonight. It was decided to add to the resolution, “all bathrooms at the conferences should be gender neutral”.

### **14. 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

Roland Hansen and Deb Sica suggested Palmer House for the venue. Roland will inform the board of this venue’s availability. It was discussed that the social and the stonewall awards could be done at the same time, perhaps the award ceremony at the end. Many ideas were floated including suggestion of making it a gala event, and add a drag show to it.

Inter-Continental was also discussed as another venue option. The board discussed that we should check with ALA if they have any vendors’ contacts. Meg volunteered to reach out to ProQuest & Exlibris. A suggestion was made to check with GALE etc. Roland will get the

price for all the options, including sit down dinner etc. Briana requested that we include her in the discussions.

We will have an update in July meeting.

#### **15. Name Change**

Deb announced that the top two contenders for our Roundtable's name are RAINBOW and GLBTRT (*remaining the same name*). Board is looking to have these two names on the ballot in spring.

#### **16. Emerging Leaders**

Stephen said rest of team will be at the membership meeting.

#### **17. RT membership**

Jen mentioned that RTCA wants to do their own ad hoc task forces to discuss the implication on Round Tables in general. Future of the midwinter will be discussed as well. Organizational effectiveness is also being discussed. Lot of big questions are being put in front of this group. Jen will be sending an email out asking if anyone wants to be part of this task force.

#### **18. Announcements/Adjournment**

It was decided to table the spectrum scholars for the next meeting.

Jen Maguire-Wright asked if there are any other announcements. There were none. The meeting was adjourned at 10:06.