

2015 March Executive Board Meeting Agenda & Minutes

March 12, 4 pm CST

Location: Conference Call

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Attendees: A. Symons, P. Coyl, A. de Campos Salles, M. Ciszek, R. Hansen, L. Romans, P. Hepburn, I. Abrams, D. McNeill, and M. Townley

Guests: J. Winkelstein

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Action: Callers present should introduce themselves.

Item Facilitator: Ann Symons

Vote: N/A

Supporting Information:

Minutes:

2. Approval of Agenda

Action: Approve agenda for the March 2015 Executive Board meeting.

Item Facilitator: Ann Symons

Supporting Information: <http://connect.ala.org/node/236541>

Minutes: The agenda was approved.

3. Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes (5 mins)

Action: Approve minutes from 2015 Midwinter Meeting, January 31, 2015 Executive Board meeting.

Item Facilitator: Ann Symons

Supporting Information: <http://connect.ala.org/node/236464>

Minutes: The minutes were approved.

4. Treasurer's Report (5 mins)

Action: Update & Discussion

Item Facilitator: Dale McNeill

Vote: N/A

Supporting Information: Update of any financial statements since Midwinter 2015, donation amount from MW Social.

Minutes: Dale was unable to attend to be on the call at the beginning. Ann noted from the January financial statement that revenue was up by roughly \$900 and we were over in expenses by \$300. Roland reported that the take from our social at Midwinter was \$520. Dale will fully inform the executive board at the April meeting.

5. June is National GLBT Book Month

Action: Discussion

Item Facilitator: Peter Coyl

Vote: ?

Supporting Information: ALA has filed a trademark request for June is GLBT Book Month. ALA Graphics will have both a poster and bookmarks available in the Spring 2015 Graphics Catalog and at

Annual Conference. The poster will feature graphics from *This Day in June*, winner of the Stonewall Book Award, Mike Morgan & Larry Romans Children's & Young Adult Literature Award. Gayle Pitman, author of *This Day in June*, will attend the Social, participate in the parade as well Stonewall Book Awards Program.

What do can we do between now and June 1 to promote ALA's June is GLBT Book Month? We need to begin showing use.

More details can be found here: <http://connect.ala.org/node/236782>

Minutes: We are currently working on graphics for a poster and bookmarks. They should be available in late March. We are currently working on a logo for June is GLBT Book Month. A press release from ALA/Courtney Young is almost done and should be released soon. We are also working on a press kit and a website that will have similar resources to other special book events like Dia de los Niños.

6. ALA Annual 2015 Social and 45th Anniversary Annual Celebration Brainstorm (15 mins)

Action: Information

Item Facilitator: Dale McNeill

Supporting Information: Update of any information about the social or plans for 45h Anniversary Celebration since MW discussion.

Minutes: Update will take place at the April meeting. Larry is continuing work on the history.

7. Requests to co-sponsor GLBTRT Social at ALA Annual and future conferences

Action: Discussion

Item Facilitator: Ann Symons

Vote: ?

Supporting Information: The RT has received two questions to co-sponsor the RT's social at MW or possibility in the future. The first request comes from the Spectrum Scholars via Board members Ana

Elisa de Campos Salles. The second request comes Ian Hughes who is their RT's program chair and who is organizing the IFTR program at Annual that GLBTRT is co-sponsoring.

Minutes: The board discussed about co-sponsoring socials. There was some question about whether Spectrum Scholars was requesting to co-sponsor each conference or only once. Since socials are open to all, some members expressed the opinion that the social shouldn't be co-sponsored. There was also some confusion about the specifics of these invitations. Does "co-sponsoring" mean in name only? Will the other group be "co-sponsoring" via contributing money? Is this a request for a one-time co-sponsoring? Or is this meant to be a repeated event? Ultimately, the executive board felt that they couldn't make a decision for either co-sponsoring proposal without more details.

8. ACRL: GLBTRT and Friends Social

Action: Discussion

Item Facilitator: Ann Symons

Vote: Yes

Supporting Information: A GLBTRT [and friends] Social is planned during the upcoming March 25-28 ACRL Conference in Portland Oregon. The social will be Friday night, March 27th before the 8:00 p.m. All Conference Reception. David Isaak and I are finalizing a location; drinks will be cash bar. Is it possible for us to sponsor a social at each of the division conference with a small financial supplement of \$250.00? Donations will be optional and food will be modest.

Minutes: It was moved and seconded to sponsor a social at each of the division conferences with a \$250 financial supplement.

9. Language/Signage for Gender Neutral or All Genders Restrooms

Action: Discussion

Facilitator: Peter Coyl

Vote: Yes

Supporting Information: With thanks to Julie Winkelstein, Mary Gen Davies and Peter Coyl [for the professional looking signs], the Gender Neutral Restrooms at MW 2015 were more successful than Las Vegas. Members were observed photographing, tweeting about, and using the restrooms during conference. Peter Coyl printed "official" looking signs which Julie and Mary Gen put up and which stayed up during the conference. ALA Conference Services will be doing the signage both for the hallways and restrooms in San Francisco.

Signage choices one and two:

FOR HALL SIGNS:

Gender Neutral Restroom
This Restroom is for everyone

DOOR SIGNS:

This restroom is for the use of everyone regardless of gender identity and expression. Anyone may use it. It is a safe place for all. Should you prefer a gender specific restroom, these are available throughout the conference center.

OR

For Hall Signs:

All Genders Restroom
This Restroom is for Everyone

For Door Signs:

This restroom is for the use of everyone regardless of gender identity and expression. Anyone may use it. It is a safe place for all. Should you prefer a gender specific restroom, these are available throughout the conference center.

Rationale from J. Winkelstein for #2: Gender Neutral may be confusing for those who are unfamiliar with Gender Neutral restrooms because usually restrooms refer to some attribute of the person using them (male, female, disabled, family) rather than being attribute of the restroom itself.

Another possible option:

<http://www.utsandiego.com/news/2015/mar/02/transgender-neutral-restrooms-airport-lindbergh/>

Something to consider as we choose signage:

<http://lgbtweekly.com/2015/02/19/a-restroom-pictogram-that-sends-the-wrong-message/>

Minutes: It was moved and seconded to choose the hall signage: "All genders restroom. This restroom is for everyone." ALA Conference Services will do the official signage for Annual. The point was also made that it must be ensured that the bathrooms will be multi-stall bathrooms and not be single handicapped or family restrooms.

10. Informal Reports by Board Members – Liaisons to GLBTRT Committees (10 minutes)

Action: Discussion

Item Facilitator: Peter Coyl

Vote: N/A

Supporting Information: Board members are requested to check in with their committee and report as necessary.

Minutes: There were no reports.

11. Name change from Rainbow Project to Rainbow Book List

Action: Move to officially change the name of the GLBTRT/SRRT Rainbow Project to Rainbow Book List.

Item Facilitator: Peter Hepburn

Vote: Yes

Supporting Information: Rainbow is no longer a "project" of two RT's. It is a list of GLBTRT and has been known informally as the Rainbow List.

Minutes: The point was made that both Rainbow and Over the Rainbow should have matching formats. Since Over the Rainbow is officially called "Over the Rainbow Book List", the Rainbow should become the "Rainbow Book List". It was moved and seconded to change the name from "Rainbow Project" to "Rainbow Book List".

12. Inclusion of Stonewall Award and Honor Books in Over the Rainbow and Rainbow Lists

Action: Motion to include all Stonewall Award and Honor Books in the Over the Rainbow and Rainbow Lists each year beginning back to January 2015.

Item Facilitator: Ann Symons

Vote: Yes

Supporting Information: We looked to ALSC for advice; the Division has a policy stating that all ALSC award and honor books will be included in the ALSC Notable Book List. This makes sense as librarians [and others] looking for “the best of the best” should find the Stonewall books included. Practically this means that the Rainbow and Over the Rainbow lists will not be released until after the Stonewall Awards are announced.

Minutes: It was moved and seconded to include the Stonewall Award and Honor books on the Rainbow and Over the Rainbow lists. Practically speaking, this means that at Midwinter, the announcement of the Over the Rainbow and Rainbow lists will be pushed back one day so that when the Stonewall Book Awards are announced the winner and honor books will be included in in the Rainbow and Over the Rainbow lists.

13. Announcements:

Action: Update & Discussion

Item Facilitator: Any

Vote: N/A

Supporting Information: **Agenda items for next month: Charge for Advocacy Committee, Who?**

Future Meeting Times: April, May and June

GLBTRT Conference calls for April, May and June will be on the following dates:

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

New dates for April, May, June calls are:

Thursday April 9 at 3 PM CDT,

Thursday May 7 at 3 PM CDT, and

Thursday June 18 at 4 PM CDT

Minutes: The question was raised about whether a working group should be made for the new GLBT Book Month or whether Book Month should be rolled into the charge of the newly forming Advocacy committee. The current, ad hoc advocacy committee, which is creating the toolkit, will end in June. This item will need to be discussed in more detail during the April call.

Larry raised the idea that someone from ALA executive offices should ideally be participating in these calls. John Amundsen was recommended by Ann, who said she would speak with him about joining our calls.

There was an announcement made that Michelle Washington has left ALA.

14. Adjournment

Action: The meeting will be adjourned.

Item Facilitator: Ann Symons

Vote: N/A

Supporting Information:

Minutes: The meeting was adjourned at 6:01 pm.