

# Rainbow Round Table Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Friday, May 22, 2020, 3:00 am EST

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:03pm EST by Megan Drake.
2. The agenda and minutes from the April meeting were approved.
3. **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Update:** Ann Symons provided an update, including details of virtual meeting earlier this afternoon. She requested the board approve a name change from the Rainbow RT 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Golden Jubilee Ad hoc Committee to RRT 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Committee  
Motion made by Rae, seconded by Deb. Motion approved.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Ben Gomberg noted he has not received any updates from ALA since March. Briana noted that the February close not done yet. She will ask for anticipated date of release.
5. **RRT Councilor Report:** Deb Sica reported the ALA virtual conference will be held June 24 – 26. Links to ALA virtual registration have been sent out. The Council session links have been sent out. The dates will be Council I and II on June 23 and Council III on June 27.
6. **Rainbow RT Virtual Sessions (including non-Stonewall Awards)**  
Megan led a discussion on when the RRT should schedule its membership and update meeting. Several members expect June to be a busy month as many libraries will be reopening. The board agreed to decide on several dates in June and July to put forward to the membership. Megan will send a Doodle poll to board, then a Survey Monkey will be sent to membership.
7. **Virtual Stonewall Book Awards Ceremony Update**  
The chairs of committees have each done a video, which will be part of the virtual ALA. Discussion ensued regarding celebrating this year's winners next year. One of the considerations is the length of the program if we had winners from both years. Brianna will consider the pieces.
8. **Graphic Novels & Comics Round Table/RRT Reading List**  
Action: Discussion  
Item Facilitator: Shira Pilarski  
Vote: No  
-As a member of the Graphic Novels & Comics Round Table reading list, Shira asked if RRT would like to do a joint list with GNCRT. The board supports moving forward with a GNCRT/RRT booklist. Shira will get more info from the GNCRT Awards and Reading Lists Committee and report back.

**9. Conflict of Interest:**

Casey McCoy-Simmons presented an updated version of the conflict of interest guidelines for the Stonewall Book Award Committee.

**Stonewall Book Award Conflict of Interest Policy**

Members with a close personal relationship (family member, spouse/partner, intimate friend) or a professional relationship (co-author, co-illustrator) to an author and/or illustrator that is eligible for the award must excuse themselves from all discussion and voting process for said author and/or illustrator. If a situation does arise:

1. The member must tell the committee chair in a timely manner that they have a close relationship to the author and/or illustrator
2. The committee chair excuses member from discussion and voting process for said author and/or illustrator
  - a. Virtual meeting: recused member disconnects from meeting
  - b. In person meeting: recused member leaves the room

Members who write reviews for publications either in print or online must not submit reviews of materials eligible for this award during their terms of service.

Motion to approve by Deb Sica, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, approved. The new policy will be posted on the website.

**10. Announcements/Adjournment**

Briana Jarnagin provided a brief update about ALA. The move to the new building has not yet happened.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:54 pm EST.