

## **Rainbow Round Table Executive Board Meeting Agenda May2023**

Via Zoom

In Attendance: Dontaná McPherson-Joseph, Nadia Orozco-Sahi, Kathleen Breitenbach, Lea Wentworth (joining late), LaJuan Pringle, Erin Berman, Samuel Rumore, Kevin Strowder from ODLOS

**Monday May 8<sup>th</sup> 12 pm PT/ 1 pm MT/ 2:00 pm CT/ 3:00 pm ET**

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

Item facilitator: Dontaná McPherson-Joseph

At start of meeting quorum was not established. Board discussed that if we did not have quorum by the time we arrived at Item 6 (joint award with GODORT) we would discuss and call for a vote on Connect, as per Erin's suggestion. Called to order at 2:07 pm

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

Action: Approve agenda for May 2023 Executive Board Meeting

-Nadia wishes to add new item to the Agenda: Election Results

Erin Berman Moves – Samuel Rumore Seconds. Moved to first item of discussion.

-Approve the minutes of April 2023 Executive Board Meeting

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Vote – No objections

### **3. Treasurer Report**

\$2121 net revenue for admin fundquarter report. Stonewall fund also saw a net revenue of \$2175. [Report](#) uploaded to Connect (reports), and will be shared with board, 182,446 ending asset balance

Item facilitator: LaJuan Pringle

### **4. Updates on Stipends for presenters for ALA**

Presenter fees will be given, and LaJuan is working with Kevin on getting the funding with for this. Item facilitator: Dontaná McPherson-Joseph

## **5. Other ALA Annual Items**

1. Two publishers have asked about funds available for authors to travel to attend Stonewall Awards – how do we want to proceed? Discussion included the fact that we don't want to drain funds too quickly. Presenters are essential, but award winners are not necessarily. They are invited, and can choose to accept or decline. Kat mentioned that as Chair of Stonewall they had been advised that they were not allowed to volunteer money, but it could be provided if requested. Kevin added that presenters pay a fee to participate – \$200 flat rate, and are responsible for covering any one additional. Funds could come from a couple of different avenues, and would show as a variance in the budget as the end of the year which we would budget to account for.

-Erin Berman moves that we do not fund travel for authors. Samuel Rumore Seconds. All votes in favor. Motion passed: we will not fund travel for authors

Exec Board meeting at Annual is Saturday 10:30 am Chair's program is Saturday at 1 pm (readers advisory!) Executive Board meeting: Sat June 24 10:30 at Marriott Marquis, Biology, Annual membership, 4:00pm Saturday at McCormick Place, W176ab. Stonewall awards ceremony is 2:00pm Monday at McCormick Place, W176ab.

Kat's Program: Sunday 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM CT News You Can Use—Beyond the Middle School Rainbow: Intersectionality in LGBTQIA+ Middle Grade Books McCormick Place, W180. Available Digitally.

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## **6. Closed session to discuss joint award with GODORT**

Items for consideration shared via e-mail from Dontaná on April 21. The committee reviewed submission materials and voted unanimously to recommend giving the award to DEBBIE L. RABINA, PH.D, Professor at Pratt Institute, School of Information and Library Science. (as did the members of GODORT in a separate meeting). Next steps contact GODORT, contact award winner, work with GODORT to draft press release

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Press release: <https://www.ala.org/news/press-releases/2023/06/rainbow-and-government-documents-round-tables-announce-larry-romans>

## **7. Seven Stories Press proposed author program at PLA**

From [post in Connect](#)

## **8. Election Results [FinalReport \(ala.org\)](#)**

(discussed after agenda approved, before treasurer report)

Kat only agreed to be on the ballot when we had reached the deadline with not other interested parties. As we did later have candidates apply, we wondering how best to proceed: a revote of the membership excluding Kat's name, or offering the position to the candidate with the second most number of votes. Kevin will check with Danielle Ponten on procedure. Follow up with candidates to let them know internal discussions are happening and gauge interest for if they still want to be in that position.

## **9. Announcements/Other Business/Adjournment**

Stonewall Awards – question by Mentee about awards. Call goes out in Fall for book award committees. It is competitive.

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Adjourned at 2:57 pm