

2015 October Executive Board Meeting Agenda & Minutes

Tuesday, October 27, 2015, 6 p.m. CST

Location: Conference Call: 866-801-5789

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Attendees: P. Coyl, L. DeCoster, P. Hepburn, D. Isaak, L. Romans, D. Sica, and A. Symons

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Action: Callers present should introduce themselves.

Item Facilitator: Peter Coyl

Vote: No

Supporting Information: N/A

Minutes: The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm CST.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

Item Facilitator: Peter Coyl

Vote: No

Supporting Information: <http://connect.ala.org/node/246268>

Minutes: The agenda was amended to include an update on the RT election. The agenda was adopted as amended.

3. Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

Action: Approve minutes from September 2015 Executive Board meeting.

Item Facilitator: Peter Coyl

Vote: No

Supporting Information: <http://connect.ala.org/node/245964>

Minutes: The minutes were amended to say “No” instead of “N/A” when no vote was held on an agenda item (e.g., agenda items 1 and 2). Also, the minutes were amended for agenda items 7 and 8. For both, the vote status was changed from “N/A” to “Yes” as votes were held. The minutes were approved as amended. The Secretary will amend the September minutes and update the template for future minutes.

4. Treasurer’s Report

Action: Update from the Treasurer.

Item Facilitator: Liz DeCoster

Vote: No

Supporting Information: N/A

Minutes: The information in the Treasurer’s report was based on numbers at the close of FY2015. The donation from 3M totaled \$2,250. In the end, we were not able to remove the cake charge from Annual. The closing net asset balance for FY2015 was \$40,420 (up from FY2014’s closing balance of \$24,680). There was discussion about 3M selling its library division to Bibliotheca. The Chair will invite Jeffery Roth, ALA Acting Director of Development, to the next Executive Board meeting to discuss approaching Bibliotheca about continuing to make the donation started by 3M. The final FY2015 numbers from John Amundsen will be sent out to the Executive Board mailing list. The Treasurer will present the FY2016 budget at the Executive Board meeting held before ALA Midwinter so that Board members have time to review the budget before voting to approve the budget at Midwinter.

5. Additional Romans/Morgan Stonewall Funding

Action: Information

Item Facilitator: Larry Romans

Vote: Yes

Supporting Information: Restatement of the memo from Larry Romans and Mike Morgan after the discussion of the issue at the September Executive Board meeting:

Date: October 26, 2015

To: Peter Coyl, Chair, GLBTRT, and GLBTRT Executive Board

From: Larry Romans

Re: Stonewall Long Term Investment Fund

Mike and I are both delighted at the success of the Stonewall Children and Young Adult Literature Award and pleased to be able to have funded the Award with our contributions to sustain the award. We are also honored and grateful that the award was renamed the Stonewall Book Award--Mike Morgan and Larry Romans Children's and Young Adult Literature Award in honor of our gift to the endowment. The feedback from librarians, both LGBT and straight, from naming the award after us has been tremendously positive. We are at a point where we are ready to make another contribution to ALA and GLBTRT for the award.

At the last Board conference call we talked about how trying to rate young adult books with children's books was something like comparing apples and oranges. We also talked about how few quality LGBT children's books are published.

After the discussion at the last Board conference call, we propose that the new contribution to the Stonewall endowment be used in the following way:

We give the subcommittee that chooses the Stonewall Book Award--Mike Morgan and Larry Romans Children's and Young Adult Literature Award the option of choosing two winners, a young-adult book winner and a children's book winner. We assume that a quality young adult book will be chosen every year, and that a children's book will be chosen only in those years in which that is a children's book of sufficient quality. The books selected would not be identified as young-adult or children's; we simply would have either one or two winners, depending on the decision of committee.

Why not identify the winners as young adult or children's book? Since 2012, when the award was renamed, except for the winner this year, no children's book was considered good enough to be named an honor book, much less a winner. (Again, this may be a result of trying to compare apples and oranges.) It would be awkward to have an award that would be awarded fewer years than it is not awarded. Our hope, of course, is that over time LGBT children's-book publishing will improve so that there will be a children's-book winner each year. We don't foresee that as happening any time soon.

The number of honor books would be determined by the subcommittee.

Minutes: It was moved and seconded that the Round Table use the additional monetary contribution from Mike Morgan and Larry Romans to give the subcommittee that chooses the Stonewall Book Award--Mike Morgan and Larry Romans Children's and Young Adult Literature Award the option of choosing two winners, a young-adult book winner and a children's book winner, incorporating the suggestions in

Larry's memo of October 26, 2015. The motion passed with all in favor and no opposed. There was discussion about how to define young-adult and children's books with the suggestion of using the same age/grade cutoffs as ALSC and YALSA use for their book awards (Up to age 14 or 8th grade for children's books / age 14-18 or grades 9-12th for young-adult books). The RT Chair will inform the chair of the Stonewall Book Awards Committee.

6. GLBTRT Award for Political Activism

Action: Discuss and make suggestions about this new award.

Item Facilitator: Peter Coyl

Vote: Yes

Supporting Information: <http://connect.ala.org/node/246237>

Minutes: It was moved and seconded that the Round Table: a) accept in concept a GLBTRT Award for Political Activism with the understanding that it is for librarians (and their partners), library staff, library boards and library friend groups) b) accept the written description for the award with minor grammatical changes and c) that the Executive Board send the description to the ALA Awards Committee at Midwinter for approval with a request to announce a winner in 2016 (in lieu of waiting the traditional 18 months). The motion passed with all in favor and no opposed. Executive Board members should send suggested changes to the award description to Ann Symons. As the Awards Committee meets at the same time as the RT Executive Board, the RT Chair will approach Robert Newlyn about representing GLBTRT in front of the Awards Committee.

7. PLA Social

Action: Discuss holding a GLBTRT Social at PLA.

Item Facilitator: Peter Coyl

Vote: No

Supporting Information:

Minutes: The GLBT group of the LIS program at Simmons College will help with set up for the GLBTRT social at PLA. The venue is the Community Church of Boston.

8. OIF Webinar

Action: Via email the Board voted to help sponsor a webinar with ALA's OIF.

Item Facilitator: Peter Coyl

Vote: No

Supporting Information: This was the initial email sent out: "Dear Board: ALA OIF is hosting a webinar in November called "Picture books and Challenges: Dealing with controversial topics in Children's collections". They have approached me as being part of the conversation and I have agreed.

We'd like to make the webinar free to GLBTRT members. In order to do that we would need to help sponsor the webinar. OIF is also going to ask one or two other relevant ALA units about sponsorship.

I am requesting GLBTRT help sponsor the webinar by providing \$250 to ALA OIF (they are asking the same from the other units). This would allow for free registration and recordings for members of GLBTRT. We would also get billing as a sponsoring unit of the webinar. Members of other units not sponsoring would pay \$20.

I am hoping the board can respond and let me know your approval (or disapproval) fairly soon so that we can begin promoting it to our members."

This is the link to the webinar information: <http://www.ala.org/advocacy/picturebookswebinar>

Minutes: The Executive Board had previously voted unanimously over email to sponsor the webinar at a cost of \$250. This will allow GLBTRT members to attend the webinar for free. Deb Sica will send a message to the RT mailing list promoting the event and the benefit of membership in the RT. The event is on November 18th and deadline for registration is November 7th.

8.5 Election Update

Action: Information

Item Facilitator: Ann Symons

Vote: No

Supporting Information: N/A_

Minutes: All members of the Executive Board should reach out to potential candidates or pass along suggestions to Ann Symons. Positions to fill in the upcoming election include: chair, RT councilor, secretary, and three director-at-large positions.

9. Announcements:

Action: Information

Item Facilitator: Peter Coyl

Vote: No

Supporting Information: N/A

Minutes: Next Executive Board meeting will be on Tuesday November 24th at 6 p.m. CST.

10. Adjournment

Action: Information

Item Facilitator: Peter Coyl

Vote: No

Supporting Information: N/A

Minutes: The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. CST.