

2015 September Executive Board Meeting Agenda & Minutes

Tuesday, September 22, 2015, 5 pm CST
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Attendees: P. Coyl, A. Symons, P. Hepburn, I. Abrams, M. Ciszek, L. Romans, L. DeCoster, and M. Townley

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Action: Callers present should introduce themselves.

Item Facilitator: Peter Coyl

Vote: N/A

Supporting Information: N/A

Minutes: The meeting was called to order at 5 pm CST.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

Item Facilitator: Peter Coyl

Vote: Yes

Supporting Information:

Minutes: The agenda was approved.

3. Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

Action: Approve minutes from August 2015 Executive Board meeting.

Item Facilitator: Peter Coyl

Vote: Yes

Supporting Information: <http://connect.ala.org/node/244664>

Minutes: The previous minutes were approved.

4. Treasurer's Report

Action: Update from the Treasurer.

Item Facilitator: Liz DeCoster

Vote: N/A

Supporting Information:

Minutes: At the time of the meeting, the numbers for August had not been released. As of the end of July, the RT was ahead of projected monies by \$11,000. There was additional money donated to the RT after Annual via the 3M promotion. Currently, the net assets are \$24,680. There is still an outstanding issue that we were not charged for the exhibits floor cake that was served at Annual. Liz is looking into finding out if we were not charged because of the issues of the day or if it's an item in process that we will be charged for eventually.

5. Additional Romans/Morgan Stonewall Funding

Action: Information

Item Facilitator: Larry Romans

Vote: N/A

Supporting Information: <http://connect.ala.org/node/245356>

Minutes: The issue has arisen that it is very challenging to judge in the same category the age range from toddler to young adult. The board discussed the challenge and potential solutions to this. The board also discussed a draft proposal regarding a potential donation to the Stonewall long-term investment fund. The board will have the opportunity to look at this proposal again at the next meeting.

6. June is GLBT Book Month Logo Approval

Action: Discuss and approve a new logo for June is GLBT Book Month.

Item Facilitator: Peter Coyl

Vote: Yes

Supporting Information: A poll was conducted online of mockups for the Logo. The Board favored the Traditional Color design with the desire to brighten up the colors. We will also have the grey-scale one available for use on Black and White printing. The logos can be viewed here:

<http://connect.ala.org/node/244519>

Minutes: It was moved and seconded to adopt the Traditional Color logo with brightened colors and to adopt the Grey Scale logo for black and white printing.

7. June is GLBT Book Month Logo Payment

Action: Discuss payment for the new June is GLBT Book Month logo.

Item Facilitator: Peter Coyl

Vote: N/A

Supporting Information: The designer has issued his invoice for payment. With the excess funds from ALA President Courtney Young and money from 3M from ALA Annual we have more than enough to cover the expense.

Minutes: Currently, \$900 is owed to Sam for his logo design. We have \$200 left from the money Courtney Young gave us. We also have a lot of money left from the 3M fundraising at Annual. It was moved and seconded to use the remaining \$200 from Courtney Young and to take \$700 from the 3M monies in order to pay Sam for his design work. In future, we may ask Sam to make a Facebook cover or profile photo for the RT.

8. GLBTRT Award for Political Activism

Action: Discuss and make suggestions about this new award.

Item Facilitator: Peter Coyl

Vote: N/A

Supporting Information: Last meeting this item was suggested to be discussed at the next meeting. Hopefully by now Board members have had time to review the information and suggestions about the award.

Minutes: It was moved and seconded that the new award should be a monetary award and not just an honorary award. The proposal will be sent to the ALA Awards Committee. There was still debate about who, if anyone, the award should be named for. The board agreed that this item should be postponed until the next meeting so that Ann can write up some more information about it.

9. Stonewall Book Award Make-Up

Action: Discuss and make suggestions about the make-up of the Stonewall Book Award subcommittees.

Item Facilitator: Peter Coyl

Vote: N/A

Supporting Information: Last year the board said they would revisit the makeup of the award committee being in 2 subcommittees and having memberships last 2 years. This item is for discussion and comment.

Minutes: Currently, the issue has arisen that the Stonewall Award committee has a lack of member attendance at Annual and Midwinter. Technically, an appointment to this committee position means mandatory attendance at 2 Midwinters and only optional attendance at 2 Annuals. In the past, the RT has had to cancel publisher plans for breakfast with the committee and winning authors to celebrate their award winners because almost none of the committee was actually in attendance. In fact, at times, even the chair has not come to conference. It was agreed that 4 conferences was a high commitment to make, both in terms of personal finances and in terms of work finances. It was noted that research was done among other book award committees and it was found that the average committee size was 9 people. It was moved and seconded that the subcommittee size should be changed from 11 to 9. Additionally, it was noted that the Stonewall is currently the ONLY book committee that requires a commitment of 2 terms. (The rest all require a 1 year term.) It was moved and seconded to have a 3 year trial where the committee members all hold 1 year term and are required to attend both Midwinter and Annual. At the end of the 3 year trial, the board will reevaluate this set-up.

10. PLA Social

Action: Discuss holding a GLBTRT Social at PLA.

Item Facilitator: Peter Coyl

Vote: N/A

Supporting Information: Last year GLBTRT spent \$250 for a social at ACRL; We'd like to do the same for PLA in 2016. The money would cover some appetizers and it would be a BYOB event. PLA 2016 is in Denver, CO during April 5-9, 2016.

Minutes: It was moved and seconded to approve a \$250 expenditure for a social at PLA. In the future, it is the RT's goal to hold socials at PLA, ACRL, and AASL as a way to provide community while also providing a cost effective way to advertise membership in the RT.

11. Request to ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee

Action: Discuss requesting an amendment of the Library Bill of Rights.

Item Facilitator: Peter Coyl

Vote: N/A

Supporting Information: Some of the interpretations of the Library Bill of Rights still use the term "transgendered" rather than the preferred "transgender" term. GLBTRT modified its name a few years ago. We'd like to request ALA amend the statements to use the preferred term.

Minutes: General discussion of this subject seemed to determine that the uses of "transgendered" were accidental leftovers rather than a deliberate attempt to ignore the preferred terminology of "transgender" since this was an issue previously addressed with ALA. Peter was going to send the location of those instances to ALA for correction.

12. Announcements:

Action: Information

Item Facilitator: Peter Coyl

Vote: N/A

Supporting Information:

Minutes: There were no announcements.

13. Adjournment

Action: Information

Item Facilitator: Peter Coyl

Vote: N/A

Supporting Information:

Minutes: The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 pm CST.