EMIERT Executive Board Meeting  
January 13, 2008  
ALA Midwinter in Philadelphia  


New Business

Discussion of 2008 Annual Program: Eating Across Cultures

Proposed speakers and/or topics around cuisines

- African American Cooking focusing on the 1881 cookbook of Abby Fisher. (Speaker would be?)
- Refugio Rochin from the Chicano Studies at UC Davis
- Charles Perry—scholar on middle eastern food

Looking for Asian food heritage

EMIERT programs should have a goal of giving the attendees something tangible to take home with them—whether to aid developing their collections or in providing programming for their libraries.

Plan to provide as a handout Doris Gables bibliography of Children’s books on food.

(discussion of ephemeral materials such as menus---as topic? Handout?)

Important to publicize. Board members can help with this.

Myra discussed difficulty in getting the information about our program to the appropriate people and mentioned that it did not get included in the preliminary program (I did see it in the blue handout that gave an overview of programming at ALA Annual 08). Our program should be listed under reference, user services, and outreach tracks.

Vladimir thanked Myra and Roberto and Julie for their help in organizing the fund raiser and reminded the board that he had *What’s Cooking in Multicultural America? An Annotated Bibliographic Guide to Four Hundred Ethnic Cuisines* (Scarecrow 1996). We should advertise to the people that eat the cuisines on which we’ll be focusing.

We want to highlight the variety of publications out there. Myra is planning to send out periodic updates.

Homa Naficy, upcoming chair of EMIERT—planning the ’09 program, using forty drawings by children in Dafur. Would like to highlight them and explore the role of libraries in disseminating information about genocide and exhibit materials.
Increasing visibility/membership

Logo contest
The committee is Marty Goldbert, Penn State, Chair, Mark Schumann, graphic design, Shiela Keaise, Children’s Librarian, CT, Gabrielle Toth, Reference Librarian, Chicago.
Committee seeks approval for $250.00 award for logo design
Will recommend a winner to Myra
Working on the rules, press release and flyer for library schools, art schools, announcement on web site, listserv, ALA Direct
Deadline for submissions April 15 or May 1.

The final decision will be based on how design looks on web site and in the newsletter. Post the announcement on and direct people to look at website.

Myra called for a motion to approve the $250.00 for an award. Carol McCollough moved that the board approve $250.00 for an award for the winning logo design. Al Jones seconded the motion. The board approved it unanimously.

Myra mentioned that George Eberhardt, editor of ALA Direct, was at the EMIERT fund raiser and he mentioned that he is always looking for information and would be happy to post press releases through ALA Direct.

The Fund Raiser at the World Café Live
Roberto thanked people who came to the fund raiser. He mentioned institutional challenges with trying to publicize the event. Attendance could have been better, but we’ve laid out the ground work and have the momentum for the next fund raiser.

Our sponsors were:
The Children’s Law Group and especially Deborah Pergament,
YPB Book Services. Together these two organizations donated $1,000.

Also a special thank you to Roberto for all the work he put into planning the fund raiser and for acquiring the items for the silent auction.

Thank yous to the Goldman Group for donating copies of Multicultural Review, and to Lyn Miller Lachman for donating her book, and to the publisher of her book, Curbstone.

Carno Anaconda Books and Latin American Books for donating several thousand dollars worth of books.

Items left over from the auction will be used at the next fund raiser.

Web Page
Lisa Chianese is interested in working on the Web page. She is an artist and a children’s librarian and will be taking Collage training and will work with Sarah Smith.

Lisa is invited to send to the listserv information about the web server training and to stay in close communication with Marty (re: logo)

**Collection Development Committee**
The new chair is Rosalind Reisner. She is interested in building a databank of bibliographies. Discussion followed about different projects related to this including digitizing EMIERT Bibliographies with compilers’ permission, approaching Multicultural Review about including articles with large bibliographies, perhaps get permission to scan in the bibliographies,

**EMIERT Children’s Committee**

Not a strong charge or direction—possibility of looking at changes on some of the individual committees, adding support to various committees.

Al talked about work on the 3rd edition of *Ventures into Cultures*. First two editions were published in 1992 and 2001. This focuses on children’s literature

**Collection Development Committee**

Working on *Developing Culturally Diverse Collections* to be published by Libraries Unlimited. There is a new deadline of March. Myra has 1/2 of the chapters and expects the rest within the next few weeks. The submissions are “very good” and Myra said that they will require a minimal amount of editing. Myra hopes that material will be in soon enough that there will be a flyer or some kind of publicity material at the Greenwood/Libraries Unlimited booth at Annual.

The next publication is being worked on by Homa Naficy. She is collecting recipes and will send out another announcement to the listserv. At the very least she would like to have postcards of each recipe. If board members and contribute and ask a friend to contribute this would be a great help. She took the name of five interested people from the board. We can publicize this in ALA Direct also.

**Budget Report—Gail Schlachter, treasurer**

The fiscal year ends August 31. Coretta Scott King Award brings in most of the revenue. The organization is probably breaking even but we might be operating at a slight loss. We have a fund balance which cushions us for now Sources of revenue are memberships and fundraisers. Finding sponsorship is the best thing. It is hard to raise money through ticket sales. We need vendor contributions. Gail encourages us to think about how to do this. Our one basic expense is printing. Membership is important for revenue and visibility.
Gail discussed the number of members we need to get a representative on council. We may have enough. If we had 50 new members we would probably be in the clear. It is difficult to determine the number of members and whether or not it meets the minimal requirement of 1% of the ALA total membership.

Myra added that it would be valuable to have a representative on council and told the board that the council is considering opening up listservs (read only) to all ALA members whether or not they are members of the particular organization hosting the listserv.

We have either 613 or 672 members.

Some difficult in separating out the round table expenses from the Coretta Scott King Award revenue and expenses.

**Annual 2009 Programming**
Homa Naficy discussed her ideas for the 2009 Annual program as mentioned earlier in the meeting. She provided information about the Dafur prints. She mentioned that it would be very expensive to exhibit the prints at ALA.

She would like to examine the role of librarians in providing and disseminating information about genocide and about sex trafficking. Librarians can increase community awareness. Giving audience members something functional to take back with them.

Exploring working with other round tables such as the Social Responsibility Round Table and International Relations Round Table.

**Awards**
We need to get figure out where we are with our awards. These seem to have lapsed.

**Publicity**
This is another committee that the board should catch up with and reinvigorate

**Other Business**
Marty Goldberg asked about having the Executive Board meet at both Midwinter and Annual to aid board members that can’t attend two ALA meetings. It was decided to consider this but to stay with the current schedule for now. Committees need to meet at Midwinter and information for programming needs to be turned in at that time as well.

**Publicity**
The board is encouraged to help publicize EMIERT
We also need more board discussions
Perhaps using “my meetings” (most of us needed some information about how to use this.. Gail Schlachter may be able to provide this information)

**Nominating Committee**
1)Gail’s term is up as treasurer and she has agreed to run for a second term
2) Rebecca’s term is up as secretary and she has agreed to run for a second term
3) Members-at-large: Bessie Gray-Knox and Carol McCollough. Both are willing to run for a second term.
4) Janice Rosen and Sarah Smith are up for second terms (is this right or have they served their second term???)
5) Alan Baily is interested in running for member at large.
Mary continues and Linda continues.

Al Will send out URL’s for ballot form. Candidates need to fill out the information. He will send the list of candidates to Satia Orange.

Information needs to be submitted by January 30.

**Minutes**
The Minutes for the 2007 meeting were approved online and should be posted on the web site.

Look for the 2008 minutes in your email and please get back to Rebecca Stuhr with corrections and, when appropriate, need to hear definitively that the minutes are approved.

**Al Jones—running for ALA Council**
Al has been asked to run for ALA Council member again. Please consider voting for him. Last time the vote was quite close (two or three votes) so every vote counts. He’ll get his candidacy information out to OLOS for distribution as well.

**Draft Protocol**

Myra sent out the Draft Protocol by email—please get comments to her soon.

Myra thanked the group, she encourages board members to find new people to be part of EMIERT.

The meeting was adjourned shortly after 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Stuhr
EMIERT Secretary