

January 17, 2010

Present: Homa Naficy, Tess Tobin, Tara Lannen-Stanton, Linda Teel, Elliot Mandel, Roberto Delgadillo, Elliot H. Gertel, Charles Kratz

Meeting called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Homa Naficy.

Treasurers report: discussion of expenses of printing in *Multicultural Review*. \$6,000 for printing, but in exchange members get the review.

Program costs for Anaheim '08 were about \$6,000

This summer we'll have coffee at our program costing about \$2,000
We will have equipment costs—mikes, labor, computer hook-up, projector

[3% of CSK's revenue comes to EIMERT]

How do we find out how many people are on the committees?
Membership form: Elliot doesn't see the paper so doesn't keep track of the committee membership

Roberto: suggestion that we send out a message to membership—how long have you been a member of EIMERT, served on which committees ...? Compile the information.

Which committees should we continue:

Change Children's Services Committee to Youth Services Committee
Delete Committee on Library and Information Studies Education

Linda Teel will chair Multicultural Award Committee—send out announcement at end of February—ALA Direct, bulletin
A plaque—spend about \$200-\$250 (maximum) on two plaques
David Cohen Award for significant new research
EIMERT Multicultural award

Possibility of having a multicultural book award? There would be a seal on the book

Goal for 2011 to establish a book award (this would be the evolution of the David Cohen award)

Public Relations Committee, Includes Web Page Task force—Change to Communications Committee—could have co-chairs

Publications and Collection Development Committee be combined into Publications Committee—this would include electronic and print publications (RS, Vladimir...)

Ventures into Culture

Doris Gebel's has been working on bringing out the 3rd edition of this book

Two editions so far

Third edition in the works, but not completed. An ALA publication –with ALA publication, a certain amount comes back to EMIERT. Miguel from office of diversity: what happens with editions, if they aren't timely, the sales go down. Current edition is 2002. Do we pursue this?

The board decided the Ventures book should not continue. But those who did submit chapters should consider updating them and we can post in Bulletin and on our Web site.

We have limited resources right now and will put energy into bibliographies (e.g., Perspectives on Islam) on Web, and multicultural book award idea.

NYLA good source for a model of bibliographies –to establish a format.

The Bulletin: tie in for recruitment. Quarterly, publication—deadline sometime in April.

Committee Reports:

Elliot Gertel, chair of Jewish Information Committee

Vladimir's program

Has an e-list from previous chair but it seems to be outdated

We don't get the information from the brochure about committee membership

Membership: send out openings and looking for volunteers, and ask people to respond. Each chair could put out a request on the listserv.

Tara recommends that committees communicate through ALA Connect.

Deadline for putting a call together for all the committee volunteers is in the next two weeks.

Charles Kratz, Executive Board of ALA, EIMERT's liaison

Highlights – membership of ALA 62,865—down 1% from previous year

Five round tables and one division that had increases, the rest had decreases

Registration – registration for this conference 6,043, down from 6,900 in Denver.

Annual Conference has about 3,700 registrants, the hotels are booked at about 25%-pretty much on target.

Budget, 2009 budget, 3,000,000 revenue short fall, cost cutting steps, including position elimination, small surplus of \$300,000

Looking again at cost cutting of \$700,000

2011, now projecting –no new positions, no compensation increases

New strategic plan, probably on ALA Connect

Homa can send a draft to whole EIMERT list, we can send comments to Charles Kratz

The final draft will come back to ALA this summer

Library Advocacy day, Tuesday June 29—

Support Staff certification program—new to ALA, under umbrella of ALA/APA, just starting out. Go to Web site and take a look at that. Applications out on January 18, training online

Spectrum Scholarship Initiative, raise 1,000,000 for scholarships. Will double the number of Spectrum Scholars. Betty Turock is giving \$100,000 for Spectrum Scholarships.

We mentioned to Charles Kratz the replacement of MLS positions with MBA or Public Administrators. Also mentioned the benefits of joint conferences with neighboring countries (e.g., Canada, Puerto Rico), and difficulty of using ALA Web site. Additionally, promoting diversity within public library boards.

Programming:

Funding for annual program

Costs may come to about \$3,000-\$3500

Our programming plans should be running a year ahead. In January 10 we should be planning June '11

Our programming: Sunday, morning. Building Trusting Relationships: Sharing Cultural Heritage Through the Arts and Leisure Activities. 8-9 am EMIERT Business Meeting, 9-11 EMIERT Program, 11-12, EMIERT Membership Meeting. Ellen working with RUSA, showing a film One Poem Enriching Lives Across the Globe—and part of the Jewish Information Committee. Judith Schaefer's 59 minute film. RUSA is covering the costs. EIMERT is helping with publicity and Ellen has put it together but we are not providing any financial support. We will send out publicity on listserv.

Vladimir's program: Jewish Community in Romania

History of immigration of Jewish communities in US and Canada

Biographical sketches of Romanian Jews

Writing Holocaust memoir

Target audience all persons interested in stories of immigrants to North America.

Vladimir's forthcoming book *Romanian Jews in the United States and Canada 1850-2010*.

Request for funding---partial coverage for coming to Washington, D.C., \$500.00 for honorarium for Ruth G. Gold plus three additional panel members.

Microphones –two, one for speaker and one for audience.

Four speakers plus moderator

Romanian Jewish Yiddish music, so CD player with built in speakers

Vladimir wants food, strictly kosher food for 60 people, pastrami, lox, nondairy spreads \$900-\$1500

\$1568 and \$2240

EIMIERT will support: one microphone, recommend that Vladimir limit speakers to those who do not require honorariums.

This program may require outside funding.

EIMERT does not have enough money for supporting programs

Suggestions: What about holding it at the Holocaust museum?

Tess: put program in the works, commit to one microphone with long cord or cordless,

If we can get additional money we can add food later. No honorarium.

Program will be Monday morning from 9-11:30 in an 8-12 block

Committee meeting from 8-9.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.