

EMIERT Executive Committee Meeting

July 29, 2016

Present: Catherine Bomhold, Leslie Campbell Hime, Mimi Lee, Lori Mestre, Hazel Walker

Agenda

Approval of June Minutes

June ALA annual Executive and General Membership meetings: A motion to approve was made by Catherine Bomhold and seconded by Leslie, with confirmation to come by Nikitia for membership change. EMIERT agreed, at ALA annual to vote to approve minutes via email. We agreed that once they are posted to ALA connect, members have until the next meeting to make corrections. They will be considered approved at that time period.

Last Meeting Follow-Up

- We started the new meeting schedule this month, with set meetings scheduled for the same Friday of the month.
- Volunteers at Annual: Spectrum leadership at annual. Various people contacted Leslie after ALA annual to volunteer and she followed up with them. Leslie asked if others were in contact with any others who volunteered at annual. Lori and Mimi will share names of those in attendance at the meetings and Nikitia will follow-up about their interest.
- Annual final thoughts/wrap up
Sunshine State Jews Panel. Leslie asked about attendance. Leslie mentioned that Mimi, as Vice Chair of EMIERT, will take up the task of programming. We also discussed future evaluations of program proposals and successes of programs.
- Jewish Information Committee volunteer form revision
There are only a few on the committee- although more could be added. Wendy will add the ability for virtual participation.
- Distinguished Librarian Award
The call will go out at the beginning of September and we can use Cognotes for the announcement (ala.org). We would like to create an online form so that people could submit online. Lori will connect with Jody Gray to see about creating one. Hazel will make sure to notify people if they hadn't submitted all the forms, as soon as they submit documents. The deadline will be Monday, October 31 and the goal to review as a committee the second week in November, and finish deliberations by Thanksgiving. This will allow us to get on the same cycle that the other awards are announced at midwinter.
- EMIERT Brochure Revision: Wendy was interested in revising and could take the brochures to fairs. Leslie will follow-up with Wendy about that.
- Mimi—Guidelines for Outreach to Immigrant Populations. The Guidelines were completed over a year ago (2015) and were approved by the EMIERT Executive Board. It hasn't, yet, been coordinated with Jody's office for press release or to distribute to the membership in ALA or EMIERT. Jody sent an email with an EMIERT

logo. Mimi asked what the next step is to take that forward. Leslie said we can distribute that to our listserv. It is on ALA connect. The press release will go out to ALA general membership and Mimi gave her a summary of it. Leslie will review this and send an email to Jody to see if EMIERT needs to distribute it or Jody's office. Lori can then put it on the webpage.

- Mimi also discussed the election for the ALA representatives to IFLA's section of Library Services to Multicultural Populations. This needs to be announced by EMIERT. Nominees are recommended by corresponding round tables/sections. Mimi can liaise with the IRC and give more information. The election will be early 2017. EMIERT needs a document about our openings, as well as for IFLA and a sample call. We can create a document and put in ALA connect. Leslie will compile a list of vacancies and post to ALA Connect, along with the IFLA nomination info.

New Business

- Special projects: Leslie shared some ideas that she had for committees.
- One would be a review committee. Leslie was in touch with the 13 Spectrum individuals who received free EMIERT membership and Rachel Hildebrand. One committee would be a review committee and they could be posted to the web page.
- Another would be a socials committee to organize socials and midwinter/annual or where there are ALA conferences.
- Last committee: an e newsletter committee, released in fall/spring (September) which includes bios drawn from our PowerPoint from general membership meeting, for Executive Board members.
 - This could also have an annual recap, panels, the Eatonville tour and photos and member submissions. Leslie asked Rachel Hildebrand to write something on the Global Libraries initiative. We could also have information about the Spectrum scholars, book reviews, film reviews, republications of various topics, articles, archives, and information for upcoming ALA venues. Leslie could then create committees from the various initiatives. We could also include the awards we have given and the calls forthcoming. Spring would allow us to promo the upcoming projects. We would need to have a format/template/layout for the newsletter. Those in attendance thought this was a great idea. Leslie asked us to send any revisions to the bios from the previous PowerPoint that was used. Leslie can post that to ALA connect. Leslie will attempt to get something by the middle of August for feedback from the exec committee
- Reports
 - Catherine Bomhold: Catherine reported that it was a very busy, interesting, and passionate counsel at ALA annual. Lori will post the edited actions to ALA Connect.
 - Other reports should go straight to ALA connect
- Other Vacancies and Catherine's position. These will be on the Ballot for open positions and Leslie will be pushing out to lists and ALA Connect.

Submitted by Lori Mestre, secretary