

EMIERT Executive Board Meeting
Monday January 14, 2019
Time: 12-1 pm PT; 1-2 pm MT; 2-3 pm CT; 3-4 pm ET
Minutes

Present

Dr. Safi Safiullah, Chair
Dr. Leslie Campbell Hime, Treasurer
Marna Clowney-Robinson, Secretary
Ms. Kathleen M. Ladell, Member-at-Large
Andrea Jamison, Member-at-Large
Jené Brown, the CSK Liaison to EMIERT
Mimi Lee, Immediate Past Chair
Deborah Allman, Membership Committee Chair
Briana Jarnagin, Staff Liaison

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:01 PM

- Welcome and members in attendance announced and introduced themselves.
 - Minutes from December meeting were approved and passed.
 - Briana recommended posting the minutes on the ALA Connect and additional concerns and edits will be noted at the start of next meeting. Safi suggested that minutes should be completed in a few days and then posted.
 - Press release for Dr Clara Chu is completed by Andrea with Leslie for distinguished Librarian award. Should there be a quote from a member of the board of EMIERT for choosing Dr Chu? Briana shared that the press release looks good but it is up to the board to whether to add why Dr Chu was chosen. Briana shared that she can put the press release through the ALA channels. Dr. Chu was notified regarding her win and she was excited, and agreed to hold off on saying anything until the press release comes out. Other nominees were notified as well. Safi wondered if the press release can be announced now or during Midwinter. Options are for announcing now or after Midwinter. Briana was not sure if the release will be included in Cognotes. Leslie recalls press release goes out before ALA Midwinter and with a blurb in Cognotes.
- Action Items:
- Leslie will follow up and see if an announcement goes in Cognotes.
 - Briana will get online and send link to board listserv and will collect info from Dr Chu and get the process for the plaque and will double check on the award check.

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- EMIERT's Chair program at ALA Annual with four panelists and things look good. There is a placeholder in place until the remaining information is submitted. What has already been submitted is the title and abstract. Speaker information is still needed.
 - Action Item:
 - Safi will work with TinaMarie and Briana to get the additional information.
 - Briana will make sure the ALA powerpoint template for the presentation.
- ALA Annual still needs to get things set up for the board meeting, membership meeting, and other meetings such as meeting spaces, meeting dates, and discussion groups. Leslie shared that it may be useful to have programs that will be new which will be attractive to people and developing programs and projects. Should possibly partnering with other groups such as International Relations Round Table (IRRT). Discuss further at the February meeting.
 - Action Item:
 - Bring ideas and suggestions to the February meeting for programs or projects.
- Leslie reminded that we are in a new paradigm of EMIERT members. Last year's ballot passed that exec board would elect the award but a committee. This committee to define the winners and the board should be in touch and meeting at Annual brief the board. Briana shared that there is not a committee yet and projects to include EMIERT on the volunteers page, update bylaws, and update committee roles. There is not a lot of clarity yet.
- Elections
 - The ALA elections are coming up and we need experienced people and new people to build EMIERT. Consider submitting names for positions with EMIERT. February 1st is the deadline for submitting name to run for a positions. There are 2 member at large, vice chair, secretary, round table counselor, and treasurer are positions that are open for new terms.
- ALA Mid-Winter
 - Safi, Deborah, and Leslie are attending. Briana believes there should be a meeting to discuss other issues even though there is not a full board in attendance.
- No updates from CSK. Andrea shared that draft for diversity and collection Bill of Rights. A feedback email was sent to general public for feedback. Going to Office of Intellectual Freedom and to the Board or staff. Draft should be available after MidWinter. Press release should be sent to SSRT newsletter council.

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Adjournment

Meeting adjourned: 12-1 pm PT; 1-2 pm MT; 2-3 pm CT; 3-4 pm ET

Respectfully Submitted,
Marna Clowney-Robinson
Secretary