

EMIERT Executive Board Meeting

Monday February 11, 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
Briana Jarnagin, Staff Liaison

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 PM

- December meeting minutes were accepted and approved
- Andrea shared that Dr Chu has been notified that she is the winner of the Distinguished Librarian Award and confirmed she will be at ALA Annual. The other nominees were notified and the press release has come out and is in Cognotes.
- Updates were presented on membership and finance by Leslie and Deborah. Deborah shared that personal membership increased by 16%; and total membership is up 15%. Overall the organization stayed the same. Leslie shared that EMIERT was in good shape financially.
- Jene shared that the 50th of CSK was going well and programs continue to grow. The CSK budget looks good. Discussion about joining CSk and members must join EMIERT first.
- ALA Midwinter Meeting events were reviewed by those in attendance
 - Costs have risen and ALA organization has lost money and thoughts of revamping the structure of the meeting or weather to do just Annual was discussed. There were no major motions were passed and defining transgender was pushed to be revisited at summer ALA Annual
- ALA elections are coming up and Safi reminded members to be sure to put their names forward for the ballot. There are several positions up for a vote and need good representation.

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- Controversy at Midwinter meeting in Seattle was discussed and it was shared that during an informal discussion, 2 councilors were involved in a verbal altercation. The incident was regarding wording that had occurred and discussed for 45 mins and moved on. Once accused another of verbally attacking her. She accused other councilors in the session with not speaking up to assist her and the other councilor involved resigned. There has been a lot of misinformation and rumors about what happened at Midwinter.
- Discussion by other EMIERT members about ALA and its commitment to diversity and inclusivity but there is still room for improvement. Safi mentioned that staffing in libraries and diversity is declining and a commitment to diversity is needed. Deborah noted that some things should not be tolerated and there are a lot of rumors circulating regarding what happened at ALA Midwinter.
- Misc
 - SSRT has requested for EMIERT activities for their newsletters and is due by March 6,2019.

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