ALSC Fall Executive Committee Meeting
Saturday, October 6, 2018
8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

American Library Association Headquarters
Carnegie Room
40 E. Huron, Chicago, IL 60611

FINAL Minutes
Approved January 25, 2019

Executive Committee in Attendance: Jamie Naidoo, Nina Lindsay, Cecilia McGowan, Paula Holmes and Julie Dietzel-Glair

Staff in Attendance: Aimee Strittmatter, Alena Rivers, Angela Hubbard, Marsha Burgess, Elizabeth Serrano, Courtney Jones and Laura Schulte-Cooper

Proceedings:
- Meeting called to order at 8:31 a.m. by President Jamie Naidoo
- Meeting to be run informally
- Consent agenda approved as submitted
- 2018 Annual Conference Board of Director minutes corrected: Megan McGowan and Holly Fry in attendance.
- Meeting adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

Announcements:
No announcements given

Discussion/Decision

ALSC Budget Update
P. Holmes reported that ALSC did not receive approval by ALA for ALSC’s request to transfer ALSC endowment funds. A. Strittmatter reported the performance numbers are from the first budget close of FY2018, ALA has a three-close phase. Auditors are currently at ALA and the final close numbers will be reported at Midwinter.

The Banquet is showing ($77,127) in net expense. There is still registration revenue to post. Meal expenses came in 23% or ($19,723) over budget and audio-visual expenses are $87 over budget. Additional adjustments will still be made as invoices are paid and support is added from the book and media endowment, but the banquet is expected to operate at loss this year.

Slate for 2019 Election (CONFIDENTIAL)
The Executive Committee accepted the Nominating and Leadership Development Committee’s slate for the 2019 election.

Notable Children’s Book Manual Update
J. Naidoo reported that the Notable Children’s Book Chair Maeve Visser Knoth indicated that the committee’s
manual needed updates. Executive Committee reviewed and discussed suggested edits to the manual. A. Strittmatter will make edits and then J. Naidoo will refer the manual to M. Visser Knoth.

ACTION: Request M. Visser Knoth to review A. Strittmatter edits.

ACTION: Review page 44 in orange.

ACTION: Review page 11; procedure and eligibility

ACTION: C. McGowan will assist by sending edits to the ALSC office.

Mega Issue Discussion for MW: Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion Work

The Executive Committee considered the focus of ALSC’s EDI work. Focusing on one segment of diversity at a time can be inclusive even though it can feel exclusive. ALSC is committed to supporting all types of diversity. There was discussion around tensions of Board roles, responsibilities, including fiduciary responsibilities, and decision-making.

Discussion: Review of ALSC supported Summer Learning Activities

The Executive Committee explored ideas of how to use the Disney donation of $100,000.00 which was earmarked by a prior Board for summer learning activities. A. Hubbard stated that she spoke with the Out of School Time Summer Learning Task Force co-chair regarding the Summer Learning pilot, but a decision on what to do with the funding has not been made. The task force considered hosting a webinar and asking participants to provide feedback on their experiences with summer learning programs addressing what worked and what were the challenges.

Earlier this year ALSC was contacted by the National Summer Learning Association (NSLA) and both organizations collaborated on the National Summer Learning Day program. There are possibilities of working together in the future, perhaps on research and developing measurement tools for summer learning data. Consider developing tools for small and rural libraries.

ACTION: A. Hubbard will draft options for next steps for summer learning. The ALSC Board will consider the types of metrics needed and determine if “out of school time learning” needs to be further defined (after school, weekends, summer). This Disney funded project will be focusing on summer.

Strategic Plan Review and Next Steps

A. Rivers reported highlights on the strategic plan implementation progress. Since Annual Conference, many committees have been setting up their first meetings and getting started on projects. Some committees, as noted on the September 15th committee reports, have not had their first meeting. There is an overall sense that committees are at the beginning stages of their terms and projects.

ALSC Community Forums

J. Naidoo reminded the group that the October 18th forum topic will be hosted by the Library Services to Underserved Children and Their Caregivers committee. It will focus on information sharing about programs and services to immigrant and refugee families, will feature the current Light the Way Recipient, and will solicit feedback for a refresh of the Library Services to Immigrant and Refugee Families & ALSC Service to Special Populations Toolkit

J. Naidoo solicited ideas for a December/February Online Community Forum topic. Ideas included

• What to do about challenged classics?
• Reaching out to small and rural libraries to get input on summer learning
• Budget 101
• New Digital Media Awards
• Young Children, New Media and Libraries survey results
• Services to Immigrant population: Unable to use social services because doing so may jeopardize their green card status
• Lessons learned as a “new chair”
• How to teach children to identify “fake news”

Discussion: Pura Belpré Award Expansion Task Force Update

J. Naidoo provided an update that the implementation will likely be delayed a year as the group further refines recommendations and that the roll-out will be planned for 2021 to coincide with the award’s 25th anniversary. The task force will likely submit this recommendation by the October Board meeting.

Check-in on Liaison Assignments

P. Holmes gave a brief update on how she collects data as the Fiscal Officer for award committees.

Old Business

No old business discussed

New Business

J. Naidoo reported on the Joint School/Library Cooperation Committee. He announced that the committee will focus on two projects; Libraries Welcome All Families, which would focus on inclusive spaces in libraries, and Supporting Healthy Racial Identity Development, a topic that will move EDI initiatives forward.