

**MINUTES**  
**ALA Award Committee Meeting**  
**Monday, January 17, 2005, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM**  
**Sheraton-Kent Room, Boston, MA**

**Attendees:**

Timothy Grimes, chair  
David Dowell  
Mario Ascencio  
Hellena Stokes  
Roxanne Sellberg  
Cheryl Malden, ALA liaison  
Nanette Wargo Donohue, intern

**Approval of Minutes**

There is a correction on the second page. In the second paragraph, the text should read, "to approve the L. Ray Patterson Copyright Award."

David Dowell moved that the minutes be approved as corrected. Roxanne Sellberg seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Jewish Literature Award**

Cheryl Malden spoke to Susan Roman about the Jewish literature awards. The decision has been made to wait until it is decided whether this award will be an ALA award or a RUSA award.

**Award Publicity**

Timothy Grimes distributed printouts of the Awards section of the ALA Policy Manual from the ALA web site. The Awards information on the ALA web site is incomplete. Cheryl Malden will contact someone who can fix the problem.

Timothy Grimes and Roxanne Sellberg will be developing a checklist that describes what is necessary to create a new award. This information will be added to the ALA web site.

**Awards Manual**

There is an active proposal in Council to create a separate Scholarship Committee. All ALA scholarships would be handled by the Scholarship Committee, and the Award Committee chair would no longer be responsible for appointing juries for the scholarships. This would require significant changes to the Awards manual, which the Committee will handle at Annual. Committee members are asked to look at the web site and the manual prior to Annual in order to be prepared to discuss the necessary changes.

**Publicity**

Most divisions and roundtables publicize their own awards, and ALA awards are publicized in American Libraries. David Dowell suggested creating a matrix of awards and listservs to help better publicize the awards. This issue will be further discussed at Annual.

Mario Ascencio and Cheryl Malden will compile a list of state library associations to contact to publicize the ALA awards.

The meeting was adjourned at 2 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nanette Wargo Donohue, intern



**MINUTES**  
**ALA Award Committee Meeting**  
**Saturday, January 15, 2005, 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM**  
**Sheraton-Kent Room, Boston, MA**

**Committee Members:**

Timothy Grimes, Chair  
Mario Ascencio  
John Cawthorne  
David Dowell  
Jennifer Ray Ralston  
Hellena Stokes  
Roxanne Sellberg  
Liz Bishoff  
Nanette Wargo Donohue, Intern  
Cheryl Malden, Staff Liaison

**Guests:**

Wendy Prellwitz, ALA Office for Diversity Program Officer  
Lynn Westbrook, University of Texas at Austin  
Barbara B., Co-Chair of the EMEIRT Jewish Information Committee  
Kelly Bauer, Principal, Richard+Bauer  
Philip Tramdack, Director of Library Services, Slippery Rock University

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 AM by Timothy Grimes, Chair.

**Welcome and Introduction**

Timothy Grimes welcomed committee members and visitors to the meeting.

Committee members and visitors introduced themselves.

**Calloway-Extra Mile Doctoral Fellowship Award Proposal**

Wendy Prellwitz, the Office for Diversity Program Officer, described the Calloway-Extra Mile Doctoral Fellowship to committee members. The Fellowship is intended to address diversity issues and assist in diversity recruitment in LIS Ph.D. Programs. Though ALA does have some scholarships that can be applied to the master's or Ph.D. Level, this would apply only to the Ph.D. Level. OD would like to establish this doctoral fellowship and name it in honor of Greg Calloway, who has been a strong supporter of the ALA Spectrum Scholarships.

OCLC has provided seed money for this scholarship. The Office for Diversity has also pledged to raise at least \$3000. The minimum award would be \$3000 per year for three years, but possibly as much as \$5000 per year for three years. Eventually, the award would be \$8000 per year for three years.

The Office for Diversity would like to award the scholarship for at least three years, then



continue fundraising to continue. The process would be the same as for Spectrum and other ALA scholarships. The Awards Committee would appoint the award jury. The recipient would not be invited to participate in the Spectrum Institute, because the Spectrum Institute is geared towards students who are in their first year of an LIS program. However, they would be invited to attend Spectrum Institute as a guest. Recipients would be encouraged to pursue research in diversity-related subjects, and there will be a presentation component when the recipient completes his/her dissertation.

Concerns were raised about the ability to financially support the Fellowship on a consistent level. More funding will be necessary before the proposal will be approved. Additional fundraising is encouraged.

### **Approval of Minutes**

This item was moved to Monday's meeting.

### **LRRT Ingenta Research Award**

Lynn Westbook presented the proposal to establish the Ingenta Research Award, submitted by the Library Research Round Table (LRRT). The award is intended to support research of all types on digital information and its use and application in libraries. Ingenta has committed to this award for five years. LRRT will jury this award, with the steering committee serving as jury for the first year. A committee will be formed after the first year.

Aggressive promotion of the award will take place via LRRT mailing lists and contacts. The budget for the award covers promotion, including mailings.

David Dowell moved and Roxanne Sellberg seconded the motion. The award was approved unanimously.

### **EBSCO/ALA/EMEIRT/JIC Jewish Literature Award**

We cannot move forward with the EBSCO Award with this time based on a situation with protocols for contact with donors. A different award, the Sophie Brody Medal, has been proposed. Both awards were discussed, as were options for combining the awards, as there can only be one Jewish literature award.

EMEIRT was encouraged to work with Susan Roman and the Development Office at ALA to determine what to do about EBSCO's proposed sponsorship of a Jewish Literature award. There will be a Jewish Literature award developed.

### **ALA/IIDA Library Interior Design Awards**

Presenters:

Philip Tramdack, Dir. at Slippery Rock Univ at PA, Chair LAMA Buildings and Esq.  
Kelly Bauer, Library Interiors, Furnishings, and Equipment Comm. of LAMA  
Joe Agati, Agati, Inc. Furniture, Chicago



For some time, there has been an ALA/AIA Award for Building Excellence. The award is given every other year in odd-numbered years. Richard+Bauer, in connection with LAMA BES, has developed a similar award to be given in even-numbered years to acknowledge distinguished accomplishment in interior design in library buildings and to showcase excellence in library interior design.

Final approval is sought by ALA Annual, so the award can be presented at Annual Conference in 2006. Otherwise, the award would not be given until 2008, which is a lengthy delay.

Funding is the major issue for this award. The recipient of the award will receive a plaque or a framed citation; however, a reception honoring the recipient(s) would also be given. The reception would encompass the largest amount of the award budget.

There have been discussions with the IIDA (International Interior Design Association), and they seem to be in support of the award. A document would need to be drafted describing the separate responsibilities of ALA/LAMA and IIDA. ALA would have sole fiduciary responsibility for the award. Further clarification of the relationship between the two organizations, particularly in the composition of the award jury and provisions for the financial agreement, was requested. This information will be provided to the Awards Committee by April 1, 2005.

#### **Awards/Scholarship Task Force Issues**

This item was moved to Monday's meeting.

#### **Sophie Brody Medal Discussion**

Cheryl Malden addressed questions regarding the proposed Sophie Brody Medal for outstanding contributions to Jewish literature. This award will be discussed and presented further at Monday's meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nanette Wargo Donohue  
ALA Awards Committee Intern