

2013 ALA Annual Conference
Library Support Staff Interests Roundtable
Steering Committee/Meeting
Chicago, IL
Saturday June 29, 2013

Present: JP Pendleton, Nina Manning, Kareen Turner, Kerrie Stramler, Valentin Colon, Marilyn Jack-Brown, Sarah M Kartsonis, Valeria Fike, Jennifer Kutzik.
Guests: Nancy Bolt, Ian Lashbrook, Louis H Sico Jr, Debra Cosby, J. Linda Williams

Meeting was called to order 8:07 AM

-Introductions of members and guest: Luke Sica is from Maryland.

-ALA EB Liaison J.Linda Williams-we will be able to recover for deficit

-ALA has a hiring freeze

ALA is to be a strong and positive conference. Goal is to make connections between communities and libraries.

-Digital still working very hard to make Ebook accessible

-initiatives to make Authors more supportive

-School libraries are under attack and being phased out. School Libraries task force to advocate for school libraries.

LSSC-Ian Lashbrook/Nancy Bolt indicated that the federal grant is ending soon. The program has over 70 new candidates join since 2013 mid-winter; 420 active candidates-52 graduates, 41% are between the ages of 45-54; Registration assistance Awards and course subsidies EAAs-377 awarded 190 claimed. Overall the program continues to grow and support is necessary. Ian is working with the State organizations to introduce LSSC, promote, promote!! A reception to help promote is scheduled for both Annual and Mid-Winter. Be on the look out and let's support. The fees are paid once portfolios are submitted. Effective January 2014 the administrative cost will no longer be absorbed. The two consultants are stepping down.

-Minutes are to include bullets, results, guests and are due 30 days before meetings. Procedures and guidelines are being review or possible composed. Jan.26,2013 minutes were distributed.

Kerrie motioned to accept the minutes with the necessary corrections, Kareen 2nd and the minutes were approved unanimously.

-Treasurer's report- figures are showing we overspent, however Beatrice our ALA liaison will be able to clarify the possible error in our balance. Overall membership of ALA is down and so is our membership. We are also down a Council seat. We are back into a small round table ground. Some discussion on councilor seat and maintaining a voice.

-Membership-having programs would also generate membership. The Empowerment conference was a good source for membership. Currently our membership has dropped by 113 members.

-President's Report-tomorrow's program is at N427 all are encouraged to attend and support. Discussion on COLT's 20th anniversary-2014.

School libraries initiative, we have to support speaking out in support school libraries

-ALA has a library 1500 daily inquiries, keeps acronyms updated. FAQs, nominations for awards, projects for internship, alternatives for spring breaks.

- ALA Councilor r/t rep-representing membership meeting is needed for all ALA meetings.
- Dues adjustment got passed-expect some adjustments
- new Go Green Round table
- fossil fuel ruled out, but being revisited.
- digital content group-making progress, selling millions of Ebooks
- program:"We told you so"-Sunday June 30,2013 3pm.
- Some discussion on ALA opening session with prayer. We are not a religious based organization.
- LSSIRT needs to be recognized for our involvement with the organization.
- Newsletter/Website coordinators's report-February,May, August, and November are the projected Newsletter months.
- Items for discussion
- Old business-None
- By-Laws/Steering Committee duties- current by-laws doesn't list specific duties. Kareen has done some research and gave some State like duties. Procedures to be done collectively- some discussion but no assignments yet.
- Membership chair is appointed by the President
- Members at Large need more of a function-reporting back from membership council as a member at large.
- Appointments/Elections-Some discussion on the appointment process.
- Marilyn Jack-Brown to carry out Valentin Colon's term. Anita Konsinski to carry out unfilled 2013-2016 term member at large position
- 2014 Annual conference program 20th Anniversary 1PM Sunday best practice 1:30 time slot
- Night out City Tavern
- New Business-Kent Slate made a correction on themid-winter minutes with the spelling of his name.
- New ALA Leadership for Librarians only-Maureen Sullivan to head.
- Heading to the future. Ron is MIA. Kent Slate can/will speak on behalf of members as far as money.
- J. Linda Williams is going off the board at the end of this conference
- PASSING of the Gavel
- Valentin motioned to adjourn, Marilyn Jack-Brown 2nd
- Adjourned 11:24 AM

Nina Manning Secretary