

2014 ALA Midwinter meeting
Philadelphia, Pa
January 25, 2014

LSSIRT Steering Committee meeting

Present: JP Pendleton, Nina Manning, Kareen Turner, Kerrie Stramler, Valentin Colon, Marilyn Jack-Brown, Sarah M. Kartsonis (via Skype), Valeria Fike, Jennifer Kutzik.

Guests: Maggie Farrell and Loretta Parham.

Meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM, by Kareen who was the presider. Introductions of members and guests were done.

The two ALA Presidential candidates were in attendance of our meeting seeking our support. Minutes-correction: Jennifer Kutzik was not in attendance for the 2013 Annual. Seeing no further comments or corrections Kerrie motioned to accept the minutes as presented with the necessary corrections, Marilyn seconded, and the minutes were unanimously accepted as presented.

Treasurer's Report-Kerrie indicated that our treasury is doing well as we prepare for the 2015 's budget. A suggestion was made for light refreshments (beverages) for our business/membership meetings. Valentin motioned to accept the report/2015 budget, Anita 2nd and the motion was unanimously approved.

Membership Report-Our membership is up (476+) although ALA is dropping. There's some concern on the timely arrival of the membership list and accessing it (file locked). How to get a more accurate count , a few discrepancies. Discussion followed,ways of increasing/reaching members. Suggestions are welcome, ,Council Rep. Jennifer Gallant will submit information immediately following ALA.

Hot Topics: Internet neutrality, non discriminatory internet use, sunsetting inactive committees, future of ALA mid-winter, appropriate compensation for staff. Last fiscal year was able to give the staff 2% incentives. 3 sources of income for ALA conference, publication & membership, tutorial for round tables (ie annual budget, ALA finances 101), LSSC-can serve and run for a position.

A pin for those that complete the program-Certified Library Support Staff.

E- learning is a way of tracking learning,eventually certification will be pulled into.

BARC is scheduled to meet in April.

President/vP 3 year commitment -currently no candidates, Secretary, Treasurer-2 potential candidates, Members-at-large- 2 potential candidates.

Deadline dates were shared: Programs for Annual Oct.1, ALA Election candidates begins Sept. 3, following Feb. 2, is the deadline for submission, Feb. 18. Deadline for ALA conference, March 15 meeting rooms.

Committee orientation once a year.

Sunday of annual should be training and online module.

Strategic planning-something to be considered for ongoing purposes.

Website-expired 2012(strategic plan).

Strategic meeting topics-opportunities, threats, budget, networking, advocates,lack of professional development, low morale, lack of opportunities for promotions, perception of the profession, generational communication & or Diversity. Think about advocate, getting more involved.

COLT gave us \$20,000 as they dissolved.

ALA to reach reach out to institutions to give fundraising money to help increase it's membership. Advocate to increase membership \$100.00 or ask librarians for contributions.

Anita motioned to adjourn, Marilyn 2nd,

Adjourned, 11:50 AM,

Respectfully submitted,

Nina E Manning-LSSIRT Secretary