

FMRT Executive Board Meeting
Monday, September 30, 2-3pm ET (11-12 PT)

Meeting recording:

Present: Brian Boling, Jenifer Carter, Athina Livanos-Propst, Lowell Lybarger, Brian McGeary, Steve Milewski, Leigh Rockey, Gisele Tanasse, Laine Theilstrom, Monique Threatt, Lorraine Wochna

1. Announcements (Gisele, 5 minutes)

- Please nominate films for Notable Videos here (be sure to review criteria). Seeking at least one nomination from each Executive Board member.
- Samantha Mairson and Elliot Stevens are still co-leading the Digital Media Discussion Group (subject to Elliot's availability to travel to Midwinter).

2. Scholarship update (Gisele, 5 minutes)

The deg farrelly memorial AMIA/Alexander Street Press scholarship has been approved and is ready to go, it just hasn't appeared yet on the website. The good news is that the old Kino Lorber scholarship is down. It is the 50th anniversary of ALA scholarships, and Regina is one of the featured scholarships from over the years!

3. Bylaw Changes (Gisele, 5 minutes)

Proposed changes for our review are available here (we have enough time to review together, no pre-work required). In summary, a few minor grammatical changes and VRT-->FMRT.

Minimal changes are needed, such as the FMRT name changes, which had already been previously made. There are a few minor grammatical changes, too. There is a change from nonvoting as one word to two words on page 1; on page 2, we need to switch "on executive board" to "on the executive board" and also replace the word "every" with "each" and the words "a written" with "the written." We must also replace "by communications" to "by the communications" on page 7. Lowell says to keep nonvoting as one word per Merriam-Webster or hyphenate it; the consensus seems to be to keep it as one word. Brian Boling says he's not sure what level of grammatical changes we're allowed to make without getting a vote of the full membership, so we should probably check with Danielle. Gisele will check with Danielle to see if these are minor enough where the board can make them without putting a ballot out to the membership.

Do we wait to vote on approving the changes, or do we want to vote now with the caveat that if it's not okay then we will come back and do it? Motion from Steven to approve all changes except to keep nonvoting as one word, assuming that these changes will be minor enough that we will not need to seek approval from membership. Anyone dissenting? Athina seconds the motion. It is approved.

4. Need nominations for Chair-Elect and Secretary (Gisele, 5 minutes)

If you have any ideas on this please tell Lowell, he's our nominations guy. Lowell says if anyone is interested from the board, we would love to have you.

Question: Can someone who is currently serving a nonelected two-year term change midterm and take up another position or run for an elected position? Gisele thinks it might be possible to have two leadership positions, but it might not be a great idea. Maybe we should ask the FMRT list. Steve does

not think it's good to have two elected positions on the board in one person. Brian Boling agrees; so does Lowell.

Jenifer and Gisele wonder if we should put a call out to the FMRT listserv for the chair position. Maybe not, because we want to have a better sense of whether a person will be committed and have the energy and passion to do it. Maybe there are people who have stepped away for a while, and we could ask them to come back to be secretary.

Lowell and Jenifer will put out calls for elections using the FMRT list.

5. Committee Updates (Various, 2-7 minutes each)

- **Vice-Chair (Steven)** Steven will be working on the restaurant meal for us on Sunday evening at Midwinter, so if anybody is familiar with the Philadelphia area, he would be happy for any restaurant information.
- **Communications Committee (Jen)** Jen will put out some calls for Notables videos nominations. Can I put this out over social media? Is anyone allowed to nominate for Notables? Gisele thinks that's a great idea. Jenifer says that once the scholarship is updated and ready to go, she will send out information about it on video-lib and FMRT-L and social media.
- **Programs (Laine & Lorraine)** What is the date by which we need to have the chair's program decided upon? Gisele says that we have a fair amount of time. Laine and Lorraine had a meeting to discuss various ideas. Laine put a notice in the Chicago area archivist listservs and got two responses, one from a military museum and the other was the Media Burns archive. Media Burns suggested talking about what they do in the Chicago Lost and Found series archival collections or about archiving past activities related to social justice projects. This is along the lines of community archiving. We wanted to look into public libraries and community archiving and how to make it easier to do that. Laine says she's done a little research and found Chicago Public Library's Photovoice. Other ideas are--working with local libraries in Chicago area about programs where they show films to the community regarding social justice. Chicago Film Archives has cool stuff, and they could screen some favorites. Do we want to go with social justice, and do we want to highlight special Chicago collections? Lorraine and Laine say that there are not limited to any of these ideas. For 2021, in Chicago, the National Association of Media Literacy and Education also has a convention, so we could work with them. There's also interest in videography and multimodal scholarship, but that is primarily academic library focused. We're open to ideas. Feedback? Gisele says she loves the ideas. She likes the Chicago Photovoices because we've seen good attendance at sessions supporting users and engaging in video projects and this is a bit of a different take. The past three years we've had this program as a conversation among filmmakers, and if you want help facilitating that, we can get that, but it doesn't have to be a conversation, it could be presentation or screening and Q&A, etc. Laine says the Chicago Public Library Photovoice thing sounds like it was just an exhibit not an archive. Is it hampered by privacy issues? Maybe it's not online because of these issues. We could even have a panel that talks about the problems with putting videos and photos online. Lorraine wants to know if we can bring someone in for a fee. Gisele says that is something the board would have to vote on.
- **Scholarship update (Gisele)** See above.
- **Notables (Bryan M.)** There isn't much new to report. We're still in the process of watching the nominees. We have around 30 nominees at this point. We could always use more, so if you have any suggestions, please submit them.

- **Membership (Athina)** We have this steady increase in total membership, which is nice. In July it was up 12% since test time, and August was up 15%. We still have a high percentage of student members. I don't think we are in danger of losing our non-small status anytime soon. If anybody has statistical questions about how the membership data breaks down, please ask her.
- **Gala (Ben)** No report.
- **Bylaws (Gisele for Michele)** See above.
- **ALA Councilor Report (Brian B.)** Intellectual Freedom Round Table just recently also signed on to the letter opposing the SCOE changes. We know that SCOE has received feedback and will wait to see what they think. Gisele is hopeful that SCOE is listening. They have made adjustments in the past based on feedback. Steven says that they seem gung ho about the board change, unfortunately. He doesn't agree with it, and he is a little worried that they will not be entertaining too much change. Gisele asked Brian about interaction between him and other councilors from round tables. Brian is becoming oriented right now and as Midwinter approaches he will be better able to ascertain what that interaction will be. Steven asked if the council has to approve SCOE changes. Brian says yes, he thinks so.
- **IFLA (Mo / Debbie)** Monique says that they had a successful session in Athens, and Debbie was reelected president of our AVMS committee. What we're working on now is action plans in alliance with the strategic plan. Still looking for new members. The meeting will be in Ireland next year. You can always go to the IFLA webpage to see what's up.
- **Treasurer:** No report (per Melanie who is out today).

6. Midwinter update (Gisele, 5 minutes)

Session #	Name of Meeting	Date	Start Time	End Time	attendance
755254	Digital Media Discussion Group (FMRT)	26-Jan	2:30 PM	3:30 PM	40
755268	Executive Board and Membership Meeting (FMRT)	27-Jan	8:30 AM	12:30 PM	40
755276	Notable Videos for Adults Committee Meeting (FMRT)	25-Jan	8:30 AM	5:00 PM	9
755262	Streaming Media Open Forum (FMRT)	26-Jan	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	40

The membership meeting is always on the Monday of the conference. The dinner is on Sunday night.

7. Kanopy User Group update (Gisele, 5 minutes)

Jen and Gisele had a fascinating meeting with Chris Dappen from Kanopy who is the new director of customer success at Kanopy. He is interested in forming a Kanopy user group, which is a recommendation that Gisele made to Kanopy a long time ago. And he asked Gisele to reach out to any friends who might be interested in joining the Kanopy user group. Gisele said the meeting went well in some regards and frustrating in other regards. Anyone interested in joining (Gisele said that she would be interested in being involved if it were a meeting and not something special off-site or is intricately catered) should go for it. Just let Gisele know. She won't refer anyone to him without getting permission

first. We're not sure what this group involves. It started off as a Kanopy user advisory group and then the word advisory was removed, so Gisele is skeptical and hopeful. Gisele thinks he is sincere about wanting to be helpful to making the Kanopy platform better for our institutions. Laine asks when the group would meet. Gisele doesn't know. She thinks they are exploring a combination of regional meetings and the Annual and Midwinter ALA meetings. Or future face-to-face National Media Markets.

8. New Business

Discussion of a virtual meeting or webinar that we could facilitate will be tabled to next month.

National Media Market webinar will be October 10, 2PM Eastern — Improving Patron-Driven Acquisition. Sign up at the website.