

ETHNIC MATERIALS INFORMATION EXCHANGE ROUND TABLE

MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING HELD AT THE  
1985 ALA CONFERENCE, CHICAGO, JULY 6TH, 1985

1. INTRODUCTIONS

Members present introduced themselves and were welcomed by the Chair, Susan Freiband.

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

G. Lorentowicz summarized the Minutes of the meeting held January 6th, 1985, in Washington, D.C.

3. TREASURERS REPORT

The Treasurer was not present. It was pointed out that a budget had to be filed and considered during this meeting. The status of our membership is approximately 400 members, which gives us ca. \$2,000 minus expenses.

4. EMIE RT COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership Committee

P. Beilke, Chair, acknowledged the feedback received from Susan Freiband as a result of the questionnaire. There has been progress in designing the format of a membership brochure. Membership Committee members would like to include the names of task forces and standing committee in the brochure. The draft brochure will be sent to the Executive. Jean Coleman will be consulted to see if there are any ALA rules governing this type of material.

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It was decided that we would have two task forces, Education and Research. Edith Fisher was elected the Chair of the Research Task Force. There will be three standing committees - Planning, Programmes and Public Relations. Recruitment for the Task Forces and Committees should begin soon.

Nominations Committee

Adriana Acauan Tandler reported on the ballot sent to OLOS for distribution to the membership. The results were:

Patrick Valentine, Chairman

Felipe de Ortego y Gasca, Vice-Chairman

Matthew Browarek, Secretary

Emmet Davis, Treasurer

Members at Large: Janice Beaudin, Jonathan Betz-Zall  
and Luis Chaparro.

Patrick Valentine submitted his resignation because a change in position prevented him from attending ALA meetings. The Vice-Chairman/Chairman elect, Felipe de Ortego y Gasca will assume the duties of the Chair immediately. Discussion followed as to the best way to fill the vacancy on the Executive. The Vice-Chairman is responsible for the programme for the next conference. Since Felipe, in his capacity as Vice-Chairman, had already started to work on the programme, he will continue to do so now that he is Chairman.

EMIE Newsletter

The problem of few contributions continues. Once the Task

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Forces are in operation they can use the Bulletin to publish their reports. Other possible contributors are faculty members of library schools. Edith Fisher, the new Chair of the Research Task Force, will be attending the pre-conference on ethnicity at IFLA and will submit a summary for the EMIE Bulletin.

6. STATUS OF CURRENT EMIE RT PROJECTS

Goals and Objectives

Stephanie Hutcheson and Genia Lorentowicz drafted a set of goals and objectives. These were revised in consultation with Susan Freiband and published in the EMIE Bulletin. The goals and objectives will be the topic for the next day's business meeting at which they will be formally adopted.

Directory of Ethnic Publishers and Resource Organizations

Susan Freiband reported in the absence of Emmet Davis. Over 2,000 entries have been keyed in. The ALA Press office will draw up the publication contract. David Cohen volunteered to negotiate the contract with ALA. Vladimir Wertsman and David Cohen volunteered to proofread the entries. ALA have low expectations for sale. EMIE RT will promote the directory, in the membership brochure, through the Bulletin and such serials as Booklist and Choice as well as to various ethnic groups and other library associations like IFLA. The Public Libraries Committee should be asked to send a notice to all state library organizations notifying them of the publication.

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8. ORGANIZATIONAL CONCERNS

Vladimir Wertsman expressed a concern about the membership which remains at approximately 400. It should be increasing. The need for promotion among the general membership was stressed. Once the Task Forces become operational they should meet at the same time as EMIE at the Midwinter conference.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

The 1986 conference programme was discussed.

The meeting adjourned to be continued the next day.

People present were:

Adriana Acauan Tandler, Queens Borough Public Library.  
Enikö M. Basa, Library of Congress.  
Janice Beaudin, College Library.  
Pat Beilke, Ball State University.  
David Cohen, Queens College Public Library.  
Felipe de Ortego y Gasca, Washington, D.C.  
Edith Fisher, University of California.  
Susan Freiband, Library & Information Services, Arlington, VA.  
Clara Johnson, Kent State University.  
Genia Lorentowicz, Metro Toronto Library Board.  
Phyllis Ray, Fort Worth Public Library.  
Vladimir Wertsman, Donnell Foreign Language Library.

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July 24th, 1985.