

**Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Task Force  
Social Responsibilities Round Table  
American Library Association  
Midwinter Conference, 1996  
Minutes of the All Committees Meeting  
San Antonio, La Mansion Del Rio, Iberian E.  
January 21, 1996**

**Attendance:**

Steering Committee Members present: Defendorf, DeSantis, Martin, Miller, Nitz, Thomas. Not present: Fattig, Mullin, Sandstrom.

Also present: Michael Poma, Scott Nicholson, Rob Ridinger, Roland Hansen, Teresa Y. Neely, Jules Tate, Bob Diaz.

Martin called the meeting to order at 9:37am.

Attendees introduced themselves.

**Co-Chairs Reports:**

Thomas provided a summary of Saturday's Diversity Summit meeting. A draft of a recommendation to Council was drawn to create an Ethnic Council. The draft left out inclusion of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Task Force (hereafter called the Task Force). There was a movement to rename the council the Ethnic and Cultural Minority Council. Thomas and Stillwell volunteered to be on the committee to develop the second draft of the proposed council.

Thomas related that she and Martin had sent a letter to Mary Ghikas (cc'd to Stillwell and Martinez) in response to Mattye Nelson's letter to the Task Force discussed in the Steering Committee I.

Thomas stated that Bey will be sending the net proceeds from the GLBTF 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner t-shirt, etc. sales to her. Martin stated that he would place an order for another run of the t-shirts which proved a popular sales item at the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner last year.

Thomas requested that budget requests for 1997 be turned in to by Monday morning. They are due to the SRRT Treasurer by Tuesday morning at 11am.

Martin requested that the Task Force approve co-sponsorship of the ASCLA/LSSPS/LSDF program Come Meet Some Great Deaf Authors. Ridinger moved. Nitz seconded. Committee approved the co-sponsorship.

Martin reviewed the finances of Sunday's Task Force social. There were about 90 attendees which paid a \$5 cover charge. There was a cash bar. Food was catered by The 8<sup>th</sup> Street Restaurant. \$290 was paid to the caterer. A 10% tip was paid to the bartender. This left \$115 profit.

Martin informed the Task Force that opening a two signature checking account is being investigated as a temporary resolution until the OLOS problems are resolved.

Martin stated that the Book Awards Committee (BAC) needs to maintain record of its expenditures.

Miller stated that he will try to contact the Palmer House to obtain their charges for the 1995 pre-conference program.

Martin requested that DeSantis send Nitz a list of BAC members so he may send letterhead to them. DeSantis will send recognition letters to: ?

Thomas discussed the scheduling of Task Force meetings during the Annual Conference. The schedule developed follows:

Friday (July 5)	8-10pm	Steering Committee I
Saturday (July 6)	9:30-11am	SRRT Action Council I
	2-5:30pm	Book Awards Committee Meeting
	6-8pm	GLBTF Social
Sunday (July 7)	9:30-12:30pm	Program Planning Committee Meeting
	2-5:30pm	Membership Meeting followed by the Read A-Loud
Monday (July 8)	8-10:30am	GLBTF Book Awards Breakfast
	10:30-12:30pm	Program Planning Committee Meeting
Tuesday (July 9)	8-9:30am	Steering Committee II
	11-12:30pm	SRRT Action Council II

Martin inform the Task Force that there are four volunteers to work on the newsletter. Two of them are for the position of editor. The Steering Committee members are to turn in brief reports to the co-chairs by February 9, 1996 for printing in the newsletter.

Martin informed that the Task Force is negotiating a sponsorship with Gale Publishing.

Martin also stated that he would place an order for another run of the t-shirts which proved a popular sales item at the Book Awards Dinner last year.

### **Steering Committee Chair Reports**

#### **Clearinghouse**

Defendorf reported having received her first shipment from OLOS in her two-year term as Clearinghouse co-chair of orders on the Wednesday before the Midwinter Conference. She brought 50 copies of the new *Lesbian Bibliography*. She feels it needs to be priced due to its size. Her recommendation is between \$1 and \$3. (Was there a resolution on this?)

Defendorf also informed that the bibliography "Gay Plays" and "Gay Spirituality" has been updated. Sandstrom will be sending out solicitations for bibliographers. They are looking to publish a bibliography on gay parenting.

Defendorf informed that the GLBTF website is not being maintained. She requested that the Task Force request that she be given the ability to have access to the data files in order to maintain their currency.

Secretary

Nitz had nothing to report.

#### **Newsletter**

Hansen (representing Fattig) stated that the newsletter required a price increase. It will be added to the Steering Committee II's agenda.

#### **Book Awards**

DeSantis announced the finalist and winners of the 1996 GLBTF Book Awards.

Martin informed that the Task Force has been seeing an influx of new members who are looking ways of participating in the activity of the Task Force. It's a good time to begin looking at alternative objectives for the Task Force.

#### **Budget**

Thomas informed that the Task Force budget between October 13, 1995 and August 31, 1995 (?) shows a negative balance of \$3,000. OLOS has refused to share a list of expenditure detailing the expenses incurred with the 1995 Pre-Conference.

Collard recommended going to the person responsible for ALA accounting and getting an explanation of the budget (bypassing the OLOS representative). Perhaps hiring an independent auditor.

Hansen felt that there are many discrepancies in the SRRT budget. The Task Force is not in an isolated situation.

Thomas related that the mugs, photos and t-shirts sold well at the Book Awards Presentations dinner. Unfortunately, the mugs were not shipped in time for distribution at the conference, and as yet, have not been delivered to their purchasers. Bey, who was responsible for this process, has had some serious health problems. The t-shirts netted \$450 profit. The photos of Quentin Crisp netted \$400 profit. The ribbons and mugs have yet to break even.

Collard suggested putting the mugs for sale in the ALA Store. Martin informed that to do that we have to work through OLOS and that the proceeds of their sales would be lost in transit.

#### **Diversity Summit**

Thomas talked about Betty Turock's Diversity Summit meeting this Saturday to establish an Ethnic Council. It's her hopes that its definition broaden to include non-ethnic minorities.

#### **Newsletter**

Thomas informed that the Task Force is looking for a new newsletter editor. Collard volunteers his services. The Co-chairs will solicit nominees for the position of newsletter editor and make a selection based on their prior experiences and writing abilities.

#### **Budget**

1996/1997 budgets are due to co-chairs by Sunday morning (January 21, 1996).

#### **Strategic Planning**

Thomas passed out two sheets requesting ideas for a mission statement and Task Force objectives. The solicitations will also be made available on the Gay-Libn listserv.

### Literature

Allison, Dorothy	Two or Three Things I Know For Sure
Lia, Francesca	Baby Be-bop
Cruse, Howard	Stuck Rubber Baby
Price, Reynolds	Promise of Rest
Grimsley, Jim	Dream Boy (winner)

### Nonfiction

Due, Linnea	Joining the Tribe
Summers, Claude	Gay and Lesbian Literary Heritage
Katz, Jonathan	The Invention of Heterosexuality
Pratt, Minnie Bruce	S/HE
Vaid, Urvashi	Virtual Equality (winner)

### Program Planning

Miller announced that the name of the 1996 Annual Conference GLBTF program will be: **What About the Side Street: Reaching Underserved Communities**. It will be a panel discussion concerning marketing programs to special communities. It will be cosponsored by REFORMA.

The 1997 Annual Conference GLBTF program is still pending. There were twelve people at the planning meeting. Potential program ideas include ALA social problems focusing on the Religious Right's squeezing social issues out of ALA.

### Fundraising

Mullin was ill and unable to attend the conference.

### External Relations

Nitz related that the Committee on External Relations is drawing to a conclusion. They held their last public meeting at this conference and again no one attended to voice their opinions. The committee members are going to write their proposal and submit it before ALA Council at Annual Conference. Nitz was invited to review the draft proposal.

### Strategic Planning

Thomas requested to ideas for the mission statement be sent to her by February 15<sup>th</sup>. She is also interested in hearing our projects ideas and objectives for the Task Force. She anticipates to publish a list in the SRRT newsletter and on Gay-Libn. She is also looking for the by-laws to be rewritten by Midwinter 1997 conference.

Tate expressed concern of the perception problems the Task Force has outside of ALA. Thomas described some of the changes the Task Force has made over the last two years.

Martin informed that Barbara Stevens will be putting up a gay-themed poster session at Annual Conference '96.

Neely introduced herself as a student in search of a graduate dissertation topic. She is looking for an idea relating to GLB themes. Several were presented.

Martin solicited candidates for the following positions which will become open as of Annual Conference 1996: Female Co-chair, Secretary, Clearinghouse Co-chair, and Program Planning Chair. A call for candidates will be posted in the GLBTF newsletter, the SRRT newsletter and on Gay-Libn.

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Martin closed the meeting at 11:05am.

Respectfully submitted

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GLBTF Secretary, 1995/1996

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