

# Minutes - Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgendered Round Table

## ALA Midwinter Conference 2000 - San Antonio

Steering Committee Meeting I  
Saturday, Jan. 15, 2000  
Plaza San Antonio - Cavalier Room  
9:30am - 11:00am

### Attendees:

Joseph Eagan, David Garner, Michael Poma, Faye Chadwell, Bill Bergfalk, Mark Martin, Ann Symons, Barbara Stevens, Rodney Lippard, Robert Jaquay, Kenn Bicknell, Cal Zunt, Gary Klein, Norman Eriksen, Michell Hackwelder, Patrick Steele, Steve Russo, David Van Hoy, Keith Trimmer, Michael Miller, Carolyn Mahin, Michelle Durocher, Nicholas Rosselli, Andy Johnson, Chet Mulawka, Rick Block, Shari Clifton, Roland Hansen, Jules Tate, Victor Schill, Stephen Stillwell.

Shari Clifton called the meeting to order at 9:40am.

Introductions were held.

Comments were entertained from candidates for ALA Council: Andy Johnson and David Van Hoy for Tom Wilding.

Minutes of Steering Committee meetings I & II for Annual 1999 were approved.

Ann Symons, ALA Executive Board liaison to the GLBTRT, addressed the Steering Committee. She is sponsoring a preconference at Annual in Chicago titled "Gay Teens in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Access for the Future." Co-sponsors are GLBTRT, YALSA, AASL and OLOS. The date will be July 7, 2000. Funds for the preconference were obtained from the Margaret A. Edwards Trust Leadership Development Institute on Intellectual Freedom. The organizations GLSEN and ~~GLAD~~ will be asked to publicize the preconference on their websites.

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Shari Clifton expressed the desired that a useful bibliography of teen/young adult resources be developed for broad dissemination as a result of this conference.

Discussion of GLBTRT Membership. Joe Eagan suggested we establish a Membership Committee. Norman Eriksen indicated that there were 19 members according to the latest data from Satia Orange at OLOS. Michael Miller suggested disbanding the Transition Committee in favor of a Membership Committee. Mark Martin commented that we would need 800 members to be among the top 5 Round Tables.

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Reports from Co-Chairs. Shari and Roland attended the Round Table Coordinating Committee meeting yesterday (1/14/200). There was much debate and controversy over whether Round Tables can make and distribute resolutions. As matters stand, Round Tables cannot issue statements without ALA's authorization. SRRT representatives disagreed with this stance on the grounds that there are many voices within ALA, even though ALA claims one voice.

Also announced was the removal from the ALA Handbook of a statement allowing Round Tables to issue statements with the disclaimer that it comes from the Round Table rather than ALA. The history of this deletion was not made clear. Jules Tate suggested getting legal advice from the ACLU.

Shari added that the tone of the discussion at the meeting sounded like the statement should never have been in the Handbook in the first place. However, the Round Tables want to speak for themselves in areas for which they have expertise. Jules added that Round Tables should not capitulate to an ALA staff decision.

Michael Miller suggested that at the next Round Table Coordinating Committee meeting, the GLBTRT should present a list of suggestions stemming from how we have responded to issues as a Task Force, then Round Table. He also asked by what channels the Intellectual Freedom Round Table sends its messages to ALA. Shari responded that this will be addressed at the next meeting. In addition, ALA legal council will be there to address questions. Kenn Bicknell had concerns about how this issue might affect the External Relations Committee.

Shari continued that the Round Table Coordinating Committee will put together a list of those bodies within ALA to which we can have representation, such as the Literacy Assembly.

Cal Zunt presented a motion to table this issue and finish discussion on the GLBTRT-L discussion list, since this discussion was taking a great deal of time and many other reports needed to be given. Joe Eagan seconded. Motion passed.

Cal also moved that reports/summaries be limited to 3 minutes. Mark Martin seconded. Motion passed.

Roland Hansen passed out the "Core Values" statement which will be discussed at Steering Committee II. Michael Miller asked where the need for this statement originated. Faye Chadwell suggested that it has to do with electronic freedom issues.

Stephen Stillwell arrived at the meeting and spoke briefly in favor of Tom Wilding as a candidate for ALA Council. Tom has been faculty advisor to student groups on his campus and has had a long-standing association with SRRT.

Stephen then suggested that the GLBTRT get a representative assigned to the Literacy Assembly, since SRRT has been the only one to show up at meetings. Cal Zunt expressed interest in serving on one of these assemblies.

Since time was growing short, Roland Hansen requested an agenda change, and asked that only urgent reports and announcements be given.

Rick Block, Program Planning Committee reported that all necessary forms had been turned in to ALA on time. Forms for the program at Annual will be due Jan. 31. His goal is to leave this conference with a concrete list of what he still needs to do. The program at Annual will address gay and lesbian young adult literature as a follow-up to the pre-conference on gay teens.

Roland Hansen reported that he is working on the keynote speaker for GALA. He still needs help on program planning and local arrangements. Bill is putting together an ad book for GALA, and asks that people send him ads.

Treasurer's Report – Norman Eriksen. The Round Table is in the hole by approximately \$2,491.00. We must be very aggressive with building membership and getting donations. He suggested that we set a membership goal.

Norman asked for a detailed cost analysis from each chair. We also need to ascertain the full list of expenses for which the Round Table is responsible, and which do not always appear on budget reports, such as table linens for meetings.

He now knows how money is to be donated to the Round table. Ideas have been given on GLBTRT-L for fundraising, such as publishing a booklet listing the Book Award winners. We have been offered a matching grant of \$2,000 by an anonymous donor. This behooves us to work toward increasing donations.

Michael Miller asked if any vendors had been contacted for donations. Norman reported that this is being discussed. We also need to seek out foundation and grant money.

Cal Zunt suggested that we use last year's budget as a base budget with a 15% mark-up. She also suggested that the matching grant be announced at the Social and on GLBTRT-L to spur matching donations.

Report on the Social - Victor Schill. The Social will be held from 6 – 8pm at the Institute of Texan Cultures. The cost will be \$1,100. There has been a \$500 donation from Harper Collins.

Barbara Stephens moved to adjourn the meeting. Eagan seconded.

Hansen closed the meeting at 11:20pm.

Respectfully submitted

Michael Poma  
Secretary