

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

### ALA Midwinter Conference 2000 – San Antonio

Steering Committee II

Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2000

9:30a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Convention Center Room 210A

#### Attendees:

Stephen Patrick, Stephen Stratton, Kim Edson, Andy Johnson, Chet Mulawka, Michell Hackwelder, Shari Clifton, Roland Hansen, Norman Eriksen, Michael Poma, Cal Zunt, Kenn Bicknell, Bob Jaquay, Steve Russo, Gary Klein, Keith Trimmer, David Van Hoy, Jules Tate, Joseph Eagan, Carolyn Mahin, Faye Chadwell, Satia Orange.

Roland Hansen called the meeting to order at 9:35a.m..

Introductions were held.

Co-Chairs Report. On behalf of SRRT, Roland Hansen asked that GLBTRT members maintain their membership so that SRRT can maintain its Council membership.

Hansen also reported that he talked to SRRT and EMIERT about sharing a booth in the exhibit area next to the OLOS booth. Poma commented that it has been very productive for LIRT. Andy Johnson reported that computer set-ups requiring live connections are very expensive. Joseph Eagan expressed concern that not enough volunteers would be available.

Hansen reported on the activities of the Ad Hoc Round Table Transition Committee in Michael Miller's absence. The Ad Hoc committee will be dissolved and a Membership Committee established. Both Miller and Joseph Eagan are interested in working with this. Shari Clifton recommended that Miller and Eagan communicate and begin that transition. Miller has information on ALA grant money for membership materials.

Treasurer's Report – Norman Eriksen. Norman reported that at the Saturday Social 216 people paid GLBTRT membership dues, \$200 in donations, and \$405 from the Social was collected. He asked that each committee chair submit a realistic budget by February 1 for 2001 fiscal year.

Secretary's Report – Michael Poma. Discussion list names will be changed from GLBTF-L to GLBTRT-L. Shari Clifton and Roland Hansen added that Satia Orange had spoken about discussion lists not always being well managed. They indicated that there had been discussion about reducing the number of ALA sponsored discussion lists to make management simpler. Poma agreed to post to GLBTF-L the possibility of consolidating GLBTRT lists.

Book Award Committee – Stephen Stratton for David Garnes. New committee members are being recruited and appointed to replace those going off the committee.

Breakfast Planning Committee – Michell Hackwelder. She is looking at how the committee is structured and how many more members it needs. She is also exploring other options, such as a luncheon format and ticket prices.

Clearinghouse – Keith Trimmer. He handed out a printed report. As of January 12, 2000, there were 3,751 hits on the GLBTRT web pages. Since Annual 1999, there has been only 1 order for materials. He will also change the location of the link to the SRRT web page. It will now be on the history page.

Elections Committee – Steve Russo. Steve reported that there are two candidates for Female Co-Chair : Faye Chadwell and Barbara Stevens. Shari Clifton is ending her term. There are also two candidates for Secretary: Michael Poma and William Thompson. Michael is ending his first term. Names need to be submitted to OLOS by September 1 and biographies turned in by November 1.

Steve also reported that an announcement had been placed in the newsletter, on Gay-Libn and on GLBTP-L to invite candidates for ALA Council to speak at a Steering Committee meeting. Andy Johnson was the only response. Other gay-friendly candidates that we might consider are Mary Kaye Dahlgreen, Mark Rozensweig, and Beecher Wiggins.

Shari Clifton mentioned that a vote for one's most important candidates carries more weight than voting for all 25 on the ballot.

Joseph Eagan questioned endorsing 2 candidates. David Van Hoy stated that the bylaws state that we will endorse at least two. Perhaps these need to be changed, since they reflect SRRT. Gary Klein suggested that the bylaws be changed to read "the Round Table **may** endorse..."

Hansen asked the Steering Committee if there should or should not be an endorsement this year, and if the wording should be "recommend" instead of "endorse." Eagan suggested that if a candidate goes to the trouble of communicating with us, joining the GLBTRT, etc., perhaps we should follow through with a strong recommendation, if not endorsement. David Van Hoy suggested that what we do this year may be different than the norm because of the transition to RT status.

Russo ended his report by suggesting that a strong recommendation should go to the ALA Nominating Committee regarding each of our preferred candidated. [Named above] The Steering Committee agreed.

Roland Hansen suggested that the committee change its name to "Nominating Committee." This will require a bylaws change. He requested that any proposed bylaws changes go to Keith Trimmer by May 1 for posting to the discussion lists.

External Relations Committee – Kenn Bicknell. Kenn has been sending out the completed committee volunteer forms to the appropriate committee chairs.

He also reported that the proposal that he, Cal Zunt and Jim Van Buskirk had put together for the "Creating Change" conference was not accepted.

Press Kit development is underway. The kit, with GLBTRT core documents, ALA and GLBTRT descriptions should be ready by March. With the new RT status, this is a critical time to get the kits out.

Web site materials have not yet been worked on. Those will be worked on over the next six months to include links to gay archives, libraries, and major collections.

Bill recommended that the press kit go to the gay press as well as the local press at each ALA city.

Newsletter Committee – Cal Zunt. There are 136 newsletter subscriptions. Back issues will go to Keith Trimmer to be loaded on the website.

Cal asked if she could explore the cost of producing the newsletter locally, as well as the possibility of publishing it in electronic format after Annual. Steering Committee consensus was yes. She reported that the cost of producing the newsletter is about \$250 per issue. Norman Eriksen requested a copy of the status report. Cal will also pursue have the newsletter name changed to "GLBTRT Newsletter."

The deadline for submissions for the next newsletter will be February 10. Submissions can be sent as an email attachment. Erickson requested that a membership form be included in the next issue. Cal also mentioned that she and Steve Russo plan to create an advice column like Miss Manners.

Program Planning Committee – Chet Mulawka for Rick Block. The program for Annual will be “Is There Anything in the Library for Me?: The Challenges of Serving the GLBT Young Adult Community.” Panelists will be Lynn Evarts, Library Media Specialist, Sauk Prairie High School (WI); Nancy Garden, author of “Annie on My Mind”; M.E. Kerr, author of “Deliver Us From Evie”; Christine Jenkins, Asst. Professor, Graduate School of Library and Information Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; and Ann Symonds, ALA President, 1998-1999.

Authors are being sought for a program in San Francisco in 2001.

GALA 2000. Pre-registration forms are out. Cost will be \$60 for members, \$75 for non-members. This is not enough to fund the GALA and come away with profit. Most hotels charge approx. \$40 per plate for this type of dinner. Ads must be sold to maintain a profit margin.

Chicago Social. Kenn suggested a 70's theme. Bill will explore getting free space in exchange for an ad in the Ad Book, possibly at Ann Sather's. It was pointed out that there is no chair to arrange the Social at the moment. Zunt suggested a kissing/hug a homosexual booth.

Satia Orange reported on the printing of GLBTRT Book Award Seals. A supply can be printed for approx. \$1,000. Set-up costs \$350 and the printing of the seals about \$45 per 1,000. Michael Miller has been working on corporate sponsorship. ALA will charge \$25-\$30 for shipping to publishers. The seal also needs to be redesigned. ALA can do this or we can choose a private printer. Jules Tate asked who packages seals, such as the Newberry Award, for sale at ALA. According to Satia, the printer packages them, and pointed out that they do not sell well. The Coretta Scott King seals were almost pulled for lack of sales. She also explained that the ALA Graphics Office can work with us on saleable items.

Orange also asked to be kept informed of Round Table decisions, issues for ALA Council, etc. In addition, the External Relations Committee should be on a “first name basis” with the ALA Public Information Office. They should be sent copies of any publicity, Cognotes information, etc. She promised to “be on their case” if the information does not appear.

Barbara Stevens reported that she attended the Diversity Conference. Diversity Council did not meet at Midwinter.

Hansen closed the meeting at 12:05p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Poma  
Secretary