

## **ALA-GLBT Steering Committee II**

### **Orlando, FL June 27, 2004**

#### **Meeting Minutes**

Present: C. Zunt, E. Edwards, N. Eriksen, K. Trimmer, A. Moore, co-chair, R. Ridinger, L. Day, S. Stratton, co-chair, J. Sandstrom, J. Reynolds, J. Simonis, J. DeSantis, D. Lambert, R. Hansen, A. Johnson, secretary

The meeting was called to order at 8:50 A.M. Introductions around the table were made. The minutes of Steering Committee II from San Diego were amended. Two changes were made. The San Diego minutes should now be changed to read, in the fourth paragraph, that "A motion was made, seconded and passed that resources be provided to allow for renting a car for the social and other expenses. *A hotel suite will be secured for Orlando.*" The second change now reads "*A member has approached us about doing an extra program for Orlando. We cannot support adding another program at this late date.*" A motion was made to accept the minutes as amended, which passed.

The co-chairs next reported their disappointment in the turn-out for Steering I and the General Membership meeting. It is frustrating to not have people at these meetings. It has resulted in no reports from some committees. There was a general discussion of the problem. It was suggested that written reports be required of all committee chairs prior to the conference. The possibility of removing chairs for non-attendance/no report was discussed. This action would require a bylaws change. There was also discussion of setting up a "steering committee only" email address list. We need to look at other roundtables to see what they've been doing. A motion was made and passed to insert appropriate language in charges to each chair to require written reports before each conference. The language in the bylaws also needs to be changed to provide for removal of chairs for non-attendance/non-reporting. This action was followed by a discussion of the meeting schedule for future meetings. A. Moore expressed thanks to all, especially D. Lambert and J. DeSantis.

The Breakfast Planning committee chair, J. DeSantis reported that he was not happy with the set-up restrictions imposed by the hotel nor with the food. 116 purchased tickets. Could we have tickets for sale at the booth? This is really against ALA rules. ALA would prefer to keep tight control of this activity. There was also a problem with the issuance of checks for the authors. ALA is supposed to send out the checks. Tickets should continue to be sold until 5 P.M. on Sat. before the breakfast. The Membership Committee can also add, as one of its duties, the requirement to tell new members they must purchase tickets by the 5 P.M. cut-off.

The Membership Chair reported the booth had gone well. Thanks to all who volunteered. There is a problem with the volunteer forms. People fill them out, they are referred to the appropriate chair-person and then nothing happens. It was suggested that the Membership Chair refer the volunteer to both the committee chair and the two roundtable co-chairs.

The Nominating Committee renewed its call for people to run for office.

Program Planning reported that the social had gone well. The cost for the event was about \$500. As far as the programs we sponsored, the children's literature program we sponsored on Sat. afternoon went very well. The Sunday afternoon program was not

as well attended but we did better on Monday. We need an article that outlines the process for submitting a program proposal – when to submit it, how, etc. The Read-Aloud was not well-attended.

The Book Awards Committee reported that its meetings had gone well. There was a discussion of the problems of being aware of what is being published and searching for candidates for the award. A call for nominations will go out on the listserv. Each member of the committee has their own responsibilities for watching out for certain publications. There is a possibility of putting a list of all titles considered on the web.

The Fundraising Committee mentioned the fact that there was a consulting firm present at the conference which does fund-raising. Talking with them gave J. Simonis, the chair, some good ideas for future activities. The firm also said they would critique our efforts. The idea was raised of using the Gill grant as a challenge grant.. We should also get testimonials from the authors of the importance of the award to them and their work. It was also suggested that we could approach ALA officers and solicit funds for the endowment and then make them Friends of Stonewall. It was unclear who should approach the authors, the current chair of the Book Awards Committee or past chairs. The consultant also raised the issue of what could we do if we had the money that we don't or can't do now. We need to clarify this issue.

A report has been given to the Webmaster about people with disabilities using our website.

There was discussion of re-instituting a greeter program for both our programs and the social. This could be a Membership Committee function. We need to have someone responsible for this activity and people assigned to do it.

There was no un-finished business from Steering Committee I.

Under new business, the bylaws changes were noted. The Ad Hoc Committee on Bylaws could use some new members. A notice asking for volunteers to serve on various committees and as liaisons to parts of ALA from the roundtable will be put out to the membership.

The meeting adjourned at 11 A.M.