

American Library Association – New Members Round Table
Executive Board Electronic Meeting
January 6 - 10, 2003
Held through NMRTBD List
(nmrtbd@ala.org)

Officers in Attendance:

Joseph Yue, President
Bill Armstrong, Secretary
Nadine Flores, Outreach Director
Shannon Tennant, Networking Director
Dora Ho, Past President
Sally Gibson, Member Services Director
Stacey Shoup, NMRT Councilor
Beth Kraemer, Vice President
Bill Jenkins, Treasurer

Katherine Harris, Parliamentarian for Emeeting (member of Governance Committee)

Guests:

Entire NMRTBD list (includes all chairs of committees and any general member of NMRT who chose to subscribe to the list in order to attend the meeting).

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:07a.m. MST by Joseph Yue. Joseph asked if there were any objections to the following consent agenda he wished to introduce.

Consent agenda:

- a) Co-sponsorship of LAMA Publications Committee 2003 conference program "From Passion to Publication: Writing for the Profession" (see end of Minutes for complete text)
- b) 2003 slate of NMRT Board candidates (see end of Minutes for complete slate, as originally presented)

Sally Gibson requested that item (b) be removed from the consent agenda. She did not think that the President should run unopposed, and so wished to discuss the matter.

Bill Jenkins wished to discuss the LAMA program co-sponsorship and so requested the removal of item (a) from the consent agenda.

Both items of the consent agenda were then relocated to the regular portion of the meeting.

II. Old Business

MW Social

Joseph Yue reminded the Board that the motion to lower the anticipated revenue for Midwinter Social to \$250 had already been moved and seconded (during the preceding meeting in December) and called for discussion.

Discussion:

Joseph noted that “we have yet to identify the source of funding to cover the lost so the proposal as it stands is to confirm the approach to Midwinter Social 2003.”

Sally Gibson spoke in favor of the proposal, stating, “The social is 3 weeks away. The publicity has started, the reservation made. Unless 11 of us agree to bring 10 guests each or change the price of the event NMRT will not make \$560 on the social. We need to lower the anticipated revenue. Bill J has given several ways we can make up the loss. We also need to make this social affordable so I would not support raising the admission price. For me the vote is very clear.”

Vote: The motion to lower the expected revenue of the Midwinter Social to \$250 passed.

III. New Business

a) 2003 NMRT Slates of Candidate

As earlier stated, Sally Gibson objected to the President Elect candidate running alone, as was presented in the original slate. She subsequently turned in her acceptance form to run for the position, whereupon Dora offered the Board the following revised slate of candidates:

VP/President Elect:
William Armstrong
Sally Gibson

Director:
Shelly McCoy
Sara Morris
Marilyn Ochoa

Secretary:
Melody Allison
Tanzi Merritt
Chrissie Anderson Peters

Treasurer:
Edward Armstron
Sherise Kimura

Motion: Dora moved that the Board accept the above revised slate of candidates for the 2003 NMRT election. Bill Armstrong seconded the motion.

Discussion: none

Vote: Motion to accept the revised list of candidates was approved.

b) Co-sponsorship of LAMA Publications Committee 2003 Annual Program

Motion: Bill Armstrong moved that the Board accept the proposal to co-sponsor the LAMA Publications Committee 2003 Annual Conference Program entitled "From Passion to Publication: Writing for the Profession."

Dora Ho seconded the motion.

Discussion:

A number of Board members expressed concern about a conflict between the scheduled time for the program in question and the NMRT Membership meeting. The Membership Committee apparently had worked hard to try and find a time that might maximize attendance. As Shelly McCoy (chair of the Membership Meeting and Program Committee) stated, "One reason why we scheduled the Membership meeting when it is scheduled is because we hope that interested ALA'ers will stay after the Orientation program to attend the meeting." To this, Sally Gibson added "that scheduling the Membership meeting after Orientation has the potential to attract new members and a larger audience. Previously the Membership meeting was scheduled before the All Committee meeting. The majority of committees do not meet at annual so it does not help in terms of getting people to attend the Membership meeting." Low attendance at membership meetings across the units in ALA is apparently a problem.

Sally also felt the subject of the program was not new or unique enough, as it had been done at least twice before in recent memory.

Vote: The motion to accept the proposal to co-sponsor the LAMA Publications Committee 2003 Annual Conference Program failed.

IV. Adjournment

Joseph Yue called for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Stacey Shoup made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Beth Kraemer.

Vote: The motion to adjourn carried. Meeting was adjourned on January 10, 2003 at 2:02p.m. MST by Joseph Yue.

Respectfully submitted,
William W. Armstrong
NMRT Secretary

Supporting Documents for Emeeting

Consent agenda items (full-text of proposals):

a) Co-sponsorship of LAMA Publications Committee 2003 conference program

Proposal for conference program co-sponsorship

A. Board action requested: To co-sponsor LAMA Publications Committee 2003 Annual Conference Program entitled "From Passion to Publication: Writing for the Profession"

B. Background: Stephen Van Buren, past member of NMRT Archives Committee, brought forward this proposal to us at 2002 Annual.

C. Rationale: This program coincides with two of our New Members Support Ad Hoc Committee's objectives--gather resources of interest to new writers and seek collaboration opportunities with other ALA units on this topic.

D. Impact:

1. organizational-- We will provide additional publicity for this program if NMRT decides to co-sponsor. We have not been asked to contribute to the budget (\$100), on-site support or specific publicity effort. One disadvantage is that it conflicts with our membership meeting.

2. committee--n/a

3. on other committee--an added event for publicity committee and conference planning task force in their promotion/coordination effort for annual 2003 events.

4. financial--n/a

E. Supplemental information:

10:30 to 12 noon on Saturday, June 21, 2003 (Saturday)

A panel discussion with Sue Easun (Scarecrow Press), Helen Miller (Helen Miller Associates) and Don Riggs (Nova Southeastern), moderated by Kathryn Carpenter (Purdue), centering on the publication process for academic and public librarians, including expectations on the part of editors. Librarians will gain a clear understanding of the publication process and the skills needed to begin a project of their own; managers will acquire resources to facilitate their staff's publication efforts.

A Brief overview of the program (based upon the Publication and Program Committees' recommendations in Atlanta):

- * Introduction: By the Moderator; Kathryn (Kate) Carpenter. Director of Library Services, Purdue University
- * An Editor's Views: Dr. Sue Easun, Acquisitions Editor for Scarecrow Press (& representing the CLA Monograph Committee's recommendation)
- * Publishing for Academic Librarians: Don Riggs, Vice President for Information Services and University Librarian, Nova Southeastern University
- * Publishing for Public Librarians: Ellen Miller, Founder of the Ellen Miller Group Marketing and Managing Consulting Firm.
- * Questions and Wrap-up: Kate Carpenter and Panel

The intent of the program is to provide guidance, information and motivation to prospective authors in the field. The method is to address the issue from 3 perspectives -- that of Public Librarianship, of Academic Librarianship, and of an editor in the field of library publications. Each speaker will have only 15-20 minutes, with some time at the end for questions.

b) Original slate of candidates, presented by Dora Ho:

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Director
Shelly McCoy
Sara Morris
Marilyn Ochoa

Secretary
Melody Allison
Tanzi Merritt
Chrissie Anderson Peters

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Under “Old Business”

Original Proposal from Shannon Tennant regarding the MW Social (motion made and seconded, with discussion underway by close of Dec 2002 Emeeting)

I move that NMRT lower the expected revenue of the Midwinter Social to \$250.

This sum would come from 50 tickets sold at \$5 each. The total cost of the social was \$560. This means that NMRT would find the funds to cover the anticipated shortfall of \$310.

And in case anyone didn't see it yesterday-

Background of this proposal:

I think most of you will remember our discussion about this issue in September. I ran through the plan of the social, which is as follows: It will be held at the Independence Brew Pub (for more information see <http://www.independencebrewpub.com/>). We have a semi-private room, and facilities include pool and dancing. There are heavy hors d'oeuvres provided, but everyone is responsible for their own drinks. The Pub is located next to the Convention Center. Tickets will be \$5, available in advance or at the door. The total cost of the social is \$560.

The issue arose because we misunderstood the funding. We assumed that the MW social was funded like other socials (Student Reception, say) and that the money in the budget line (\$750) covers the cost. We did not realize that the social has been a "money-in, money-out" event, where the cost of tickets has to cover the expenditure.

When we realized this in September, we brought the question to the board. The general feeling was that the MW social is a very important event for NMRT. We recruit and retain our members by having fun socials. We could have charged a higher admission fee, but we argued that our members are new professionals and students who do not have the money to spend on an expensive party. We're competing with free vendor parties, and we really don't have that much food to justify charging much.

The consensus in September was that the MW social was a service we wanted provide to our members. We were willing to charge a reasonable fee, and then to cover the loss as long as it didn't bankrupt NMRT. The treasurer assures us that money can be found to cover the anticipated loss.

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