

2015 Midwinter GLBTRT Executive Board Meeting Agenda and Minutes

Saturday, January 31, 8:30-11:30 am

Hyatt Regency McCormick - Field/CC 20AB

This document holds meeting minutes in spaces at the end of each agenda item. The minutes for this meeting will be approved at the March board meeting. Please share agenda/minutes amendments to the board email list. Non-board members can submit amendments via the [board contact form](#).

Attendees: A. Symons, P. Coyl, D. McNeill, A. de Campos Salles, M. Ciszek, R. Hansen, L. Romans, P. Hepburn, I. Abrams, L. Johnston, and M. Townley

Guests: J. Janes, J. LaRue, J. Porcaro, and J. Todaro, J. Winkelstein, M.G. Davies

1. Call to Order and Introductions (5 mins)

Action: Members present should introduce themselves.

Item Facilitator: Ann Symons

Vote: n/a

Minutes: The meeting was called to order at 8:30 am.

2. Agenda Approval (5 mins)

Action: Approve agenda for the Midwinter 2015 meeting.

Item Facilitator: Ann Symons

Supporting Information: <http://connect.ala.org/node/234207>

Vote: n/a

Minutes: The agenda was approved.

3. Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes (5 mins)

Action: Approve minutes from the December 2014 Executive Board meeting.

Item Facilitator: Ann Symons

Supporting Information: 2014-12 GLBTRT Board Meeting Notes
<http://connect.ala.org/node/232347>

Vote: n/a

Minutes: The minutes were approved.

3.5. Triangle Publishing Announcement (15 mins)

Action: Information

Item Facilitator: Ann Symons

Background Information:

Vote: N/A

Minutes: June is National GLBT Book Month. Chases' Calendar of Events lists ALA as the owner of GLBT Book Month. ALA worked with Triangle Publishing who started GLBT book months about the rights. Triangle Publishing gave their blessings for ALA to own GLBT Book Month. ALA will move forward regarding trademarking GLBT Book Month. The RT will begin celebration GLBT Book month this June in conjunction with ALA Annual San Francisco.

4. Report and Discussion with GLBTRT Councilor/EB Board (15 mins)

Action: Information

Item Facilitator: Peter Hepburn

Background Information: ENDA, Memorials. ENDA information:
<http://connect.ala.org/node/234839> Last minute, ENDA will ???
<http://connect.ala.org/node/234840>, Executive Board talking points:
<http://connect.ala.org/node/234841>

Vote: N/A

Minutes: <http://connect.ala.org/node/235511>

5. Donations and Fundraising Committee (10 mins)

Action: Yes

Item Facilitator: Dale McNeill

Background Information: Should fundraising letters ask specifically for designated gifts? Should special budget lines be made for Advocacy and Emerging Leaders? What should the protocol be when gifts are given but the donor does not care how their donation is used?

Vote: Yes

Minutes: A motion was made and passed to designate \$1,000 gift from Bill Cohen, to GLBT Book Month. A motion was made and passed to set the Emerging Leaders donations as a

restricted fund and a new line item in the budget. The discussion centered around what should the RT do with undesignated donations as opposed to Stonewall donations which go to the long term investment fund.

6. Approval of the FY 16 Budget and Discussion of FY 14 Results (15 minutes)

Action: Approve FY 2016 GLBTRT Budget

Item Facilitator: Dale McNeill

Vote: Yes

Background Information: Fiscal Year 2014 Report: <http://connect.ala.org/node/233831>, Fiscal Year 2015 Year to Date Report: <http://connect.ala.org/node/233832>, Proposed Fiscal Year 2016 Budget <http://connect.ala.org/node/230077>

Minutes: In discussing the FY 14 budget results it was noted that the sale of Stonewall Book Award seals varies from year to year and are unpredictable. The proposed budget anticipates a transfer of \$1,000 from the long term investment fund to operating budget for the Stonewall Award. New in the budget is money for programming: \$1,000. There was a motion made and passed to accept the FY 2016 budget.

7. 45th Anniversary (15 minutes)

Action: Discussion

Item Facilitator: Ann Symons

Vote: N/A

Background Information: How should this anniversary be celebrated?

Midwinter – Article in Cognotes – Matt Cisek

June – *On My Mind* in American Libraries, Symons/Freeman

Annual - Cake and LGBT Pavilion at exhibits

Article in Cognotes

Membership Meeting

Social

Minutes: No articles were able to be placed into the Midwinter Cognotes. We will work towards having an article about the RT's 45th anniversary in the pre-conference Annual Cognotes. Ann and Mack's *On My Mind* article will appear in the June issue of *American Libraries*. Discussion on this topic will continue in the March meeting.

8. History of RT (10 minutes)

Action: Discussion

Item Facilitator: Larry Romans

Vote: N/A

Background Information:

Minutes: Board members suggested a number of information sources that Larry can use for this purpose. Information will also be sought from some of the RT's longest standing members. Larry will continue to report on this matter.

9. Elections – Status of Candidates (5 minutes)

Action: Information/Discussion

Item Facilitator: Roland Hansen

Vote: N/A

Background Information: RT ballot to include - Chair-Elect, Treasurer, and Director-at-Large (2)

Minutes: There are current 3 candidates running for the two Director-At-Large. There are currently no candidates running for Treasurer or Chair. Current, seated board members should help actively recruit more potential candidates. There is a link on the RT site to the volunteer form. (<http://www.ala.org/qlbtrt/involved/form>)

10. Report from the By-Laws Committee (10 minutes)

Action: Discussion, Action to put By-Laws Changes on 2015 ballot

Item Facilitator: Shawn Vaillancourt

Vote: Yes

Background Information: <http://connect.ala.org/node/234204>

Minutes: It was moved and seconded to refer the By-Laws draft back to the By-Laws Committee for further work on the "committee section".

11. Rainbow Project – Relationship with SRRT (10 minutes)

Action: Discussion

Item Facilitator: Peter Coyl

Vote: N/A

Background Information:

- Proposal - Spring/Action by Board – Who?
- Volunteers from Board to work on this...
- Take to SRRT at Annual

Minutes: The Rainbow Project was initially created as a joint SRRT and GLBTRT committee. Motion was made and passed that the RT contact SRRT and request sole responsibility for the Rainbow Project. Councilor Peter Hepburn and member Julie Winkelstein will present this to SRRT's Action Council.

12. Annual Conference, San Francisco (20 mins)

Action: Informational

Item Facilitator: Peter Coyl

Vote: N/A

Background Information:

1. PreConference – Update from the Committee: <http://connect.ala.org/node/234205>
2. Programs
3. GLBT Pavilion
4. Pride Parade
5. Social, Harvey Milk Branch Library, Saturday, June 27, 6:30-8:30
6. Stonewall Program/Celebration Committee; discussion of new format for Stonewall Awards Program.

Minutes: On Friday, 6/26, the preconference, "Rolling Out the Rainbow Carpet" will run from 8:30-12 pm. It will be \$75 for RT members and \$100 for non-RT members.

On Saturday, 6/27, the executive board meeting will run from 8:30-11 am and will be followed by the membership meeting from 11 am-12 pm. ACRL's program (RBMS Rare Book and Manuscripts Section) "Curating Activism in GLBT History", which GLBTRT is co-sponsoring, will run from 1-2:30 pm. IFRT's program "The History and Evolving Acceptance of Collecting LGBT Materials in Libraries", which GLBTRT is co-sponsoring will also run from 1-2:30 pm. Our program "Transgender Client Services in Libraries" will be 3:30-5 pm. The RT Social is 6:30 to -8:30 pm and will be held at the Harvey Milk Memorial Branch of the San Francisco Public Library.

On Sunday, 6/28, is the Pride parade. Participation in the parade is a ticketed event. GLBTRT will march with the SFPL. Tickets are \$15 each. The Social, normally held on Sunday evening, has been moved to Saturday evening.

On Monday, 6/29, the Stonewall Book Awards will from 10 am-12 pm.

On the convention floor, we will have a GLBT pavilion with signage highlighting GLBT Book Month.

Discussion followed about the Stonewall Book Awards Celebration Planning. A motion was moved and passed to take appropriate steps to dissolve the Celebration committee. The bylaws state that Dissolution of a standing committee requires a two-thirds majority vote at two consecutive ALA Annual Conferences.

13. Blood Drive and Program at MW (5 minutes)

Action: Informational

Item Facilitator: Peter Coyl

Vote: N/A

Background Information: Congressman Mike Quigley will also appear at this event in addition to Dr. Magda Houlberg and Dr. Robert Garofalo. This event will be held on Sunday, February 1st from 8:30-10 am at McCormick Place W183c. The actual blood drive will take place on Saturday, January 31st and Sunday, February 1st from 10 am to 4 pm in the Exhibit Hall at the end of the 4800 aisle.

Minutes: Congressman Quigley was not able to attend last minute, so one of his staff participated instead. The blood drive was well publicized with signage around the convention center.

14. Advocacy Committee Report (10 minutes)

Action: Informational

Item Facilitator: Julie Winkelstein and Mary Gen Davies, Co-Chairs

Vote: N/A

Background Information:

Minutes: A rough draft of the toolkit was provided. A request was made to add a section for Academic Life, including gender neutral housing on college campuses. There was a request to clarify acronyms by picking one acronym to represent all groups that could be used throughout the toolkit. (For example, "GLBT" would stand in for "GLBTQIAA".) This ad hoc committee will end at San Francisco.

A motion was made and passed to create a standing Advocacy committee. A formal charge will need to be created. A final draft of the toolkit will be expected in March.

A motion was made and seconded that gender neutral bathrooms should be provided by ALA at all ALA sponsored conferences, including all division conferences. These bathrooms should have clear signage and should not be relegated to the far corners of the convention center.

15. Committee Appointments (5 minutes)

Action: Informational

Item Facilitator: Peter Coyl

Vote: N/A

Background Information:

Minutes: The report from Symons/Coyl was presented to the board.
<http://connect.ala.org/node/235179>

16. Committee Reports

Action: Informational

Item Facilitator: Committee Liaisons - Reports due for March Meeting in writing

Vote: N/A

Background Information: Program Planning Committee Report:
<http://connect.ala.org/node/234912>

Minutes: The Program Planning Committee report information was conveyed above in the San Francisco update. All other committees are required to have written reports submitted by the March Executive Board meeting.

17. Announcements (5 minutes)

Action: Update & Discussion

Item Facilitator: Any

Vote: N/A

Background Information:

Minutes: There will be a small GLBTRT social at the ACRL (Association for College and Research Libraries) conference in Portland, OR on Friday, March 27th.

18. Adjournment

Action: The meeting will be adjourned.

Item Facilitator: Ann Symons

Vote: N/A

Background Information:

Minutes: The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.