

2016 May Executive Board Meeting Agenda & Minutes
Teleconference

Wednesday, May 25th, 7 pm EST

Attendees: P. Coyl, A. Symons, M. Ciszek, D. Sica, L. DeCoster, A. De Campos Salles, P. Hepburn, and M. Townley.

Guests: R. Hansen and J. Amundsen

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Action: Board members will introduce themselves; Attendees will be invited to do so as well

Item Facilitator: Peter Coyl

Minutes: The meeting began at 7:02 pm EST.

2. Approval of Agenda

Action: Approve agenda for the May 2016 Executive Board meeting.

Item Facilitator: Peter Coyl

Supporting Information: <http://connect.ala.org/node/253706>

Minutes: The agenda for the May 2016 meeting was approved.

3. Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

Action: Approve minutes from the April 2016 Executive Board meeting.

Item Facilitator: Peter Coyl

Supporting Information: Minutes are posted on Connect from the April 2016 Executive Board meeting: <http://connect.ala.org/node/253705>

Minutes: The minutes from the April 2015 meeting were approved with a change to the correct spelling of Matt's last name.

4. Treasurer's Report and Budget

Action: Update from the Treasurer.

Item Facilitator: Liz DeCoster

Vote: Yes

Supporting Information: <http://connect.ala.org/node/253707>

Minutes: Our dues are slightly ahead of our budgeting, but we budgeted conservatively. The expenses have largely been a bank surcharge, "professional services", and the printing of the GLBTRT Pride Month stamps in March. Liz will find out about the \$10,000 printing costs Liz will check and see if the endowment balance reflects Larry Romans' \$25,000 donation; Another \$25,000 will eventually come from Larry Romans' estate.

5. ALA Elections

Action: Update on ALA Elections

Item Facilitator: Peter Coyl

Vote: No

Supporting Information: An update, with more specifics, will be given about the GLBTRT elections, which closed on Friday, April 22nd.

Minutes: Jennifer Maguire-Wright was elected into a 3 year term as Chair. Ana Elisa de Campos Salles, Matt Cizek, and Sherry Lynn Machones, were elected into two year terms for Director-at-Large. Ann Symons was elected into a 3 year term as Round Table Councilor. Paul Kelly was elected into a two year term as Secretary. The new board members will start at the close of ALA Annual in Orlando. Peter Hepburn, Ingrid Abrams, and Melody Townley will all be cycling off the Executive Board at the end of Annual. The election results can be viewed, in detail, here:

http://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/governance/alaelection/2016/16-ALA%20Participation%20Results%20for%20Divisions%20Sec%20Round%20Tables_1.pdf

6. 50th Anniversary Celebration

Action: Discussion

Item Facilitator: Ann Symons, David Isaak, and Ana Elisa de Campos Salles

Vote: No

Supporting Information: Update about the creation of a “skeleton” of the actions that must be taken while planning for the 50th anniversary in Chicago 2020 and sponsoring an Emerging Leaders project. A brainstorming document can be found here:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1LBmTIOeIEsYT9cBh0qVagp7utAB-K9OYnXYRzqRxkXk/edit?usp=sharing>

Minutes: David & Ann met last week and came up with the brainstorming document. They would like the Board to spend a chunk of face to face time in Orlando to go through this document. They came up with “the big ideas” of where we thought we should be going and then used that to create a timeline. Please offer your input either in writing before Orlando or in person in Orlando. There should be an ad hoc committee that works on this and under that, an Emerging Leaders project which will be a 3 year cumulative project.

We need to go and see what’s in the archives at University of Illinois. Roland knows there’s a lot of pictures and snapshots. In Washington, Kay and Barbara made up many posters of historical stuff that we displayed at the Social. (Perhaps in 2010?) Do we still have them? Can we update them? We need a key person to fund it. We also need to bring in ALA Development and make it a big thing.

Israel Fishman’s papers are at the NY Public Library. Should someone check them out? We have Barbara Gittings at NYPL. Ann will be in NYC for all of January and February, so she will look into it then. There will be more discussion on this topic at Annual.

7. June is GLBT Book Month

Action: Information

Item Facilitator: Peter Coyl

Vote: No

Supporting Information: An update will be given about the status of finding someone to run social media for June is GLBT Book Month.

Minutes: We are working with John A. and ALA Staff and there was some interest within the ALA social media team to determine how we can get some publicity. Maybe publicizing a GLBTQIA-friendly book a day in June, pulling them from the last 15 years of Stonewall awards. We've already had a press release from ALA, which has been picked up by several LGBT news outlets already. We're working to get other content for our social media too.

8. ALA Annual Orlando Social

Action: Information

Item Facilitator: Peter Coyl

Vote: No

Supporting Information: An update will be given about the upcoming Orlando GLBTRT Social. The Facebook event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/2007963012762803/>

Minutes: The social is scheduled for Sunday evening.

9. Annual 2017 Social - Chicago

Action: Information

Item Facilitator: Peter Coyl

Vote: No

Supporting Information: An update from Roland: "Now the bad news. The Sunday of conference that year is Pride Sunday. It will be virtually impossible to find a space that day for the time we want as it will be peak party time across the city. We have been in this situation before. In the past the Social has been on Saturday allowing people to have Pride Sunday open all day. Saturday isn't that much easier to coordinate, but easier than Sunday. Also, is there a budget? And, would we consider a conference hotel space? Downtown spaces will be a lot easier to reserve, but none of them are cheap or free. Need to start planning now. Also, are there any fund raising initiatives on the table for the Social?"

Minutes: Roland will investigate using the previous venues we used for Midwinter and Annual. One is in the heart of Boystown which might help with the Pride issue. We may have the social on a Saturday depending on the availability of venues. Roland will report back on this.

Kudos to Peter for putting together a lovely Social at PLA. It was nicely attended and reached an audience that we don't tend to reach at Annual or MW. We budgeted \$250 for that and stayed within budget. We had a great space, it was private, and we had more food than could be eaten. We definitely need to look at holding a Social at ACRL in 2017 in Baltimore, MD.

A small update on Midwinter at Atlanta: we already have a person willing to help coordinate the Social. And the space we've found is not too expensive.

10. Announcements and Other items

Action: Information

Item Facilitator: Peter Coyl

Vote: No

Supporting Information:

Minutes: We are moving ahead with Larry Romans mentorship award. The information will be going to the Awards committee around the 10th of June. It'll be ready to go, we just need to write a rubric for awarding because we know they'll ask for it. When it's done, Ann will send it out on the Board list.

At PLA, Deb, Ann, and Peter observed that the paper copies of our new "Open to All" toolkit were very popular. It was recommended that paper copies of "Open to All" should be given to every member of Council. Should we have copies at the Membership meeting? They're not cheap to print. They're about \$1.80 each.

We will meet next at ALA Annual. Our meetings and events are on the Scheduler so you can easily add them to your personalized Itinerary. Our Executive Board meeting starts at 8 am. The Executive Board & Membership meetings are next door to each other. We have 3 programs at ALA: "Queer Zines: Where We've Been, Where We Are, and Where We're Going", "Reflecting Realities: Transgender Fiction for Today's Tweens and Teens", and "The Wedding Heard 'Round the World: the Mike McConnell and Jack Baker Story" along with the Stonewall Book Awards and the first awarding of the activism award and Excellent in Serving the GLBT Community. The Larry Romans Memorial will be on Saturday, June 25th, at 5:30 pm. Robert Newland accepting an award at the President's program. The full listing of the GLBTRT programs can be found here: <https://www.eventscribe.com/2016/ala-annual/agenda.asp?h=Full+Schedule&pta=GLBTRT>

11. Adjournment

Action: Information

Item Facilitator: Peter Coyl

Vote: No

Supporting Information:

Minutes: The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm EST.