

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

## ALA Annual Conference 2000 – Chicago, IL

Steering Committee Meeting I  
Friday, July 7, 2000  
Hotel InterContinental-Illinois Room  
8:00pm – 10:00pm

### Attendees:

Michael Poma, Faye Chadwell, Robert Jaquay, Kenn Bicknell, Cal Zunt, Norman Eriksen, Michell Hackwelder, Steve Russo, David Van Hoy, Keith Trimmer, Michael Miller, Carolyn Mahin, Nicholas Rosselli, Andy Johnson, Chet Mulawka, Shari Clifton, Roland Hansen, Rob Ridinger, Anne Moore, Steve Stratton, Bill Bergfalk, Ellen Bosman.

Shari Clifton called the meeting to order at 8:00pm.

Introductions were held.

Minutes of Steering Committee meetings I & II for Annual 1999 were approved. Motion by Rob Ridinger, seconded by Nicholas Roselli.

### Co-Chair Reports:

Shari Clifton asked about the status of the OLOS/GLBTRT booth at McCormick Place. Michell Hackwelder: As of 5pm there was no carpet or table, but the other professional tables had been set up, but not OLOS, EMIERT, GLBTRT, SRRT). Bill Bergfalk: As of 9pm last night the NEA convention was still being dismantled. Roland Hansen suggested calling Satia Orange at her hotel. GLBTRT members will bring booth supplies to the table to avoid McCormick's high union loading fees. Steve Stratton offered to pick up materials at Hansen's office at 10am on Saturday and deliver them to McCormick. David Van Hoy offered to assist at the table Saturday morning, and will contact ALA offices if set-up is not complete. Hansen requested volunteers for Sunday. Volunteers: Hansen (Sunday), David Garnes (Monday morning), Bob Jaquay (Saturday afternoon). Additional volunteers will be sought at the Membership Meeting.

Roland Hansen discussed the registration for the GALA Dinner. The ALA printout showed 117 paid tickets when the head count was 129. The discrepancy is due to the number of complimentary dinners. In addition, there were 29 last minute registrants. We will be able to accommodate anyone who wishes to purchase a ticket at the door. Rob Ridinger, Bob Jaquay and Michell Hackwelder will staff the registration table. Bill Gordon, Sarah Long and Ann Symons will be attending the dinner. Hansen requested a volunteer to introduce the speakers and Ellen Bosman responded. David Garnes will introduce Marci Blackman and Anne Moore will introduce Barrie Jean Borich.

It was also announced that Tom Wilding and Steven Stillwell have given a gift of \$10,000 as seed money for the Book Award. Tom and Steven have also graciously paid \$700.00 to bring in Marci Blackman. The goal is \$40,000 for the endowment fund. Michael Miller is still pursuing publishers to underwrite the awards.

Wine: Fifteen (15) cases were provided to us free of charge by the Sidetrack Bar in Chicago. However, the hotel will charge us a \$10.00 per bottle corkage fee for a total of \$440.00. Two options were discussed regarding the fee: 1) Two bottles of wine would be put at each table and we will pay the corkage fee; 2) We could "sell" bottles of wine for \$10 apiece to pay the fee. Bill Bergfalk recommended option 1 and all agreed. The Sidetrack Bar will store unused bottles for use later at the social. We will have to purchase anything above two bottles/table from the hotel at \$23.00/bottle. Bergfalk will handle the logistics at the hotel.

Setup: Hansen requested volunteers to distribute programs, gift bags, set up centerpieces, etc. Most of the Steering Committee agreed to arrive early to set up.

Ad Book: Bill Bergfalk explained that the Ad Book cost \$400.00 to print at the American Hospital Association Office. A total of \$2535.00 was taken in through sale of advertising. The Ad Book also contains a variety of letters from various congressmen/women, senators, Mayor Daley, ALA Presidents. A total of 168 letters had been sent out requesting contributions. Bergfalk also listed the various donors who contributed to the gift bags.

Media coverage. Two reporters will be coming from the Windy City Times and Gay Chicago. Michell Hackwelder will be covering for Cognotes.

Pre-Conference. Roland Hansen reported that the pre-conference "Gay Teens in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Access for the Future" was very successful with 125 attendees. Satia Orange believes we should receive income from it. Discussion ensued regarding how the income will be distributed among the various sponsoring groups. This is yet to be determined.

#### Treasurer's Report.

Norman Eriksen is pleased to report that we are in the black! Expenses and income from Midwinter were not included on the latest report from ALA. Norman encourages everyone to be on the lookout for funding sources since it would be easy for us to go into the red again. He is still trying to identify all of the miscellaneous meeting space expenses we are charged for. He will again announce the \$2,000.00 matching grant at the social. Faye Chadwell added that the Round Table Coordinating Committee will hold a budgeting seminar for treasurers.

#### Secretary's Report.

An electronic version of the minutes will be provided to Keith Trimmer for mounting on the website.

#### Transition to Round Table Status Committee.

Michael Miller moved that we disband the committee. Norman Eriksen seconded. Motion approved.

#### Book Awards Committee.

Anne Moore stated that there would be 3 new committee members next year. Next year is the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the book award. The committee had a number of suggestions regarding way to commemorate and celebrate the award ranging from a coffee table book to a poster with book covers. These could be sold to make some money to fund the award. Norman Eriksen suggested that a poster might raise our profile as well as being helpful for book displays. Michael Miller said that publishers are often good about providing seed money to start projects like this. Michell Hackwelder stated that ALA Graphics is expensive and they take 15% of the proceeds. The rights to reproduce covers could be requested as a gift. Anne finished by announcing that the committee has received 7 book nominations to date.

#### Program Planning Committee.

Michell Hackwelder announced that a program on generations or services to families are the likely possibilities for next year. Michael Miller suggested that we continue to seek other groups within ALA as co-sponsors. Roland Hansen added that the Round Table Coordinating Committee will begin with 2001 to track programs by type and group them. Some programs may be rejected. Michael reiterated that networking will be more important now in order to attract broader appeal.

#### Clearinghouse Report.

Keith Trimmer provided a written report.

#### Elections Committee.

Steve Russo announced that a candidate for male co-chair is Steve Stratton. Candidates for treasurer will be Norman Eriksen and Michael Golden. Additional nominees will be sought at the Membership Meeting. Steve also announced his resignation effective at the conclusion of this conference.

External Relations Committee.

Kenn Bicknell is continuing to work on the press kit and identifying methods of publicity. Volunteer forms are continuing to come in.

Roland Hansen moved to adjourn the meeting. Ellen Bosman seconded. Hansen closed the meeting at 10:20pm.

Respectfully submitted

Michael Poma  
Secretary