

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered Round Table  
of the American Library Association  
2010 Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.

Membership Meeting  
Meeting Minutes

June 27, 2010

**I. Call to order**

Dale McNeill called to order the membership meeting of the GLBTRT of ALA at 10:30 A.M. on June 27, 2010

**II. Introductions**

Tracy Nectoux, GLBTRT Secretary recorded the names of those in attendance. The following were present: Melissa Adler; Ellen Armstrong; Ariel Birdoff; Ellen Bosman; W. Stephen Breedlove; Mike Cienfuegos; Matt Cizek; Jane Cothron; Marie Elia; Myles Gideon; Peter Hepburn; Nancy Jacobson; Bill Jenkins; Lisa N. Johnston; Dale McNeill; Anne Moore; Tracy Nectoux; Teresa Nesbitt; Michael Nitz; Katherine Regeimbal; Rob Ridinger; K.R. Roberto, Jim Simonis; Laurie Spurling; Zeke White; David Woolwine.

**III. Approval of Agenda**

- **Motion Number 1**
- **Motion to Approve Agenda**
- **Motion: Matt Cizek**
- **Second: K.R. Roberto**
- **Passed by Acclamation**

**IV. Reports of Officers and ALA Executive Board Liaison**

**a) Co-Chair Report**

- The Rainbow List has honored three authors.
- If members want to stay up to date on the round table, they should join the membership discussion list. The differences between the membership list and the steering committee list were explained.
- T-shirts are for sale in sizes small–2x. They are priced on a sliding scale: \$10 to \$20. They will be sold at the pre-social and social.

**b) Treasurer Report**

Our endowment has improved slightly. We have \$90,000, and the operating fund is \$30,000. Dues are 9% ahead of last year. We need to fund our youth book award, and we're hoping to raise \$60,000.

**c) Secretary Report**

The secretary reminded the membership that if they need assistance in joining, leaving, or changing their settings on the membership email list, they should feel free to contact her.

**V. Reports of Committee Chairs**

**d) External Relations Committee Report**

Committee is working on tool kits with GLSEN, PFLAG, and GLBT youth. It is also working with the Membership Promotion Committee and the 40th Anniversary Celebration Committee. Future focus is to try to do less press releases and more outreach, including getting in contact with more LGBT organizations.

**e) Membership Promotion Committee Report**

The Committee Chair described all of the events happening that day at the membership pavilion at our kiosk, including the pre-social.

Told membership that if they're interested in getting involved in round table, they should check out the website for a committee volunteer form.

**f) Program Planning Committee Report**

Described two programs scheduled for 2011. Julie Gomez has agreed to speak at one of the programs. Possible topic: What it means to be an under-30 gay librarian.

**g) Stonewall Book Awards Committee Report**

An email was sent to the membership email list announcing the winning authors. Listed the three winners and the honor authors who would be speaking at the Stonewall Book Awards Brunch.

**VI. Open Issues**

**h) Over the Rainbow Ad Hoc Committee**

A statement was made regarding the lack of academic titles on the list. The OTR list is not meant to be an academic list, but rather a list of readable fiction of general interest.

The possibility of forming an academic list was mentioned, but nothing was concluded.

**VII. New Business**

**i) Removal of language in our bylaws and creation of a Procedure Manual**

Peter Hepburn explained the removal of procedural language from our bylaws. Detailed explanations of the changes can be found on ALA Connect.

Discussion follows:

Procedural language causes the bylaws to be cumbersome when it comes to making changes within our various committees, and removing it will streamline them. A Procedure Manual is being created and all of the language formerly in the bylaws will go there. In the future, as decisions and procedures change, the individual committees can move forward without asking permission from officers, which can be time-consuming.

Bylaws usually describe the duties of various officers. Most other round tables within ALA have very simple bylaws and then a very detailed procedures manual. In their bylaws, the charges of the committees are listed, but they do not include explanations of “how” the work is done. The Procedure Manual contains these explanations.

The Bylaw & Procedure Manual Ad hoc Committee will make all changes available to membership. They are looking at good models and using what works.

Announcement (on the membership email list, Facebook, and Twitter) of the recommended changes was published in March, with a reminder in May. Membership will now need to vote on the changes.

- **Motion Number 2**
- **Motion to move that we approve removal of language from our bylaws**
- **Motion: David Woolwine**

- **Second: K.R. Roberto**
- **Passed. 23 yes, 1 abstain**

j) **Adding “Queer” to our name**

Discussion:

Concern that adding “Q” will turn our name into a rainbow soup. An alternative is to rename ourselves the Stonewall Round Table, or another more generic term. But where does it end? Though “queer” has a negative history, Queer Theory is a legitimate academic discipline.

The option of adding additional identities to the statement of our mission and who we are was discussed. But nothing was decided.

**VIII. Announcements**

- k) REFORMA is having a national convention next year. They’d like us to partner with them on a program at the convention. If anyone has ideas for a possible programs for any convention or conference, the GLBT Round Table will help you develop a program. The Program Planning Committee can help you plan events. The same is true for state conferences.
- l) READ posters. We want to get RuPaul on a READ poster or READ Out Loud. Contact ALA publicity. RuPaul has published a new book that is very positive for youth.

**IX. Adjournment**

- **Motion Number 3**
- **Motion to adjourn**
- **Motion: K.R. Roberto**
- **Second: Matt Ciszek**
- **Passed by Acclamation**

The Membership Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 A.M.

Minutes submitted by: Tracy Nectoux, GLBTRT Secretary, May 27, 2011