

Minutes of the Program Planning Committee  
Monday, 26 June 1995  
Chicago, IL

Below are the minutes from the Monday evening program planning meeting held at 8:00 pm in PDR 1 at the Palmer House in Chicago, IL Monday, 26 June 1995. Please post any corrections by replying to this note.

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First, a listing of past programs and their subject areas...

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| 1995 | preconf | Reching Inside Reaching OUT                             |                           |
|      |         | Human resources, Collection Dev., Internet, Prof. orgs. |                           |
| 1995 | annual  | Import. of LesBiGay Lib. Hist.                          | History *IFRT prgm*       |
| 1994 | annual  | Beyond Daddy's Roommate                                 | Children's Publishing     |
| 1993 | annual  | I read you loud and Queer                               | General Publishing        |
| 1992 | annual  | Gay Media after Mapplethorpe                            | Media                     |
| 1992 | preconf | When sex is the Question                                | ???                       |
| 1991 | annual  | G&Lesbian Lib. Services                                 | Librarianship             |
| 1990 | annual  | ???                                                     | AIDS Education            |
| 1989 | annual  | ???                                                     | Preservation of G&L Mtrls |

Second, a note to state that there was a general discussion about how the program planning committee is reshaping the committee activities.

Generally, we are now aiming to maintain a two-year planning cycle. The immediate effects of this are to have Annual '96 planned \*before\* midwinter occurs so that midwinter can be used to plan Annual '97. Also, we want to include more input from the general membership about program topics. We'll be soliciting ideas from people via the Newsletter and GAY-LIBN starting immediatley. An intern "position" will also be maintained so that the change of chairship goes more smoothly. (This will have effects on the bylaws Mark, something about this chair being "appointed." Language might have to be changed to approved or something...)

More specifically, starting with meetings in 1996, it should be the intention of the book award committee to announce the award winners of the preceeding publishing years at the general press conference held every year at mid-winter. (I believe this has already been confirmed by that committee... Any comments John?) Also, we intend to instate a combined fundraising type of Book Award breakfast followed by the annual program starting next year at Annual 1996 in NYC. This will have a lasting impact as that will be the 25th anniversary celebration of the award. The Breakfast should occupy a 1.25 hour time slot followed by a half hour break before the 1 hour program starts in an always separate but nearby room. It was decided that this combined arrangement would always occur on Monday morning at annual conference in an 8:00 am - 11:00 am time slot. This would minimize conflicts with things like the Coretta Scott King

breakfast and the Feminist (or WSS) breakfast both of which are statically scheduled at different times/days annually. It would also increase our net possibility of maintaining a standard audience from the breakfast as well as common occurrence recognition for those ALAers interested in our activities on an ongoing basis.

Finally, as you'll see from the list of possible topics from the present committee members. We, the committee, aim to look beyond the borders of general librarianship/books to focus on broader social issues. We think of this as an exciting prospect that SRRT, Israel Fishman, Barbara Gittings, and Donna Minkowitz would all be glad to know about.

Topics for consideration generated at the '95 annual planning meeting:

- 1.) Looking at Outreach to communities - are they all addressed equally
  - lesbian vs. gay male vs. bisexual, programs and archives for each
- 2.) Focusing on underserved portions of the community
  - like rural constituencies or urban poor
  - like special communities exp. camp sister spirit
  - non-wasp middle-of-the-road typical "gay" persons/groups
- 3.) Looking at Family dynamics of gaydom
  - exchanges between parents and children
  - education of and between each of the two entities
  - PFLAG initiatives/education and information's place in it
  - new concepts of family (Dr. April Martin)
- 4.) Information concepts for radicalism / Spirituality
  - Religious Right
  - Fight the Right
  - Radical Faeries
  - Lesbian Avengers, Anti-Violence Project, Gorilla Girls, ACT-UP
- 5.) Bashing information concepts -
- 6.) Domestic Violence
- 7.) Psychology issues -
  - professional organizations
  - society / opinion / social acceptance

By Tuesday, end of the day, I will post this list of possible topics to GAY-LIBN (maybe possibly to the GLBTF web site also...) for feedback on the '96 from the constituency. Because of the timeline we set below for planning, we can't solicit input from the

newsletter route this time... (not every plan is perfect!).

The timeline here will explain our planning goals for the year following the solicitation of input...

Mid July - second post for programming input.

Mid August (2nd wk.) - decision on first and second choices for '96 prgm

Aug 15th - submission of program choice and calls for planning volunteers  
in the fall GLBTF newsletter

October - ALA meeting rooms deadline, info from tf co-chairs

September - Thanksgiving - pull together preliminary or secondary choice program

December - Send out Annual '96 prgm confirmation letters.

Winter newsletter - Call for program planning volunteers for midwinter

Midwinter - submit budget requests for program and start planning '97

One other item that was discussed in our meeting was the need for a program planning manual. Based on my experiences and all the saved files from planning the preconference, I will be drafting this document. I will try to incorporate all necessary rules and regulations from our bylaws as well as from SRRT (via Roland's knowledge) and from OLOS (clueless ring a bell?).

This draft will go to current committee members, co-chairs and secretary for comment and hopefully be completed by Midwinter for presentation.

I believe that is it! If any person receiving this message cares to comment please use a reply to all of us and I'll take those comments into consideration as I progress. Have a good weekend and I look forward to hearing from you all soon.

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