

LIRT Steering Committee Minutes

10/7/2022 | 2:00pm CT

1. Introductions – attendees introduced themselves, their positions, and their roles in LIRT.
Attendees included: Sherri Brown, Kim Copenhaver, Liya Deng, Lily Dubach, Bridget Farrell, Wayne Finley, Julie Hornick, Meggan Houlihan, Kel Hughes Jones, Brendan Johnson, Samantha Kannegiser, Renee Kiner, Blake Klimasara, Trina McCowan, Rachel Mulvihill, Susan Mythen, Becca Neel, Michelle Roubal, Brad Sietz, Stan Trembach
2. Reminder to renew membership if you have not done so.
 - a. We need nominations for the 2023 Executive Board in early November, see link to nomination form:
<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=SxMV515JWkaPA8NibnuxVje-k0evSfNAggtXzFgXKBURDRKSk5WTdNOVVBRtdPMUNZTVFEVvkxMRy4u>
3. COLA Liaison and Ecosystem Subcommittee member callout – Becca sent an email soliciting volunteers for these positions representing LIRT with the Committee on Library Advocacy (see Connect message from September 26th). If you're interested or have committee members who may be, please contact Becca as soon as possible.
4. Newsletter
 - a. Upcoming editor vacancy – Sherri Brown is ending her service as newsletter editor in December. This is an appointed position. We can put a call out for volunteers unless anyone speaks up from the Communications Committee.

Rachel Mulvihill, production editor, shared some ideas about making the newsletter more streamlined and simple, or transitioning to a blog format. The group agreed that whatever form it takes, we would like the newsletter to continue as it is a benefit to LIRT members and helps foster a sense of community within the round table.

Passed to Communications Committee for further discussion.
 - b. Do newsletter guidelines merit update? ([Refer to p. 55 of LIRT manual](#)) These were last updated in 2003. The Communications Committee will review the manual. Overall, most of the section is still correct, but mentions of ALA Midwinter need to be removed, etc.

Susan pointed out that the new Bylaws will be voted on in the Spring election, after that will be a good time to review the manual and make sure it meets our needs.
5. Committee Report-Outs (e.g. updates, needs, current projects)

Sherri Brown – Newsletter materials for the December issue are due November 3rd

Meggan Houlihan (from chat) – Join the ALA Committee on Literacy, Literacy Assembly and Office for Diversity, Literacy and Outreach Services for "Advancing Equity and Access: Libraries as Literacy Centers," a free, one-hour webinar on October 12 at 1PM CT. With a focus on libraries as literacy centers and literacy programming to advance equity and access, the panel includes Tracie D. Hall, ALA Executive Director; Darnelle L. Richardson, Literacy Program Coordinator at Jersey City Free Public Library; and Kristen Curé, Latino Liaison Librarian at Springfield Public Library. Register now: bit.ly/3UXJZeN

Kel Hughes Jones – Reporting from the ALA EDI assembly, there are 4 meetings coming up: Below are the tentative EDI meeting dates and times for 2022-2023.

Thursday, October 20, 2022: 2-3:30 pm ET / 1-2:30 pm CT / 12-1:30 pm MT / 11-12:30 pm PT

Monday, January 23, 2023: 3:30-5 pm ET / 2:30-4 pm CT / 1:30-3 pm MT / 12:30-2 pm PT

Wednesday, March 15, 2023: 6-7:30 pm ET / 5-6:30 pm CT / 4-5:30 pm MT / 3-4:30 pm PT

Tuesday, June 6, 2023: 3-4:30 pm ET / 2-3:30 pm CT / 1-2:30 pm MT / 12-1:30 pm PT

Adult Learners: Stan Tremblach – The Adult Learners Committee has not met this year; a meeting is set up for next week. Some ideas for discussion at their meeting include a journal club or book discussion club. Last year they held 4 successful virtual journal club meetings, which led to a Discussion Forum at ALA on applied adult learning theories and contemporary library practices. Would like to continue with this idea. They may also have web site updates to make. At the meeting, the committee will decide on their course of action to move forward.

Awards: Bridget Farrell /Wayne Finley – Things are going as planned, have posted call for award nominations on boards, connect, etc. Reminder that nominations are due January 15, 2023. Are there dedicated funds for the awards ceremony? Susan – yes talk to Bako Treasurer.

Communications: Renee Kiner – Nothing to report, but the Committee will be working on the newsletter issues.

Conference Program Planning: Julie Hornick – The Conference Program Planning Committee had their first meeting in September, and are moving forward with the program topic Universal Design for Learning: Planning for All Learners, Online and In-Person. The call for presenters will be sent out by October 15, with a deadline of December 1st. They will send out a reminder call mid-November if needed. The committee will meet in November and December, with voting on proposals taking place in December, and acceptance notifications sent afterwards. Considering topics for ALA 2024, looking at ideas from survey at ALA 2022 and entertaining suggestions from committee members.

Membership: Lily Dubach/Blake Klimasara – The Membership Committee met. Had an idea to springboard from a successful event last year (informal zoom session), called Lunch and Learn with LIRT, an informal gathering to talk about a topic. Had a question about whether the committee can do a raffle to encourage attendance, 1-3 people could win a gift card for attending. Susan – This hasn't been done before, not sure if there are ALA rules about it, but we can run it by Danielle Ponton and find out. Lily will contact Danielle. Watch for an invitation to be featured in a future Member A-LIRT if you have not before.

Top 20: Virginia Seymour (via email) - The committee has begun work selecting articles for review, and reviews will start in December. They have a number of new committee members this year, so please give them a warm welcome!

Transitions: Brendan Johnson – The Transitions Committee will have their first meeting next week.

Michelle Roubal – liaison to Freedom to Read Foundation, this past summer they hosted a successful symposium on “Where Intellectual Freedom and Social Justice Meet: A Call to Action” July 12-13 and Michelle served on the symposium task force. Speakers included Sophia Leung (who is an editorial board member emerita of *In the Library with the Lead Pipe*) and Nicole Cooke, and there were breakout sessions. Hopefully it’s the start of something they’ll do annually or biannually and LIRT can continue to be involved.

Becca will schedule the December LIRT Steering/Executive Board meeting for early in the month.