**LRRT Steering Committee Meeting**

**March 24, 2022**

**Minutes**

**Present:** Africa Hands (Chair), Karen Kaufmann (Vice Chair), John Budd (Member-at-Large), Danielle Ponton (ALA Staff Liaison), Jennifer Joe (ALA Councilor), Paula Dempsey (Member-at-Large), Karen Harker (Member-at-Large)

**Absent:** Abigail Phillips, Jennifer Luetkemeyer (Secretary/Treasurer)

1. Review minutes from December 2021 meeting
2. Update for ALA Councilor Jennifer Joe
   1. Jennifer updated the committee on recently passed resolutions including resolutions to 1) promote equity in AASL and among youth librarians and 2) support AASL and intellectual freedom and to promote equity within AASL.
3. Chair’s report
   1. Update on ALA Annual 2022 activities
      1. Chair’s Program – Research Forum and Awards Presentation. Sunday, June 26th at 2:30-4pm
      2. Africa and Karen K. shared plans for a celebratory Research Forum event as the forum hasn’t occurred since pre-pandemic.
   2. Vote to combine Membership and Communications Committees
      1. Vote passed. Africa will work with Danielle to combine the committee rosters on the round table website.
   3. Jesse Shera Awards update
      1. There was an increase in submissions for the Shera Distinguished Published Research award. The committee received 26 submissions. This may be due to a change in the submission criteria. Africa advocated for more inclusive criteria, specifically a change to the requirement that authors be nominated by an LRRT member or journal editor. Noting that some people are not as connected to editors or LRRT members or comfortable soliciting nominations, the decision was made to allow self-nominations from members and non-members. This might also attract interests among non-members to join the round table and participate in activities.
      2. The committee received 6 submissions to the Support of Dissertation Research award.
      3. Africa noted that committee co-chairs, Yin Zhang and Kabel Stanwicks, have done an admirable job facilitating the review of submission including soliciting additional reviewers to assist in the process.
   4. Post-webinar survey update
      1. Africa updated the committee on responses from the post-webinar survey, specifically the survey item requesting input on future webinars.
      2. Respondents expressed interest in webinars on data management, managing the research process, finding and using credible resources, 21st century predictions of change for all libraries, establishing/improving collaborative relationships with university research offices, BIPOC engagement in the LIS field, and making research presentations.
   5. Round Table Coordinating Assembly (RTCA) Task Force
      1. Africa shared an update on recent RTCA activity. She will represent the round table on the task force charged with standardizing round table membership fees and round table bylaws.
4. Future webinars
   1. Dr. Victoria Van Hyning from UMD presented on crowdsourcing for the March webinar
   2. Dr. Sarah Barriage from UKY has been rescheduled for April 29th; will present on child-centered research.
   3. John Budd and Karen Harker volunteered to present on the topic of conference presentations for the May webinar in time for people preparing for ALA Annual.
      1. The webinar will be May 13th at 1pm Central
5. LRS VIII update - John Budd
   1. John provided an update on LRS planning. The call for a host site for LRS has been drafted and is ready for distribution. The planning team still needs a coordinator or co-coordinators to manage seminar planning.
   2. John suggested the selection committee for the host site include the round table chair, vice chair, past chair, and program coordinator.
   3. During the week of April 11th, the call for a host site will be distributed via ALA Connect and LIS listservs.
      1. John will distribute to the JESSE and ALISE listservs
      2. Karen K. will distribute to ASIST and ACRL
      3. Africa will distribute to PLA, ALSC, and LRRT via ALA Connect.
         1. Africa will also connect John and the LRRT Membership and Communication Committee to distribute the call for host sites.
6. LRRT Mentorship Committee – Karen Harker, organizer. **Sunday, June 26th at 9am**
   1. Karen shared an update on the mentorship event planned during ALA Annual. She has arranged for a committee member to facilitate the event focused on generating interest in serving on the Mentorship Committee. Karen notes that a webinar will also be scheduled, and the committee intends to start the mentorship program in September 2022. The committee also needs additional members as several have rotated off the committee.
7. Questions/Suggestions/Open Discussion
8. Adjournment