

# SUSTAINRT BOARD/COMMITTEE CHAIRS MEETING

June 16, 2022

## Meeting Minutes

In Attendance:

Chair- Lisa Kropp, Uta Hussong-Christian, Marcy Bailey, Jenn Washburn, Jen Ferriss, Tina Chan, Britt Fagerheim, Christina Mayberry, Vivienne Byrd, Beth South, Matthew Bollerman

## Members Session

- Membership Report
  - New officers and committee chairs
    - Danielle Ponton is the liaison to SustainRT from ALA staff. (Uta)
  - Treasurer's report
  - Upcoming Events
  - Councilor Update
  - Round Table work for 21-22
  - Committee updates
  - Volunteer opportunities in SustainRT  
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## Chair and Steering Meeting

- ALA Exec Committee Representative [update](#) (ALA Connect login required)
- RTCA Update (Matt/Uta)
  - Membership dues structure discussion ongoing and they will meet on July 12th to come to an agreement.
  - Lisa will attend since Casey will not be able to continue. Other members of the steering committee are invited also.
  - They are discussing ideas to support round tables that may be disproportionately impacted if certain membership types have reduced rates.
- ALA Council Committee on Sustainability Update (Tina/Matt/Uta)
  - Request for funds for conference carbon neutral/sustainability actions Executive Summary (by MeetGreen) for ALA conferences.(Uta)
  - The incoming president has expressed willingness to support the Executive Summary as well.
  - No action is being taken today but information was shared so that the committee can make the decision at a later date.
- Membership scholarship update (approved 15 student memberships)
- Website page liaisons update (Christina/Eric/Vivianne)

- Jen Embry is cycling on to the committee and Eric Tans will be unavailable.
- The process and form for contributing content is working but feedback is appreciated.

## Committee Chair Reports

- Sustainability Resources (Angele DeNeve)
- Public Advocacy & Awareness(Mandi Goodsett) & (Jen Ferriss)
  - We have not met
- Membership (Britt Fagerheim)
  - Last meeting: June 1, 2022
  - Only one graduating student ALA membership scholarship applications. We extended the deadline 2 weeks, until June 17th, and we will hopefully have additional applications to review.
  - Discussed mentorship program, including beginning program in August and additional marketing (possibly working with NMRT to advertise and providing materials at future ALA conference)
  - Provided feedback to SustainRT RTCA on student membership dues
- Online Education and Programming (Uta Hussong-Christian) & (Sarah Gluck)
  - Last meeting: June 9, 2022
  - Taking care of final details for the ALA Annual program/event lineup
    - Last communication blast sent out Outreach
    - Signup form created/communicated for 2 DCPL tours
    - Uta communicating with all 4 presenters (and preparing intro remarks)
    - Our programming content (webinar + conference) this year addressed SustainRT strategic goals
    - Gathered some recommendations for next year's committee:
      - 3 or 4 webinars is the sweet spot (5 is too many) - we were pleased with the ones we pulled off
      - A fixed meeting day/time doesn't work for all (if their schedule is variable)...but a changing meeting day/time each month is tough, too; have to do what works for your committee members
    - Only come committee member carrying over to the new committee year
- Outreach (Beth South)
- Awards (Jenn Washburn) & (Kelsey Flynn)
  - We are working with the award winners to schedule blog posts for the SustainRT blog. Should the outreach form be completed when the post is ready, or now?
  - Our Diversity and Sustainability stipend winner is Sourav Guha. Casey submitted the request and we have been working with Marcy to have the funds dispersed in time for the conference.
  - Queens Public Library will not be able to attend the in-person member meeting but they have received the award and we would like to play a recorded acceptance speech at the meeting, or perhaps try to give them a Zoom call.
  - We will be sending an outreach request to announce both winners on social media post-conference.

## Executive Board Session

- Approve Minutes (Jenn) - Marcy 1st, Tina 2nd, minutes approved for May 19, 2022.
- Treasurer's update (Marcy)
  - Marcy is asking about the percentage of dues taken for ALA staffing costs.
  - The process of reimbursement has been improved and they can now secure electronic transfer of funds for speakers and awards recipients.
  - Marcy has followed up with all outstanding requests.
- SustainRT bylaws ad hoc committee update (Matt/Lisa)
  - Update info in the drive folder.
  - Committee may continue to work on this through the summer.
- Committee appointments (Tina)
- Social Responsibility Resolution
  - They have asked for SustainRT support.
  - The committee discussed the resolution and Matt provided context for the motivation behind bringing this resolution to ALA. Matt will communicate our endorsement of the resolution with the recommendation to remove the last few words related to "political change".
  - Motion moved by Marcy, Tina 2nd, all present affirmed.
- ALA Annual
  - SustainRT Membership Lounge
  - SustainRT social event (2 DCPL library tours - see SustainRT events page and sign up by 6/22)
  - Board dinner: 6/24, 6:00 PM @ HipCityVeg 712 7th Street NW location (about half mile from the convention center)
  - Virtual membership meeting: June 16, 1:00 PM EST
  - ALA Membership Meeting June 25, 2:30 PM EST
  - Schedule of SustainRT meetings and programs
    - Stipend recipient to attend the in-person membership meeting.
    - Opportunity to talk up SustainRT in the ALA lounge Saturday, 9-11 am.
    - Forum on Draft 2022 ALA Accreditation standards: Saturday, June 25, 2022, 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. 2022 ALA Annual Conference, Marriott Metro Center, Washington, DC.Gmail
- New Business
  - None
- Adjourned 1:28 PM CST