

*ALA's Round Table Coordination Assembly (RTCA)*

*Standardization Task Force*

Kristin Green, IFRT Representative

Meeting Notes – June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022

- report on meeting with the ALA Membership Committee Chair, Miranda Henry Bennett
  - these recommendations go to this committee first before ALA Executive Committee and ALA is working on all dues adjustments for next year
  - would like defined time period for comprehensive review (ie. 3 years) of how standardization impacts the Round Tables (RTs) after implementation
  - with predicted significant revenue lost from standardized dues, both (RTCA and Membership Committee) could recommend subsidized model where ALA would subsidize some of the RT funding
  - considering having RT dues come with discounts for ALA Membership, this argues against any free dues for any particular member group
- membership dues standardization discussion
  - unalterable types: regular, students, multi-type (library support staff, international, retirees, non-salaried), library supporters (trustees, friends, other)
  - IRRT concerned about losing members since international members are free, less than concern about losing money
  - Retiree RT would prefer exception be made for special member groups since majority of members are retirees
  - LHRT mentions that if subsidy is possible, not as concerned with loss of revenue as before; however, the subsidy may not affect RTs where most membership is “regular”; suggesting 15% as significant loss for subsidy threshold; others prefer any loss should be declared significant
  - GNCRT expresses that we should be aggressive about what constitutes significant loss because younger RTs like them have no reserve funds so any loss of membership or dues is significant
  - one suggestion made that ALA commit to level funding for all RTs as they had in 2022 for the next several years after the dues change; this will help RTs see the adjustments based on dues change and plan accordingly
- upcoming schedule
  - another RTCA STF meeting will be scheduled for July (this meeting was supposed to be the last)
  - no full RTCA meeting at Annual, next scheduled for July 12<sup>th</sup> and STF meeting will be scheduled after that date