

LHRT Midwinter Executive Committee Meeting  
January 11, 2016

**Meeting conducted via Skype. Begun at aprox. 2:10 p.m. EST**

**Attendees:** Eric Novotny, Dominique Daniel, Anthony Bernier, Cheryl Gunselman, Ellen Pozzi, Nancy Dupree, Mark McCallon, Karl Pettitt

**Ground rules set for meeting.**

**Introductions**

**Annual Meeting Minutes approval.**

- Eric motioned, Dominique second.
- Minutes approved unanimously.

**Officer's Reports**

**Chair's Report (Eric)**

- Announcement of 2016 Edward G. Holley Speaker
  - Dr. John Cech, Director of the Center for the Study of Children's Literature & Culture at the University of Florida.
  - Dr. Cech is weighing several topics relating to children's literature and is open to our suggestions for the lecture.
  - Looking into co-sponsor possibilities.
    - YALSA
    - AASL
    - Publications in children's lit.
- Will reach out to these Divisions and publications.

**Vice-Chair's Report (Ellen)**

- Announcement of 2016 LHRT Research Forum theme
  - Topic: History of Reading and Readers in Libraries
  - Call for papers sent out.
  - Due date is Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> for proposals
    - Date will be extended if not enough proposals are submitted.
- Update on 2015 LHRT Awards Committees (Ellen)
  - Phylis Dane Committee
    - Sharon McQueen agreed to chair.
    - Other committee members include Barry Seaver, Mike Hunter and Megan Browndorf.
  - Justin Winsor Committee
    - Jenny Bossaller agreed to chair.
    - Other committee members include Catherine Oliver and Jamane Yeager.

Midwinter Roundtable Meeting (Ellen)

- Ellen attended the Round Table Coordinating Assembly on behalf of LHRT. Important to have someone attend to represent LHRT.
  - Useful information given at meeting including membership updates. 11 round tables gained membership, while 2 stayed even (including LHRT). ALA considers staying even good.
- Budget (Eric for Nancy, Nancy later gave her update which mirrored Eric's)
  - We continue to be frugal. Take in more in revenue than we spend in expenses.
  - General funds have increased.
  - Annual budget for this years: \$5,867
  - Expenses so far (through 12/17): \$282 (\$29 in miscellaneous expenses; \$253 in overhead)
    - Last year at this point we had spent \$210
  - Remaining in budget: \$5,585
  - Net asset balance: \$59,759
- Membership and Outreach Committee (Eric)
  - Eric has reached out to others to work on coordinating activities.
    - RUSA history section (co-sponsoring Boston Athenaeum tour at ALA Midwinter)
    - IFLA library history interest group (co-sponsoring history panel on international aspects of libraries and immigration at IFLA 2016 annual meeting)

Suggestion to also approach ALISE's History SIG

- Eric will re-constitute MOC committee
    - Sec./Treas. Elect is chair
    - Other members include past LHRT Chair and a member at large.
- Position Vacancies (Eric)
  - Need someone to take over social media responsibility. Thanked Kimberly Garmoe for her hard work and success. LHRT facebook group site now has over 500 followers from 20 countries
  - Need someone to take over LHRT News (Blog). Thanked Doug Campbell for building the site.
    - Newsletter Editor position does not have term limits.
    - Need a policy regarding the newsletter scope, content, style, etc.
    - Requires significant time commitment to be effective.
- Nominations and Elections Committee (Dominique)
  - Call was sent out and Dominique directly contacted individuals.
  - Candidates for officer positions have been selected and eligibility is being verified for 2016 ballot.
- 2015 Library History Seminar (Eric)
  - Went very well. Lots of positive feedback received.

- Suggestions to have seminar sooner than every 5 years.
  - Given time to plan for hosting it does not seem feasible.
  - Could join with American Historical Association and meet during their conference.
  - Could also hold panels during other conferences.
- LHRT Contract with Penn State Press (Eric)
  - Contract is being looked at by ALA and needs their approval
    - ALA hopes to expedite their review after ALA Midwinter.
  - Funding
    - Using reserve funds to cover costs in the initial first few years.
    - Campaign to raise funds and introduce journal.
    - Establish endowment.
  - Looking for first issue to come out in Spring 2017.
    - Depending on when the contract is accepted.
  - Motion by Eric
    - The LHRT Executive Committee approves the agreement with the Penn State Press. The co-editors are authorized to make minor changes to the agreement as required by ALA or the Penn State Press. LHRT also authorizes the expenditure of up to \$21,000 from the LHRT operating funds to support the journal in its first three years. This replaces the authorization of \$10,000 approved by the LHRT Executive Committee on June 29, 2014. Approval for additional expenditures above \$21,000 will require a majority vote of the LHRT Executive Committee.
    - Motion to approve (Ellen)
    - Second (Dominique)
    - Approved unanimously

## **Additional Business and News/Announcements**

### **Suggestions for improving LHRT**

- Could offer small stipend to a student to run technical aspects of meetings.
- Could offer small stipend to students for conference write ups.
- Could offer small stipends for students to work on the journal in some capacity.
- Could also use a PhD student on the editorial board for the journal.
- Question: Are we encouraging students to submit papers?
  - LHRT has an award for best unpublished essay.
  - The winner was brought to the editor of Library and Culture.
  - We could continue this with new journal.
- Suggestion to have ribbon bar for LHRT at ALA conferences.
  - Will be referred to Membership and Outreach Committee.
- Eric: Change in ALA liaison assigned to LHRT. There will be a transition period between Norman Rose and the new liaison. Thanked Norman for

his support of LHRT for many years and wished him well in his new endeavors.

**Meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m. EST.**