LHRT Executive Committee

Minutes of Midwinter Virtual Meeting

January 12, 2017

11:00 a.m. EST

**Attendees:** Ellen Pozzi, Marek Sroka, Ben Brick, Suzanne Stauffer, Anthony Bernier, Eric Novotny, Jenny Bossaller, Mike Hunter, Nancy DuPree, Tom Glynn, Kelsey Henke, Mark McCallon, Karl Pettitt

**Introductions**

**2016 Annual Meeting Minutes**

* Eric requested adding "positions" to the end of social media section.
* Motion to approve by Suzanne. Seconded by Eric. Approved unanimously.

**Message from ALA Presidential Candidate Loida Garcia-Febo**

* She wished to speak to all of the round tables.

**Officer's Reports**

**Chair (Ellen)**

* Holley Lecture discussion.
  + Wayne Wiegand suggested his wife Shirley could present at ALA Annual 2017. Some have expressed concern that their work doesn't fit within the purpose of the Holley Lecture which is to bring a perspective from outside LIS. However, Shirley is a very accomplished attorney and might come at the topic from this angle. The entire manuscript has not been seen but it is believed to be a historical treatment. General consensus was to develop a separate program to present this work, possibly with other ALA groups.
* Still need to find a Holley Lecturer. Eric suggested Kathy Peiss from the University of Pennsylvania. Other suggestions are welcomed.
* We will have an informal gathering at ALA Midwinter in Atlanta on Friday, January 20 @ Trader Vic’s from 6-7:30 p.m.

**Chair-Elect (Suzanne)**

* Research Forum discussion.
  + Couple of ideas include "practical literacy" and history of local library associations. One idea put forth was to broaden the idea of "practical literacy" to "literacies". All agreed to the broader topic of literacies for the research forum. The handbook will be consulted to insure we haven't done something like this recently.
* Committees
  + All committees have been filled.

**Secretary/Treasurer (Karl)**

* Budget
  + Due to a software issue correct budget numbers were not available from the ALA office.
  + Payment was made for journal to Penn State Press that doesn't not currently show up. We will have to approve budget over email as we don't have exact numbers right now.
* Membership
  + It is down a bit but not much and the numbers are from August. Question was raised as to whether those presenting at the research forum have to be LHRT members. Currently they do not have be. It was suggested that we change this. We will review this later.

**Secretary/Treasurer Elect (Mike-Ellen filling in)**

* Membership Committee
  + Brochure has been updated by Eric to include the new journal.

**Past-Chair (Eric)**

* Nominations
  + Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Jenny Bossaller
  + Secretary-Treasurer-Elect: (vote for 1) Natalie Bulick or Andy Huse
  + Member-at-Large: (Vote for 1) Anthony Bernier, Emily Spunaugle or Jamane Yeager

**Newsletter Editor (Brett-Ellen filling in)**

* LHRT News
  + Update posted to ALA Connect.
  + Thank you Brett for doing a great job on the blog.

**LCHS (Eric)**

* Update
  + Bernadette sends her regrets in not attending. Received 28 submissions for the initial issue. The website and cover are now done. First issue will appear in Spring 2017. All current LHRT members will receive an issue in the mail. Eric expressed thanks for the support of the new journal from the round table and those who have volunteered their time. Going forward it seems like a good idea to have co-editors with the amount of work involved.
  + Titles included in first issue:
    - Any Ideas?” The American Library Association and the Desegregation  
      of Public Libraries in the American South by Wayne A. Wiegand
    - The “Negro Branch” Library in Memphis: A Case Study of Public  
      Services in a Segregated Southern City by Steven A. Knowlton
    - The gsls Carnegie Scholars: Guests in Someone Else’s House by Nicole A. Cooke
    - “Missionaries of the Book” or “Central Intelligence” Agents: Gender  
      and Ideology in the Contest for Library Education in Twentieth Century  
      America by Christine Pawley
    - Library Wars: The Making of Librarianship at the Los Angeles Public  
      Library, 1890–1910 by Debra Gold Hansen
    - Lester J. Cappon and the Idea of the Public Scholar by Richard James Cox
  + Already off to good start for articles in second issue. Looking forward to seeing how the journal affects membership. Brett will serve as the book review editor for the journal. The journal has been receiving unsolicited books for review. Question was raised about student(s) being included on the editorial board. Also suggested that the editors serve more than two years (see motion 1 bellow regarding editor terms).
  + Moving forward there is a need to promote the journal.
* Promotion
  + Penn State will be at Midwinter but not Annual. We want to use the larger attendance of Annual to promote the new journal. Have some items to give away at the conferences to promote the journal. Sticky notes will be made to give out. Should we attempt to have a separate room or use the dinner to promote? Consensus is that these two options won't get the word out beyond LHRT. Idea put forth to use ALISE table at Annual to promote the journal. Explore ways we can get on the exhibit floor without having to pay for a booth. Look into how much adds in the conference book would cost.

**Motions for Consideration**

* MOTION 1: JOURNAL EDITORS REAPPOINTMENTS
  + MOTION to reappoint Bernadette Lear and Eric Novotny as co-editors of the journal, Libraries: Culture, History, and Society.  Terms will be effective March 1, 2017 with Bernadette Lear serving a 3 year term to conclude April 30, 2020 and Eric Novotny serving a 2 year term to conclude April 30, 2019.
    - (Sponsored by Eric Novotny)
  + Rationale:
    - Bernadette Lear and Eric Novotny were appointed co-editors by the LHRT Chair with Executive committee consent in May 2015.  Their 2year terms are scheduled to conclude May 2017.  Re-appointing the existing editorial team at this time will ensure continuity in the journal's critical first years. The staggered length of appointments is intended to reduce the likelihood that both editor positions will be open at the same time.
    - While there are arguments for making appointments at other times (after ALA Annual, in January, etc...), March was selected to both align with the LHRT Midwinter meeting and accommodate the journal's production schedule.  By March the Spring issue will be complete and there are several months until the Fall issue is due, providing a window for subsequent editorial transitions.  Assuming Future LHRT leaders make a habit of placing editor appointments on the Midwinter meeting agenda, the Executive committee can discuss, make a decision and inform the incoming and outgoing editors before March.
  + Note that the mechanisms for appointing the editor(s) have not been codified into the LHRT bylaws. The process outlined in the Publications Task Force Report is:
  + The Editor will be appointed by the chair of the Library History Round Table of the American Library Association, with guidance from LHRT Executive Committee and the Journal’s Editorial Board. The Editor is appointed for a two year term with the possibility of additional two year extensions.
  + Ellen moved to approve motion 1. Seconded by Jenny. Unanimously approved by the Executive Committee.
* MOTION 2: CHANGE TO WINSOR PRIZE
  + MOTION to change the description of the Winsor Essay Prize designating that the winning essay be considered for publication in *LCHS* (replacing *Information and Culture* in the last sentence). Revised award description to read:
    - "The [Justin Winsor Library History Essay Award](http://www.ala.org/lhrt/awards/windsor-essay-award) is presented by the Library History Round Table of the American Library Association annually to recognize the best essay written in English on library history.  The award is named in honor of the distinguished nineteenth-century librarian, historian, and bibliographer who was also ALA's first president. It consists of a certificate and a $500 cash award, as well as an invitation to have the winner's essay considered for publication in *Libraries: Culture, History, and Society*.”
    - (Sponsored by Eric Novotny)
  + Rationale: LHRT no longer has a formal relationship with the journal *Information and Culture.*  Winsor award winners should be directed to LHRT's new journal for publication consideration.
  + Ellen moved to approve motion 2. Seconded by Nancy. Unanimously approved by the Executive Committee.
* MOTION 3: APPOINTMENT OF LCHS EDITORIAL MEMBER TO WINSOR COMMITTEE
  + MOTION to designate a member of the editorial team of *Libraries, Culture, History and Society*as an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Winsor Award committee.  Revise LHRT Handbook description as follows:
    - Current wording in handbook: The editor of Information & Culture serves as an advisor to the Winsor Award committee but does not vote. The chair should consult with him or her concerning the deadline for making a decision, as this will affect the journal’s planning and scheduling.
    - Proposed Revision:  An editor of *Libraries: Culture, History and Society* serves as an ex-officio member of the Winsor Award committee but does not vote. The chair should consult with him or her concerning the deadline for making a decision, as this will affect the journal’s planning and scheduling.
  + Rationale: As LHRT's official journal, the editor(s) have considerable interest in submissions for the Winsor award.  The committee will benefit from knowledge regarding LCHS' standards and publication schedule.
  + Ellen moved to approve motion 3. Seconded by Jenny. Unanimously approved by the Executive Committee.

**Representation on the I&C Board**

* Information & Culture has asked that we still have a presence on their board. It was suggested that this duty be given to a member at large. We will follow up with this at Annual.

**Website (Ellen)**

* Eric is willing to take on this role but currently we do not have someone from the round table who works on this. We have a webmaster position but it is not filled. It was suggested that we have two webmasters. For now Ellen and Eric will take over these duties. We will follow up with this at Annual.

**ALA Conference Changes**

* Proposal before ALA to further condense conferences. There would be a central submission site. Divisions would continue to have committees for programs but little is said of round tables. Sessions would be one hour except the last sessions of the day which could be lengthened. The round table coordinating assembly will discuss this at Midwinter. All are encouraged to comment on the ALA Connect website.

**ALA Executive Directive Search**

* All of the round tables will be represented by a single person on the search committee.

**Meeting ended at 1:00 p.m. EST**