

SustainRT Midwinter Meeting

January 21, 2017, 1:00-2:30

Atlanta, GA - Georgia World Conference Center Rm. A303

Attendees:

René Tanner

Rebekkah Smith-Aldrich

Madeleine Charney

Mary (?)

Jenny Bowers

Fred Stoss

Jodi Shaw

Mary Beth Lock

Julie Beal (sp?)

Jennifer Ferris

Andy Peters

Kate Hutchens (note-taker)

Brief Introductions of board members and people in the room (5-10 minutes)

Business Updates (20 minutes)

Budget - no report

Outreach/Membership (Jodi)

Travel award: \$500

- Awarded as reimbursement with receipts for registration/travel
- Deadline for entries, March 15
- Post on Facebook
- Vote via "Likes" on Facebook by March 30
- April 1, winner announced
- Must be a member of SustainRT to receive award

American Libraries

- 7-8 submissions so far
- 4-6 will be posted on American Libraries online publication
- Outreach Committee will have a chance to contribute to the editing

McKibben Handouts

- Free color printing offered by SRRT
- Committee is exploring the most appropriate format for takeaway informational content and resource use (full sheets? Quarter sheets? Bookmarks?)

Nominations

- Deadline for submission of January 26, midnight
- Hoping to get additional nominations for coordinator-elect so that it's not an unopposed ballot

Programs (Mary Beth)

- Presentations:
 - Sustainable library buildings presentations
 - Bill McKibben talk!
- Workshop: Arlene Hopkins and Stephen C. Maack, with workbook takeaway
- Film screening? "Deep Down" film screening - maybe we'll redirect this energy toward PLA, or next year's Midwinter
- Joint social event with SRRT, sponsored by Greenleaf Publishing

Sidebar

- What about connecting with Science & Technology Librarians section of ACRL?

Online Education (Madeleine)

- Free webinars every three months (approximately), open to all and recorded for later viewing on YouTube
- March: Bob Doppelt, author of Transformational Resilience: How Building Human Resilience to Climate Disruption Can Safeguard Society and Increase Well being (sponsored by Greenleaf Publishing)
- June: Amy Brunvand, sabbatical year in office of campus sustainability

Governance (Rebekkah)

- Jim Neal's commitment
 - Benchmark for Annual Meeting and ALA (organization)
 - Task Force for Resolution Implementation
- Conference Chair for ALA has now been given the resolution, Clara Bohrer, to work on how it can be incorporated into planning for annual ALA conference

Sidebar

- How to incorporate more public librarians/library involvement, speaking more to that audience?
- Candidate for PLA President has offered to issue statement on what sustainability means to Libraries, and we'd like to challenge the other candidate to the same and to publicize both.

Letter to Membership – final review/comments (10-15 minutes)

- Removing list of resources, to be put online instead (after some vetting)
- Editing to remove some (but not all) of the more partisan language
- Likely to be sent out in next week by René
- Board to consider publishing more broadly to all of ALA membership and possibly allowing supporting signatories to add their names and then offer them a link to joining

Candidates for ALA President

- All three came and offered their general statements with slight nods to sustainability topics.
- Conversation and questions from board and attendees about sustainable libraries.

Peter Hepburn's update:

- EDI Resolution
- Vacancies
 - Director of ALA Washington retiring
 - Expedited search
 - If we're interested, maybe SustainRT should have a member on the search committee
 - Executive Director of ALA
 - Likely to be filled by next Midwinter

- Council will vote on whether an accredited
 - Floor is still open on ALA Connect to comment on this
- Conference Realignment
 - Might be other ways for RTs to put content into Annual programming
 - RTs likely to also have representation on program juries
 - Program proposals are stronger if there are partnerships
 - Clara Bohrer, chair of Conference Planning Committee