

EMIERT Executive Board Meeting

September 28, 2016

2-3pm ET, 1pm CT, and 11am PT.

Attendance: John Amundsen, Barbara Bibel, Catherine Bomhold, Leslie Campbell Hime, Mimi Lee, Lori Mestre, Wendy Stephens, Nikitia Wilson

Last Meeting Follow-up

- Distinguished Librarian Award. The EMIERT webpage now has the call for the award and the online form (<http://www.ala.org/emiert/emiertawards/galeaward/distlibaward>). Leslie encouraged everyone to send out this call to all of your listservs and think about nominating someone. Leslie distributed the call via the EMIE-L and Spectrum Scholars list. Gwendolyn sent it to Reforma. Lori sent to EBSS, Info lit and ILL. The deadline is Monday Oct. 24. All exec board members will be called upon to be the jury the first week in November. The second week we will make decisions and the announcement will be made at midwinter.
- EMIERT brochure revision and the Jewish Information Committee brochure revision. After discussion it was decided that Wendy and Barbara will take a first look at the revisions. John will assemble a copy of the current brochures to send everyone to work from. ALA can help coordinate the laying out and reproduction of the brochures.
- Volunteers. Leslie forwarded emails onto Katherine Trouern-Trend for those interested in joining. There was discussion about new members helping with ideas for the annual conference. Mimi can follow-up with the new members and get ideas of ways to help the membership know how they can be engaged, as well as developing themes for the annual programs.

New Business

- EMIERT position descriptions (Leslie). Leslie reviewed the positions that will be put on the ALA ballot in spring, along with the three significant changes in those descriptions. We asked John if we can proceed with announcing the vacancies with the new anticipated changes or if we needed to wait until after the bylaws are voted on during that same ALA spring ballot. John said we could go ahead and solicit nominations based on the anticipated changes. We can circulate information about the proposed bylaws changes, including the itemized bullets for each change (terms for vice chair/chair/past chair; two members at large rather than three; and preference for the secretary and chair to have past EMIERT committee or task force experience). Leslie will do final revisions on the position descriptions so that we can all post them to our lists at the end of next week (about October 5).
 - Leslie reminded everyone that bios for those submitting their information to be on the ballot is Thursday, January 26 bios are needed.
 - Bylaw changes are due to John by January 20th.
 - Annual programming (Mimi). We briefly discussed if we wanted to tie in our proposal themes with Julie Todorov's (ALA President) "Libraries transform". Mimi also noted that we need to work on ideas for the "Taste of the Town" in Chicago. Leslie mentioned that the scheduler opens in October. We

can reserve some slots, but should get the call out for program proposals. Lori mentioned that last year the deadline for program submissions was in October and asked if Leslie could share last years' time frame/documents so that Mimi could plan accordingly to get things on track. John reminded us that the Taste of the Town is a ticketed event and has different parameters, as well do our meetings. Leslie reminded us that at ALA annual there were discussions about pairing with other task forces and round tables for Taste of Chicago, as well as a social with the Spectrum Scholars. Leslie will send call for proposals from last year to Mimi, as well as the time frame for programming.

- Financial report (Leslie). Leslie had shared the report prior to the meeting and asked John about one expense for a conference rental fee (\$600). He will investigate. Barbara asked if it might be possible to provide a small honorarium for an individual from the Jewish information committee program. Leslie explained the process about the Executive board reviewing all of the proposals and then discussing them.
- Membership report (Nikitia): As of August there were 637 total members. This is a 5.4% increase from previous year. However, she noted that she is seeing a trend in that the numbers have gone down in school libraries. She asked if we have ever considered buying ad space in publications (like SLJ etc.). It was suggested, instead (since ads are expensive) to send EMIERT info to listservs, like AASL, SLIS, YALSA and on social media). She also mentioned that by the next board meeting, the membership committee will have some ideas of working on ways to recruit and regularly connect to members. How can we connect with our members after they've joined, reinstated, etc? She suggested that the membership committee could work with the electronic communications committee to regularly communicate with members.
- CSK report sent in (Pauletta): Leslie read Pauletta's report that including information about their midterm report, availability of CSK t-shirts, revision of bylaws, and two programs. Their next executive board meeting is October 3.
- Council report (Catherine). Catherine reported that the previous draft resolution on gun violence from annual has gone through another revision. There is still some dissent in the discussion. There is a desire for the council to address the lack of research on gun violence. If you want more information let Catherine know and she can send the information.
- "Midwinter" virtual mtg agenda (all). Lori shared the agenda from last midwinter. Leslie said that we want to do a better job of reaching out to the people who attend to help them join the round table and to learn how they can be involved. We agreed the length of time was adequate for the meeting, still collapsing executive board and the general membership ctte meeting into a single hour and half meeting and making it open to the public. Last year we held this after midwinter.
- Standing meetings: Because the November and December meetings fall on holidays Leslie will send out a doodle poll for alternate dates. Next Meeting Agenda Items

Action items: Leslie will send out bylaws etc. to John. She asked that we all do our items and make any needed changes to these minutes within a week from the time they are posted to ALA Connect. As previously agreed to by the board, that then will constitute approval.

Next Meeting: Friday, October 28, 2-3pm ET, 1pm CT, and 11am PT.

Adjourned: 2:55 pm EST

Lori Mestre, EMIERT Secretary