

## **Meeting Minutes**

**Name of Group:** New Members Round Table

**Type of Meeting:** Midwinter Executive Board Meeting

**Date Submitted:** Saturday, January 25, 2014

**Date and time:** January 25, 2014, 10:30a.m.-12:30p.m.

**Place:** Pennsylvania Convention Center, Room 308

**Name of Chairperson:** Emily Prather-Rodgers, President

**Name of Recorder:** Kirby McCurtis, President

**Signature of Recorder/Secretary on Official Copy of Minutes:** Kirby McCurtis, Secretary

1. Call to order, 10:31 AM

2. Introductions

**Attendees:** Emily Prather-Rodgers, President; Kim Redd, ALA Staff Liaison; Easter DiGangi; Kari Weaver, Member Services Director; Kate Kosturski, Leadership Director; Elyse Ergood, Tinamarie Vella; Maureen, Chair of Governance Committee (via Skype); Dora Ho, Executive Board Liaison; Jonathan Lu, Treasurer; Megan Hodge, Vice President/President Elect; Maribeth Foster

3. Approval of minutes

Fall Meeting (10/23/13) <http://connect.ala.org/node/217221>

Kate motions, Megan seconds. Approved

Special Board Meeting (10/30/13) <http://connect.ala.org/node/217315>

Kate motions, Megan seconds. Approved

Special Board Meeting (11/12/13) <http://connect.ala.org/node/217323>

Megan motions, Kate seconds. Approved

## **Update from ALA Executive Board (Dora Ho)**

-5581, way ahead of Seattle

-57300, for membership. About 500 less; understandable due to the decrease in librarianship

-2013 ended with a small budget surplus achieved through expense reductions

- ALA got a 2% one time increase. Budget committee working on 2015 budget
- Advocacy events check your Cognotes. A variety of approaches and signature gathering is happening
- National campaign for School Libraries happening in March
- For more information check out: [www.ilovelibraries.org](http://www.ilovelibraries.org)
- LSTA grant increase to \$180 million for state libraries
- ALA got a \$1.5 million grant from Gates foundation. Helping with training libraries and librarians in community engagement
- Pres Elect Courtney Young will be working on initiative to help increase members
- Why ALA pamphlet at the Membership Pavilion

### **Items requiring a vote**

- 1. Proposal to provide free registration to events for chairs of planning committees (Tammy/Emily)  
<http://connect.ala.org/comment/56591#comment-56591>
  - Chair or single designated person be allowed to attend for free. Committee members not expected to attend, will have to pay if they do.
  - Jonathan motions, Kate seconds. Proposal passed, will send to Governance committee.
- 2. Approval of 2014-2015 draft budget (Jonathan)
  - ideas on what we can do for our socials. Need more money.
  - Happy Hour for Flemings in Chicago?
  - Letter sent in December; giving money for existing things goes through the Scholarship member
  - 1505 members. We lost 100 members
  - Ron Jankowski offered free membership to anyone that attended NMRT Orientation and he will reimburse it.
  - More value added member benefits to people at home who can't attend conferences.
  - More revenue stream ideas needed—perhaps webcasts
  - Draft budget for 2014-2105 approved

## **Old Business (no vote required)**

- 1. Update of fundraising efforts
  - Can we seize on GivingTuesday? YALSA does...perhaps NMRT can do that
  - Maybe during National Library week we can partner with Barnes & Noble or Amazon to get a little money.
  - Dine at X restaurant
  - Each Chair gave up a little money

### A)Vendor sponsorship outreach (Cory, Emily)

- Contacted M vendor. Kim just needs to know in advance before talking to them. Emily will follow up with them as will Tinamarie Vella.
- Better World books?

### B)Funding of Professional Development Grant (Jonathan/Emily/all)

- Last 3 years NMRT has been funding the grant, however this is not sustainable.
- We need to figure out how to pay for this...this year money will be taken from each chair's budget

### C)Preconference (Emily/Tammy)

<http://connect.ala.org/comment/56592#comment-56592>

Discussion of plans for communicating upcoming vote on membership dues increase (all)

9 to noon; "Public Speaking for Introverts"

capping attendance at 30 people

\$55 NMRT student member; \$65 NMRT member; \$75 ALA member; \$95 for non members

-only cost is for AV

-Presidents Program committee will send Secretary info in order to submit a publicity release and publicize

- 2.Discussion of plans for communicating upcoming vote on membership dues increase (all)
  - Kari will do a budget dues blog post; where were you in 1986?

## **New Business (no vote required)**

1. Update on the Illinois Library Association membership drive  
Ron Jankowski doesn't look like the numbers are great, but he doesn't have specifics yet

2. Discussion of Statement of Appropriate Conduct

<http://ala14.ala.org/statement-of-appropriate-conduct> (all)

Kate wanted to share this for informational purposes. Similar to Tech conferences. Actually codifying language that was already there. Next iteration probably will have more clear language about what happens if these rules are broken

3. Update on LLAMA New Professionals Section (Kate)

Formed from an EL project. Don't want NMRT and LLAMA competing for members

4. Discussion of dealing with overflow from on-site Resume Review Service  
(Emily/Kari)

-No coupons. Encourage folks to sign up for membership

-For Annual we need to make sure we publicize and get the Resume reviewers lined up and in the same area of interest. Kari will put a plan in place

5. Discussion about Resume Review service email change from Yahoo to an ALA email. Kim will check into this.

**UPDATE: 1/26/13 Kim checked about this and YES we can get an ALA email for the resume service. Kari needs to follow up with Kim**

Announcements

Motion to Adjourn by Kate, seconded by Kari 12:30PM

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