



EMIERT Midwinter Virtual Meeting

Thursday, February 9, 2017 at 1:00-2:30 pm (ET) via Blackboard

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Attending: Adriana Blancarte-Hayward, Catherine Bomhold Pauletta Bracy, Jody Gray, Leslie Cambell Hime, Loida Garcia-Febo, Terri Greif, Mimi Lee, Lori Mestre, Velede Cofield, Katherine Trouern-Trend, Sari, Ray, Hazel Walker, Scott Walter, Nikitia Wilson

- Welcome and Introductions. Leslie Campbell Hime welcomed everyone and provided an overview of EMIERT. She mentioned that the EMIERT membership meeting at ALA Chicago will be on Saturday, June 24th – with information about the time and place to be announced.
- ALA ODLOS Liaison Report (Jody Gray)
Due to microphone difficulties, Jody was not able to give an update. However, she had sent out the report in advance of the town hall meeting (http://connect.ala.org/files/ODLOS%20Report%20to%20Committees%20Atlanta%202017_0.pdf). Instead of having separate round tables with Jody speaking, there were a series of breakouts with questions at each group. Each group then discussed one question in depth. One of the questions is also a question the candidates here will be answering.
- 2018-19 Candidates for President-Elect of ALA, attended the meeting to introduce themselves and field any questions from the EMIERT E-Board and EMIERT members. We thank them for their patience with some of the microphone difficulties:
 - Loida Garcia-Febo
 - Terri Grief
 - Scott Walter

Each candidate introduced themselves and provided their remarks about goals and values. They were then asked to respond to the following two questions.

1. What are your views on the political position that ALA should assume and how will you work with ALA Washington to communicate our values to the new presidential administration?

2. (Taken from the 2017 Midwinter ODLOS Town Hall Meeting) What are your ideas for creating a space or opportunity for individuals to share their experiences on equity, diversity, inclusion, or social justice, and your thoughts on how ALA can help those who feel disenfranchised from ALA?
- ALA Executive Board Liaison Report. Loida Garcia-Febo, the board liaison to EMIERT) had previously shared the ALA exec. Board Talking Points report (<http://connect.ala.org/files/MW%20INFO%2017-8%20ALA%20Executive%20Board%20Talking%20Points.docx>). She briefly touched on the main points, but mentioned that after midwinter, additional conversations took place, including about issues with measures of cutting access to low income people for internet and broadband access. It is very clear now that the government needs to be accountable and now there are statements in the report that indicate the type of action ALA hopes to follow from now on and the importance of speaking to the concerns of the membership. Loida mentioned that the attendance to midwinter was down substantially. However, because it is still bringing in overhead, which does help various offices, ALA will continue having a midwinter conference. Reviews from the conference were discussed. Once a final document is ready, it will go out publicly.
 - ALA EMIERT Round Table Councilor Report (Catharine Bomhold)
Catharine posted her report to ALA Connect., but had not yet received the minutes from council. Actions:
 - New interpretation of library bill of rights. Now includes freedom of religion section b .2.1.26. She will load files to ALA Connect.
 - Council voted to add a fourth strategic direction to ALA mission. Previously they were Advocacy, Information Policy, Professional and Leadership Policy. Now a fourth to be added is Equity, Diversity and inclusion.
 - Chair Report (Leslie Campbell Hime)
Leslie provided an overview of the mission of EMIERT, the programs we sponsored last year and her goals during her chairship of EMIERT. She also mentioned some of the activities of EMIERT this past year, including:
 - Sponsored three EMIERT programs at ALA annual and cosponsored a program
 - Presented the David Cohen/EMIERT Multicultural Award to Jaena Alabi
 - Selected a recipient for this year's EMIERT Distinguished Librarian Award
 - Provided more opportunities of EMIERT members to become involved at the national level
 - Virtual meeting at midwinter(beginning in 2016) to provide more access and opportunities
 - Revised and extended EMIERT bylaws
 - Vice Chair Report (Mimi Lee)
 - Mimi discussed programming for the ALA annual conferece.
 - The three EMIERT programs that were selected for the Annual Conference:
 - You Can't Stay Neutral on a Moving Train: Making Critical Librarianship Tangible Through Library Programs and Exhibits,
(Pending) Sunday 1:00pm-2:30pm
 - Integrating Diversity Initiatives and Community Engagement: The Human Library at Penn State University
(Pending) Saturday, 3:00pm-4:00pm

- The World at Your Fingertips: How to Use Global Literature in Translation in Library Programs (Pending) Saturday,
- We are co-sponsoring a Program by Deepa Iyer with APALA. She is South Asian activist and writer who published a book called “We Too Sing America: South Asian, Arab, Muslim and Sikh Immigrants Shape Our Multiracial Future”. This is a timely relevant program.
- EMIERT Business Meetings for the General Membership and Executive Board will be either Saturday or Sunday.
- Coretta Scott King Book Awards Breakfast will be held on Sunday, June 25, 2017, 7:00AM - 9:30AM
- Taste of the Town (Chicago): Friday, June 23, 11:30-4:00 and will include: the Chinese-American Museum of Chicago, Lunch on your own, and shopping in Chinatown. More information will follow about reserving a spot and cost and will be available in the ALA scheduler.
- The EMIERT Executive Board sent a nomination for the EMIERT representative to be on the IFLA standing committee Library Services to Multicultural Populations. [Ms. Lan Gao, Children's Librarian at Cleveland Public Library who is also an EMIERT member, has been proposed](#)
- The final draft of the EMIERT brochure has been forwarded to John at ODLOS. Mimi will further coordinate it with ODLOS.
- Secretary and Web Editor Report (Lori S. Mestre). Lori provided examples of what the secretary does and encouraged individuals to let us know if they would like to be a “write in vote” on the upcoming ALA ballot to be secretary for the next two years.
- Membership Committee Report (Nikitia Wilson)
 - Nikitia mentioned that if you have any updates or information to share, please send it to her and she’ll send it to SRRT newsletter by March 3. Nikitia.d.wilson@gmail.com.
 - She is also looking for volunteers for the committee. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScY0KA2JwgKQMaQW6jMWADA8ieUfAQvQ4n_W-Ny1JkYMZKsuw/viewform. Please add your committee of preference to the form in the text box if the committee is not currently listed on the form.
 - Membership Report
Membership Activity Totals (Personal); 12/2016
 New—51 Reinstated—4 Renewed-- 55 Dropped—15

Total membership-YTD (Personal) = 643

Membership Activity Totals (Organizational); 12/2016

New—0 Reinstated—0 Renewed—10 Dropped-- 1

Total membership-YTD (Organizational) = 37

680 Total Members; a 12.03% increase from the previous year (12/2015)

Personal membership up by 13.20%

51 new personal memberships in 12/2016, an increase of 325.00% from the previous year (what a great success)

Organizational membership down by 5.13%

10 renewed organizational memberships in 12/2016, an increase of 42.86% from the previous year

- Awards Committee Report (Leslie Campbell Hime & Hazel Walker)
 - A winner has been selected. There were multiple nominees this year, Hazel will congratulate the recipient via a conference call, and then we will publicize the information. The recipient will be presented with their plaque at the EMIERT's president program at ALA.
- Coretta Scott King Book Award Committee Report (Pauletta Brown Bracy)
 - Pauletta had prepared a report. Individuals were encouraged to buy their tickets to the Coretta Scott King Book Award Breakfast quickly, since they sell out fast. Sunday, June 25, 2017, 7:00AM - 9:30AM. These should be available when registering for the conference.
 - The Coretta Scott King web page is available at:
<http://www.ala.org/emiert/cskbookawards>
- Sub Committee and Task Force Report (Katherine Trouern-Trend)

Katherine mentioned that the call for EMIERT volunteers will be from April 5 to May 5. There are quite a few openings. Some opportunities are 1 year commitments (chair and members) and for some new committees (see the committee/task force page at: <http://www.ala.org/emiert/emiert-committees-and-task-forces>). The link to the volunteer form is:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScY0KA2JwgKQMaQW6jMWADA8ieUfAQvQ4n_W-Ny1JkYMZKsuw/viewform

Katherine provided a report on the status of various committees and task forces and thanked the members of the task forces for their work.

- The Directory of Ethnic Archives Task Force completed the selection, description and posting of Ethnic and Multicultural archives and special collections located in and around Atlanta, GA to coincide with the ALA MidWinter Conference. The collections are posted on the Directory of Ethnic and Multicultural Archives and Special Collections website, searchable with the tags [alamw17](https://demasc.wordpress.com/tag/alamw17/), Atlanta 2017 or Atlanta <https://demasc.wordpress.com/tag/alamw17/>. The Task Force is now beginning work to select and describe archives and special collections that document diversity through history in and around Chicago IL to coincide with the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago. Collections for Chicago will be posted on the TF website <https://demasc.wordpress.com/> by Friday, March 31. Each collection entry includes repository information, open hours, access information and tour information if available.
- The Guidelines for Selecting Multicultural Materials Task Force is completing the first draft which will serve as a guiding document for evaluating and selecting multicultural materials for youth in public and school libraries. I as the chair submitted it for EMIERT Board review on Wednesday, February 1. After the Board completes the review and feedback process, the draft will be revised then sent to EMIERT membership for review.
- The Electronic Communications Committee has been sharing news and information on the listerv, facebook and twitter pages. The Committee has begun posting EB meeting minutes to our social channels, promoted collections from the Directory of Ethnic Archives [alamw17](https://demasc.wordpress.com/) collections and live-tweeted award winners during the ALA Youth Media Awards.

- Idea Exchange. Leslie opened the floor for an idea exchange to hear about ideas for EMIERT, programs, or ways to get involved. She mentioned that we are the source of ethnic materials, and programs that deal with ethnicity and librarianship and extending the horizon of ethnicity and librarianship. Please let us know what types of programs you would like EMIERT to sponsor and any themes to promote in call for proposals. We are also interested in suggestions for committee work, web page additions as well.
- Closing Remarks

Adjourned 2:30 pm EST

Lori Mestre, EMIERT Secretary