

## LIRT Steering Committee Minutes

Friday, January 5, 2024 | 12p ET / 11a CT / 10a MT / 9a PT

Victor Baeza, Becca Neel, Bridget Farrell, Brad Seitz, Mitch Fontenot, Cheyenne Sons, Sarah Simms, Renee Kiner, Liya Deng, Stan Turnbuck, Rachel Mulvihill, Danielle Ponton, Steven Yeats

1. Discussion of Meeting Minutes: Previous Steering committee minutes unavailable (last found from 2000): Maybe in steering community in ALA Connect? Victor will look for them. Procedures had been created for where to store minutes in ALA connect, but no follow up. Will look in Steering Committee in Connect.
2. Emails to Trina McCowan and Brandon Johnson are bouncing back. Rachel found Trina's email; Sarah Simms will locate Brandon.
3. Budget:
  - a. Needs to be completed for 2026. Victor and Mitch will meet with Trina
  - b. 3.5 years ago LIRT agreed to support Spectrum Scholar for 3 years (\$7,000 year, ended 2023). Group agreed to continue sponsorship.
    - i. Discussion about whether LIRT is formally acknowledged as a sponsor (yes). Brad suggested that once we have a newsletter editor, Spectrum sponsorship and associated projects could be covered.
  - c. Top 20: will set up LIRT Zotero account so Top 20 chair doesn't have to pay for it. Funds available to other committees with similar expenses.
4. Committee Discussions:
  - a. Get word out about submission deadline for Librarian Recognition Award and Innovation Instruction Award is January 15.
  - b. President's Program call for proposals. Difficult to recruit proposals in previous years. This year the number is good, but school / special / public libraries underrepresented. Looking for suggestions to recruit from these groups.
    - i. Contact AASL president to promote on AASL listserv, instead of posting as individuals.
    - ii. Reach out to school librarian instruction programs / ALISE
    - iii. Public libraries don't use the term "instruction." Instead, they call it programming or outreach.
  - c. Combining of Liaison and Communication Committees
    - i. Not sure if a vote was taken. Minutes should be available in Connect under Steering Committee.
  - d. Annual Conference Meetings
    - i. Victor noted that we have requested times that we will most likely get: President's Program on Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup> 1-2pm. Steering Committee meeting Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at 8:30. No Monday meeting this year. LIRT Awards, Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup> 4-5:30.