

# 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