

## **Meeting Minutes**

**Name of Group:** New Members Roundtable

**Type of Meeting:** NMRT ALA Spring Board Meeting

**Date:** April 10, 2017

**Place:** Conference Telephone Call

**Name of Chairperson:** Mandi Goodsett

**Name of Recorder:** Nicole LaMoreaux

### **Attendees**

Kimberly Redd, Mandi Goodsett, Lesley Looper, Nicole LaMoreaux, Julia Frankosky, TJ Szafranski, Arianna Santiago, Andrew Pace, Kirby McCurtis

### **Report**

1. Call to order: 4:05pm
2. Introductions
3. Updated from ALA Executive Board Liaison Andrew Pace
  1. Board Meeting Updates
    1. The executive board meets four times per year.
    2. Andrew would like to provide us with regular updates – he will provide these updates in print as well as during NMRT board meetings.
    3. Key Points of the Spring Meeting:
      1. The staff service awards were presented.
        1. 15 years: Keith Michael Fields
        2. 50 years: Lois Ann Gregory Woods
      2. Introduction of new board members
        1. These members were welcomed and introduced. They will assume their positions after the annual conference (July 2017).
      3. Andrew will provide links to the president-elect and the executive director reports along with updates to FY17 budget and the proposed budget for FY18.
      4. Sheila McDonald announced that the Development Office has received an increase of donations this year.
      5. ITTS Update
        1. The eStore will be launching after the annual conference this year.
      6. There has been great success out of our Washington DC office.

1. Updates include: Innovative Technology in Libraries received 1/3 of House signatures.
7. ALA Endowment Updates
  1. Clear Bridge is the largest holding in the endowments.
  2. They are looking for others to increase as well.
8. Updates from all four areas of the strategic direction will be presented to the board.
9. Future of Libraries Committee
  1. There will be a \$10,000 fellowship available.
  2. The committee met at Midwinter and plan to continue to meet at that time in the future.
10. Accreditation Task Force
  1. Produced a 65 page report highlighting 11 areas in which need to be improved upon. They will continue to work on these areas.
4. Establishment of quorum
5. Approval of minutes from Midwinter Board Meeting *if we have quorum*. (Nicole)
  1. Approved
6. New Business
  1. Updates on Committees
    1. President
    2. Vice President
      1. Thank you for the feedback.
      2. The theme for the president's program will be 'You Belong Here'.
      3. Mandi might come back to ask for speaker recommendations.
    3. Past President
    4. Secretary
      1. Handbook Committee: ALA is going to be moving away from hosting online docs on Connect which is how the handbook is currently being hosted so Sam and Sarah (co-chairs of the Handbook Committee) along with Kate Kosturski, Kim Redd, and Ruth Harries (she was representing the web committee) met on a conference call and the following is the decision that was made about what would happen. It comes from a document that Kate sent to Mandi Goodsett because she couldn't attend the call. "The plan is to move the handbook to the NMRT web site, with work starting the new committee year. We would appoint a Handbook Migration Task Force that would be ideally comprised of the two current chairs of the Handbook Committee (Sarah and Sam) and the two current chairs of the Web Committee (Minhao and Oscar). If any of those four are not interested in the appointment, they can suggest someone from their committee. This task force would be for one year, with the charge of coordinating the migration between the two committees. The committee appointments for Handbook and Web would be two year appointments, which we can do informally. While we do not have

a timeline as to when Connect is going away (though Kim will try to find that out from ITTS), the plan is to start this work with the new committee year (July 1, 2017).”

1. Questions:

1. How was this decision made? – Kim looked at other round tables to see what they were doing and shared her findings during this meeting. Ultimately, this will make it easier to make updates by the web committee.
2. Will this affect how we post future reports/documents? – Kim said she would look into this for us and let us know.

5. Outreach Director

1. Student Chapter of the Year Award Committee: The deadline to apply was March 17. They had a total of six chapters submit applications (slightly down from previous years). The winner will be Emporia State University and the runner-up will be University of Indiana, Urbana-Champaign.
2. Student Chapter Outreach Committee: They are providing regular updates to each of the student chapters on a monthly basis. These are mostly NMRT or professional development opportunities.
3. Membership, Promotion, Diversity, and Recruitment Committee: They are working closely with the Communication Committee. Have started an on-going blog post called ‘Alternative Voices’ and will be starting another on-going blog post called ‘Building Your Bridge’. They have also revised the welcome letter and are currently developing a membership survey and a list of resources focused on diversity.

6. Networking Director

1. Online Discussion Committee: They just hosted a program on March 29 where 16 people attended. The online discussion was recorded and is being shared on the committee’s page. There is a possibility of hosting one more online discussion before the Annual Conference.
2. Orientation Committee: They met in March and April. They plan to shorten the NMRT session to a half hour featuring different committees. This would allow attendees to better understand what these committees do for NMRT.
  1. Mandi said that there is a possibility for this session to be moved online.
3. Annual Conference Committee: The activity for the Annual Conference will be held on Saturday, June 24 at 6pm. The activity will be mini-golf held at Maggie Daley Park and will cost members \$10. They are also working on a Google map with various activities available around the Chicago area.

7. Member Services Director

1. Endnotes Committee: They are currently working on the outline prototype. This will launch next year.
  2. Mentoring Committee and Resume Review Committee:  
Continuing on with their committee responsibilities.
8. Leadership Development Director
7. Announcements
  1. Mandi will meet with Kate and Kim later this week regarding the NMRT volunteer form.
    1. If you have any committee recommendations/suggestions, please let Mandi know.
8. Adjournment 4:29pm