

2018-10-18 SustainRT Board Conference Call

Present Board Members: Amy Brunvard, Uta Husson-Christian, Jodi Shaw, Lisa Kropp, Tina Chan, Susan Conlon

Present Committee Members: Madeline Charney, Rene Tanner

Treasurer's Report: None

Committee Reports:

- **Programming** (Meredith)
- **Governance** (Rene Tanner) - the committee needs more members. Suggested to send a note on the listserv to get some student members to join as committee members. Rene mentioned that her university's president is putting money towards staff travel to make it green/purchasing carbon offprints. Rene and Rebekkah Smith Aldrich of the Sustainable Task Force are working to set up a meeting with Mary, working on a draft outline of the recommendations from the Task Force report. A suggestion was made to perhaps host a discussion group at ALA Annual around the SustainRT task force document.
- **Online Education** (Eric Tans)
- **Book Award** (Susan Conlon) - has met once, and is in process of setting up another meeting. Working on a book list for their next meeting. Susan asked about the protocol to look for funding for the committee. At their first meeting, the committee:
 - Looked at scope of award, looking at current awards out there for a good model on how to frame the book award
 - Looking into sponsorship possibility to fund award?
 - Naming opportunity for the award by sponsor possibly>

- Working on developing a timeline and eligibility criteria, with the goal of a list of recommended titles in Spring 2019.

Uta asked about the possibility of giving a non monetary award, given our values as an organization to try something more sustainable for the long term of award.

- **Outreach** (Carol Sevin) - in the process of setting up a monthly committee meeting
- **Membership** (Madeline Charney) - membership well over 900 members now, with more than half of them student memberships which are free. She was looking into a pilot mentoring/buddy system to get student members more involved. Some suggestions to involve students included:
 - Blog posts
 - Book award suggestions
 - Environmental scan assistance
 - Hosting online conversations.

Membership committee is also looking into a fundraiser of a sustainable item to purchase, such as a spork. Could it be sold on our website?

Old Business

Beth is still working on the environmental scan - cleaning up the data and working on a platform to share results. Could the SustainRT website host this?

Lessa shared some updates from ALA:

- Reach out when we have staffing changes on committees or Board
- The ALA executive board is meeting next week in Chicago, looking at ways to make ALA more effective in the 21st century
- The meeting room policy is being revised and is back out for comments

New Business:

Who will be attending ALA Midwinter in Seattle? Rene, Uta, Amy, Susan, and Lisa indicated they were planning to attend. Amy shared our schedule for the conference thus far:

Saturday, January 26 2019 - business/membership meeting

Saturday, January 26, 2019 - SustainRT Social event from 5:30-7:30 pm

Amy was looking into a discussion on the UN Sustainable Development Goals for the conference, along with a meetup surrounding “libraries and the grief of solastalgia”

A program session was submitted regarding libraries and community gardens which, if accepted, SustainRT would promote.

Amy mentioned she attended the ISHI conference, and would put a handout on the blog that showed how libraries and sustainability intersect.

Library map of the world where you can submit your library’s stories and map them to the sustainable development goals: <http://librarymap.ifla.org/>

Lisa Kropp, Secretary