

**In Attendance:**

- Tina Coleman (Staff Liaison) x
- Jennifer Bartlett (Pass President)
- Jessica Parij (President) x
- Thomas Vose (President Elect) x
- Erica Ruscio (Secretary) x
- George Bergstrom (Treasurer) x
- Tricia Boucher (Member at Large) x
- Jessica Spears (Member at Large) x
- Dan Major (Member at Large) x
- Rebecca Strang (Member at Large) x

Other members were present as webinar attendees! 6 total

These notes are broken down into two sections: discussion recap, and action items for Board Members

**Part I: Discussion Recap**

1. GameRT Handbook! We closed the Handbook Discussion - we are all good with the changes!
2. IGW - a lot of people have been asking questions about it. We might need more people to help prepare, and we are still unsure of all of the details.
  - a. Rebecca S suggested Darren Edwards - a UK advocate for IGW
  - b. Thomas doesn't think the current chair is giving us what we need, so we need to still focus on doing the program for the one week but encouraging libraries to participate during November if that week doesn't work.
    - i. Stay with same logo and update the dates.
    - ii. We will need to do a press release for IGW. We want to stick to the one week of the 8th to the 14th, but considering the circumstance we will allow any participation in the month of November. October 24 is deadline to register.
    - iii. Thomas will make sure downloadable images on website are up to date and include the new dates.
    - iv. We can cross promote it on our social media. **Thomas will draft something tomorrow and Erica will work with Thomas to promote. Tina will send out the official PR. Erica will put together a small social media package.**
    - v. We need some print and plays. Rebecca S suggested [Caterpillar Feast](#), Jessica S suggested another company, [Asmodee](#).
    - vi. Tina suggested putting together swag bags to mail out. Do we want to send them out? We will have giant trunks of games, some unopened, so we could do a promotion where we draw from registrants - swag bags could include two pint

glasses and three games with GameRT stickers, etc. We can call it a Special GameRT Loot Box so we don't commit to specific contents. Three total?

- vii. George suggested a clear deadline for the registration to get stuff, etc. Jessica S also had a similar experience.
  - viii. For IGW - do we want to do some sort of pre-webinar on how to run virtual gaming programs? Many can't do in person IGW with COVID. George and Tricia suggested pointing people in the direction of other virtual programs. Thomas suggested a live Q&A - on Twitch or Discord. Also, Thomas suggested spotlighting 7 games then having a "see more" list. There will be a folder with a google doc of resources for us all to put together resources and print and play recommendations. **Due 10/2 to discuss 10/9 and send out; Erica will put out a League FB post to solicit ideas for resources.**
  - ix. Rebecca shared a promo link: [https://games.ala.org/igw\\_promos/](https://games.ala.org/igw_promos/)
3. Updates on Committee Appointments! Jessica P put out another call for volunteers with less response than we would like.
- a. Jessica S acknowledged that logging in to the volunteer form with ALA membership info was difficult.
  - b. Erica acknowledged some confusion about committee appointments - Tina suggested emailing current rosters to verify that they know they're on the committee and are good to go. Some of our Board members also mentioned that they had applied to volunteer and are waiting to be appointed.
  - c. Tina had a number of great suggestions and ideas. Tina suggests we push through as many channels as possible. Facebook, Discord, etc. We can even send calls to join via email lists and invite people to become GameRT members -- it is super cost effective to join! We will keep the volunteer form open. Tina said when you appoint someone through the appointment system, they automatically get added to Connect. Tina said there is a way to appoint someone if they haven't filled out the form. Tina also suggested asking volunteers to be willing to switch committees. Tina suggested putting committee specific work expectations and time commitment on website so people know what to expect when volunteering.
  - d. Specific committee comments. We need more people to volunteer for the Planning Committee! Long term planning and membership and outreach committees should collaborate a lot!
  - e. By next month we should have all our committees in place!
4. Erica Updated the Google Folder so it is more organized...
- a. We made sure everyone has access to the new folder
  - b. Diane Robson asked for access to the 2017 escape room precon folder from ALA
  - c. We deleted nothing and are keeping everything for posterity - we renamed the "Remove?" folder to "Old"
5. Virtual Gaming!
- a. We want to begin hosting regular GameRT virtual hosted game nights.
  - b. Rebecca will work on arranging an October 23 game night 7 PM central time.**
  - c. Our playing with CORE for a virtual game night will take place on November 18.

## 6. Tina Updates!

- a. Intellectual Freedom Roundtable has Banned Books Week plans - wants to do a BBW virtual escape room... with input about Banned Books Week from IFRT. We are cautiously interested... what do they have in mind? Erica suggested Google Forms, Jessica S suggested trivia or Jeopardy. Do they want an event or a passive activity? We would certainly be happy to do something more in depth next year! **Erica will be the contact person for them.**
- b. Midwinter is virtual. This will be the last midwinter. Do we want to do more this time around? We will have the opportunity to run a booth again, etc. What games, programming, or social activities do we want to plan? We can discuss next month.

## Part II: To-Do List before Next Meeting

Jessica P:

- Going through committee appointments and will get Thomas a quote for IGW PR.

Erica:

- Access current roster and email folks, blog post and League about all the things, promote locally, marketing package with Thomas

Thomas:

- IGW PR and clean up promos page on GameRT blog.

Rebecca:

- Plan to Oct 23 game night and share links on Discord for Volunteer form and ideas for resource docs and print and plays

General to do:

- Promote ALA Volunteer form, add to print and play / virtual resource docs