

EMIERT Executive Board Meeting

August 26, 2016

2-3pm ET, 1pm CT, and 11am PT.

Attendance: Catherine Bomhold, Pauletta Brown Bracy, Leslie Campbell Hime, Mimi Lee, Lori Mestre

Minutes: Corrections to the minutes should be made directly in ALA connect by Monday, August 29th. After that date they will be posted.

American Library Association Executive Board Liaison to EMIERT: The new EMIERT Executive Board Liaison is Loida Garcia-Febo. She will join us and provide us with information about recent policy/updates directly from ALA and take back any of our questions/suggestions/highlights to ALA. She will also attend our virtual midwinter meeting.

Open EMIERT positions and volunteers: The positions that will be included on the Spring ALA Ballot for EMIERT are: vice chair, secretary, member at large (2) and Round Table counselor. We already have one person that has expressed interest in the Round Table Counselor position. However, we will need to promote the other positions more broadly to garner names to put on the ballot. Leslie will create brief descriptions of each position (and any requirements—such as previous leadership positions or committee work within EMIERT) and send that to us all so that we can push the information out to our various listservs and perhaps invite individuals to put their name forward on the ballot. Lori can also post the descriptions and link to the EMIERT webpage. The form can be accessed at:

<https://www.directvote.net/alanomination/2017users.html>

New Committees: Leslie reviewed the three new committees that she discussed at ALA annual. She sent the information to the new cohort of spectrum folks and can more widely circulate them. She will direct them to Katherine's volunteer form for the new committees.

EMIERT Distinguished Librarian Award. We looked at the draft form for nominations and discussed any other information we might want to include in the form. There was a question about how many letters of reference (or support) we might accept. We thought two would be good, but not sure if we should limit it. The form takes the place of letters. Instead, the nominators fill out the form and submit it electronically. A copy of the nominee's CV will still need to be sent to a designated email address (Hazel Walker?). Lori will post the draft from to ALA connect [<http://connect.ala.org/node/256925>] with the goal for the board to edit it by September 3rd. Lori will then send the information to Jody Gray so that she can create the form and we can add it to our EMIERT website.

Timeline:

- Edit draft by September 3.
- The call will go out between September 6-9 with a deadline of Monday October 31.

- Deadline for nominations: Monday, October 31
- Committee reviews nominations (all EMIERT executive board members) by the second week in November, and finish deliberations by Thanksgiving.
- Announced at ALA midwinter
- Award given at ALA annual.

The committee will need to review the rubric as well, to see if any revisions need to be made. All relevant documents should be uploaded to the ALA connect folders for future reference.

EMIERT Brochure Revision Update: Wendy was completing that. Leslie will ask for any updates to the brochure.

Reports:

- ODLOS Advisory Committee. Mimi shared that they had their first committee meeting yesterday. It is a very large group, but very productive. The Chair is also the president for APALA and part of JCLC conference organizing committee. The committee is currently working on assigning different projects and organizing the groups for the work.
- Membership. Nikitia will prepare a report, and also info for the newsletter about EMIERT panels and membership that were at ALA.
- Budget. Tess Tobin has been working with John to finish up the accounting of expenses from the Eatonville tour and will submit her “out of pocket” expenses for reimbursement.

New Business:

Panels for next year. Mimi will be in charge of panel selection. The scheduler opens soon and we need to formulate a call, determine if we want a theme to solicit proposals, discuss rubric revision, number of panels (3 free ones) and any possible technical support that might go above and beyond what is normally included. Mimi will begin looking at that process and formulate a small committee to work on that.

Leslie shared that Velda S. Cofield, member at large, is excited to begin her work.

Next Meeting: Friday, September 23 2-3pm ET, 1pm CT, and 11am PT.

Adjourned: 2:45 pm est