

RETIRED MEMBERS ROUND TABLE

HANDBOOK

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I. Introduction/Mission

The Retired Members Round Table (RMRT) shall exist to develop programs of particular interest to retired persons from all types of libraries and all forms of library services, including formal opportunities for continued involvement and learning; a variety of leadership training and opportunities for mentoring; lifelong professional involvement and networking; and active engagement in the American Library Association and the profession of librarianship.

II. Bylaws

BYLAWS: Retired Members Round Table

I. Name:

The name of this organization shall be the Retired Members Round Table (RMRT).

II. Purpose:

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III. Membership:

Any member of the American Library Association may become a member of the Retired Members Round Table (RMRT) upon payment of ALA and RMRT dues.

- A. The Retired Members Round Table (RMRT) included both personal and organizational members.
- B. Only personal members of RMRT are eligible to vote or to hold elective office or committee appointments.
- C. Dues shall be determined by the RMRT Board of Directors with the approval of the membership.
- D. The membership, conference and fiscal years shall be the same as those of the American Library Association.

IV. Board of Directors

- A. The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, Vice-President/President-Elect, Immediate Past President, Secretary, Treasurer, and four Directors-at-Large and an Assistant Treasurer/Treasurer elect. Each shall have one vote, except the Assistant Treasurer/Treasurer elect, who shall be a non-voting member of the Executive

Board, and the President, who shall vote only in the event of a tie vote of the Executive Board.

- B.** At such point as the RMRT meets the minimum membership requirements for election of an ALA Councilor, the RMRT Councilor shall also be a member of the RMRT Executive Board.
- C.** The Board of Directors shall have the general supervision of the affairs of the RMRT, within the policies of the American Library Association and the Retired Members Round Table.
- D.** The Board shall report on its activities to the members of the Retired Members Round Table.
- E.** The Board shall review these Bylaws annually at Midwinter so that any changes can go on the spring ballot.
- F.** All meetings of the Board of the Retired Members Round Table shall be open except for discussion affecting the privacy of individuals or institutions.
- G.** A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

V. Officers

- A.** The officers of the Retired Members Round Table shall be the President, Vice-President/President-Elect, Immediate Past President, Secretary, Treasurer. All officers must be personal members in good standing of ALA and RMRT.
- B.** The Vice-President/President-elect will be elected for a three-year term and serves one year of the term as Vice-President, one year as President, and one year as Immediate Past President.
 - 1.** The President shall chair the Board of Directors and shall preside at meetings of the Round Table. The President shall appoint the Nominating Committee, to be chaired by the Immediate Past President, for the next election cycle. The President shall identify actions of interest to the RMRT and recommend such actions to the Board.
 - 2.** The Vice-President/President-elect shall appoint the chair of each standing committee and members to fill vacancies in such committees, for terms beginning with his/her year as president, except the Nominating Committee. If a vacancy occurs in the office of President, the Vice-President/president-elect will assume the duties of the President.
 - 3.** The Immediate Past President shall chair the Nominating Committee.
- C.** The RMRT Secretary will be elected for a two-year term and shall be responsible for the general correspondence of the Round Table and the minutes of board and general membership meetings. The Secretary, coordinating with the ALA staff liaison, shall arrange for preservation of the RMRT archives.
- D.** The Assistant Treasurer/Treasurer-Elect will be elected for a three-year term and serves one year of that term as Vice-Treasurer (non-voting) and two years as Treasurer.

1. The Assistant Treasurer/Treasurer-Elect shall have no fiscal authority but be responsible for learning ALA and RMRT budget and report-writing policies and processes.
 2. The Treasurer shall review and approve all expenses, coordinating with the ALA staff liaison, and prepare reports and a proposed budget for each fiscal year.
- E. The RMRT Councilor will be elected for a term as defined in the ALA Bylaws.
- F. Directors-at-large will serve for two-year, staggered terms. Directors shall be eligible for election to a second consecutive term.

VI. Nominations and Elections

- A. A special Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the Board for each election and chaired by the Immediate Past President.
- B. All members of the Nominating Committee shall be members in good standing of the Retired Members Round Table.
- C. At the ALA Midwinter Conference preceding the regular election of the American Library Association, the Nominating Committee Chair will submit a slate of one or more nominees for each office to be elected, to the RMRT Executive Board. An individual not slated by the Nominating Committee may be nominated by petition of at least fifteen (15) members of RMRT. All nominees, slated or petition, must consent in writing to the nomination.
- D. All nominees shall be members in good standing of the Retired Members Round Table and shall be members in good standing at time of election.
- E. In case of death, disability or resignation of a member of the Executive Board, the Board may appoint a successor, if succession is not otherwise provided, to serve until the next regular election.

VII. Committees

- A. The Executive Board may establish committees and prescribe their purpose and composition.
- B. All persons appointed to RMRT committees must be members in good standing of RMRT.
- C. Committee appointments are for two-year terms, renewable once, except for the initial appointments to a new committee which may be staggered. Committee chairs are appointed for one-year terms from among the membership of the committee. Committee chairs may be appointed for an additional one-year chairmanship.
- D. The Executive Board may remove a Committee Chair if the Chair fails to carry out his/her duties as outlined in the RMRT Handbook, following a period in which the President or other officer, as delegated by the President, provides the Chair with a written warning including a statement of expectations and timeframe for improvement.

- E. Committees shall maintain records of their proceedings and shall report on their activities at the annual meeting and at such other times as they may be directed to do so by the President.
- F. Appointments to vacancies to chair and to committee vacancies in standing committees are made by the RMRT Vice-president/President-elect. Appointments to special committees and task forces are made by the President at the time the special committee or task force is created.

VIII. Meetings

- A. The annual meeting of the RMRT membership shall take place during the annual meeting of the American Library Association, and in the same locality.
- B. Special membership meetings may be called by the Board and shall be called by the President upon the written request of 25 members of RMRT. At least thirty (30) days notice shall be given and only business specified in the call to meeting shall be transacted.
- C. There shall be a midwinter meeting of the Executive Board of RMRT when deemed necessary. It will be held in conjunction with the midwinter meeting of the American Library Association.
- D. Executive Board meetings will occur as deemed necessary by the Executive Board.
- E. RMRT shall follow the same parliamentary authority as the American Library Association.

IX. Calendar

- A. The member service or conference year shall be from the close of one annual conference of the American Library Association to the close of the next annual conference.
- B. The membership year shall correspond with the ALA membership year.
- C. The budget (fiscal) year shall be the same as that of the American Library Association, September 1 through August 31.

X. Amendments

- A. Amendments to the Bylaws shall be proposed in writing and may be introduced by the Executive Board, Governance Committee, or by any twenty-five (25) members in good standing of RMRT.
- B. Printed notice of proposed amendments shall be published to the membership at least thirty (30) days and no longer than ninety (90) days before presentation of the amendments to the membership for ratification.
- C. The Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the entire membership voting, to be conducted by ballot according to current ALA procedure.

XI. Limitation

The Retired Members Round Table is an approved entity of the American Library Association, which is a 501(c)(3) organization incorporated in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and operates within the policies of the American Library Association.

XII. Dissolution

Upon dissolution of the Retired Members Round Table all assets derived from RMRT dues, products and services remain within the American Library Association.

III. Officers and Board Members

2016-2017

President: Jean Doolittle (July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017) jean.doolittle@gmail.com

President-Elect: Ann Marie Pipkin (July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017) apipkin1@bellsouth.net

Past President : Vivian Wynn (July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017) vwynn91@bellsouth.net

Treasurer: Joan B. Larson (July 1, 2015, to June 30, 2017) jblarson@gctel.net

Assistant Treasurer: Hannah Pickworth (July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017) PickworthH@RPCS.ORG

Secretary: Nann Blaine Hilyard (July 1, 2016-June 30, 2018) nbyilyard@gmail.com

Director: Teri Switzer (July 1, 2015-June 30, 2017) tswitzer@uccs.edu

Director: Virginia Ellis Palmer (July 1, 2015-June 30, 2017) palmerve@umich.edu

Director: Joan Atkinson (July 1, 2016-June 30, 2018) jnjatkinson@hotmail.com

Director: Nancy Bolt (Junly 1, 2016-June 30, 2018) nancybolt@earthlink.net

Small Round Tables Councilor: Patricia M. Hogan (July 1, 2016, to June 30, 2019)
hoganreader@gmail.com

Staff Liaison: Danielle M. Alderson (July 1, 2010, to June 30, 2017) dalderson@ala.org

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VI. Committees

2016-2017

2015-2016

Communications and Website Administration:

The Communications Committee is responsible for facilitating communications on all formats among RMRT members to share ideas and comments.

Chair: Jean Doolittle jean.doolittle@gmail.com (2015-2017)

Dianne Olson dolson47@gmail.com (2015-2017)

Gayle Keresey gaylek@ec.rr.com (2014-2016) Website Administrator:

Valerie Feinman vfeinman@gmail.com blog support

Fundraising:

The Fundraising Committee is responsible for planning tours and events to raise additional funds for RMRT.

Chair: Therese Bigelow tbigelow1@me.com (2014-2016)

Valerie Feinman vfeinman@gmail.com (2014-2016)

Jennifer Gallant j.j.gallant@prodigy.net (2014-2016)

Rocco Staino rocco.staino@gmail.com (2014-2016)

J. Linda Williams jw177@aol.com (2015-2017)

Horrocks Award:

The committee publicizes the Norman Horrocks-Rowman & Littlefield Annual Conference Award to attract nominations and to honor the winner and the memory of Norman Horrocks. Working with our staff liaison, the committee reviews applications, selects the year's winner, notifies all the applicants, and creates certificate for presentation.

Chair: Rosanne Cordell Rosanne.cordell@gmail.com (2015-2017)

Denise E Botto DeniseEBotto@aol.com (2014-2016)

Michael Gorman michaelg@mail.fresnostate.edu (2014-2016)

Jim Rettig jimrettig.gm@gmail.com

Nicholas Spillios nikosharik@gmail.com (2014-2016)

Legislation/Advocacy:

The committee identifies issues and ways to help members lobby for relevant funding and legislation.

Chair : Ma'lis Wendt mwendt@nyc.rr.com (2015-2017)

Lynne Bradley lynnebradley@yahoo.com (2015-2017)

Pat Hofmann phofmann@comcast.net (2015-2017)

Frank Nelson franknelsonfo@gmail.com (2015-2017)

Vivian Wynn vwynn91@bellsouth.net (2014-2016)

Membership:

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Naomi Angier naomiangier@comcast.net (2014-2016)

Linda Fein kutztownlin@aol.com (2014-2016)

Christine Peck cmpecks@gmail.com (2015-2017)

Judi Repman jrepman@georgiasouthern.edu (2015-2017)

Marcella Stark mstark@mail.smu.edu (2014-2016)

Sandra Vella savella714@gmail.com (2015-2017)

Nominating: 2016 ballot:

The committee proposes officers for the 2016 ballot: president-elect, secretary, treasurer-elect, two directors .

Chair: Ma'lis Wendt mwendt@nyc.rr.com (2015-2016)

Krista Taracuk ktaracuk@columbus.rr.com (2014-2016)

Nominating: 2017 ballot:

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Chair: Vivian Wynn vwynn91@bellsouth.net (2016-2017)

Program planning: (Orlando):

The Program Committee is responsible for planning the 2016 Membership & President's Program.

Chair: Vivian Wynn vwynn91@bellsouth.net (2015-2016)

Linda Friel lafriel@comcast.net (2014-2016)

Joan Larson jblarson@gctel.net (2014-2016)

Vicki Miller Wbmvsm@aol.com (2014-2016)

Nicholas Spillios nikosharik@gmail.com (2014-2016)

Program planning (Chicago):

Chair: Jean Doolittle jean.doolittle@gmail.com (2015-2016)

Virginia Palmer palmerve@umich.edu (2016-2017)

Social events:

The Social Events Committee is responsible for the Conference dinner and other conference tours and events as appropriate.

Chair: Pam Klipsch pklipsch@jeffcolib.org (2014-2016)

Jennifer Gallant j.j.gallant@prodigy.net (2014-2016)

Pickworth, Hannah PickworthH@RPCS.ORG (2014-2016)

AASL Retirement SIG Liaison: Cathie Marriott cmarriott@e2ccb.org (2015-2017)

Advocacy Coordinating Group Liaison: Ma'lis Wendt mwendt@nyc.rr.com (2015-2017)

Education Assembly Liaison: Cathie Marriott cmarriott@e2ccb.org (2015-2017)

GLBT Book Month June 2016 Liaisons: Teri Switzer tswitzer@uccs.edu

Carolyn Caywood cacaywood@cox.net

Legislation Assembly Liaison: Ma'lis Wendt mwendt@nyc.rr.com (2015-2017)

Membership Promotion Task Force Liaison: Teri Switzer tswitzer@uccs.edu (2015-2017)

United for Libraries Liaison: Nicholas Spillios nikosharik@gmail.com (2015-2017)

Taskforce to develop criteria for RMRT Book Lists, Film/Media Lists:

Don Reynolds don.reynolds2030@gmail.com

Carolyn Mulac cmulac@gmail.com

Judi Repman jrepman@georgiasouthern.edu

Diana D. Shonrock shonrock@iastate.edu

Taskforce to develop a list of films on the Perils of/Joys of/Coping with Aging:

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2014-2015

Fundraising:

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Legislation/Advocacy:

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Vivian Wynn vwynn91@bellsouth.net (2014-2016)

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Linda Fein kutztownlin@aol.com (2014-2016)

Marcella Stark mstark@mail.smu.edu (2014-2016)

Nominating: 2015 ballot:

The Nominating Committee proposes officers for the coming election. 2015 ballot: president-elect and two directors ; 2016 ballot: president-elect, secretary, assistant treasurer and two directors; 2017 ballot: president-elect and two directors; 2018 ballot: president-elect, secretary, assistant treasurer and two directors; 2019 ballot: president-elect and two directors.

Odd year ballots: president-elect and two directors ; even year ballots: president-elect, secretary, assistant treasurer and two directors .

Chair: Carolyn Caywood cacaywood@cox.net (2014-2015)

Joan Larson jblarson@gctel.net (2013-2015)

Krista Taracuk ktaracuk@columbus.rr.com (2014-2016)

Program planning: (San Francisco):

The Program Planning Committee is responsible for planning the 2015 Membership & President's Program.

Chair: Ma'lis Wendt mwendt@nyc.rr.com (2014-2015)

Linda Friel lafriel@comcast.net (2014-2016)

Joan Larson jblarson@gctel.net (2014-2016)

Nicholas Spillios nikosharik@gmail.com (2014-2016)

Program planning: (Orlando):

The Program Planning Committee is responsible for planning the 2016 Membership & President's Program.

Chair: Vivian Wynn vwynn91@bellsouth.net (2015-2016)

Social Events committee:

The Social Events Committee is responsible for the Conference dinner. Other social events, such as tours will be handled by a temporary 'local' committee to be designated for each conference.

Chair: Pam Klipsch pklipsch@jeffcolib.org (2014-2016)

Henry J. DuBois Henry.DuBois@csulb.edu (2013-2015)

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Website Administrator: Gayle Keresey gaylek@ec.rr.com (2014-2016)

Valerie Jackson Feinman feinman@adelphi.edu (2014-2016)

Ad Hoc Survey Committee: Delores Meglio, Twyla McConnell, Linda Fein (2013-2014)

VII. Task Forces

Taskforce to develop criteria for RMRT Book Lists, Film/Media Lists:

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Diana D. Shonrock shonrock@iastate.edu

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VIII. Liaisons

Education Assembly Liaison: Rosanne Cordell, Rosanne.cordell@gmail.com (2014-2016)

Legislation Assembly Liaison: Ma'lis Wendt mwendt@nyc.rr.com (2014-2016)

United for Librarians Liaison: Nicholas Spillios nikosharik@gmail.com (2014-2016)

IX. Finances

A. 2013-2014

- a. RMRT Treasurer's report Annual 2014 ALA –Las Vegas
Report as of April 30, 2014
Income year-to-date is \$3,338 (including \$1,000 for the Horrocks award).
Expenses year-to-date are \$477.

Beginning net assets (carryover from previous year) is \$4,727.
 Current available unrestricted funds are \$6,065.

Current Members: Personal 197 Organizational 1 (5.88 % increase over 2013)*

[Membership activity YTD -- Renew 118 New 42 Drop 34]

*as of April 30, 2014

September 1, 2013 – April 30, 2014

	Budget	Actual
INCOME		
Dues/Personal	2,500	2,338
Donations/Honoraria*	1,000	<u>1,000</u>
		3,338
EXPENSES		
Professional Memberships		50
Bank Charges		52
Meal Functions		140
Printing-Outside	250	
Mail Services-Outside	250	
Supplies-Operating	200	
Postage-Mail	50	
Overhead	250	<u>235</u>
		477

**Restricted funds

George Abbott

RMRT Treasurer

June 17, 2014

b. RMRT Treasurer's report (Revised January 28, 2104) Midwinter 2014
 Report as of December 31, 2013

Income year-to-date is \$2,143 (including \$1,000 for the Horrocks award).

Expenses year-to-date are \$141.

Beginning net assets (carryover from previous year) is \$4,727.

Current available unrestricted funds are \$5,729.

Current Members: Personal 173 Organizational 1 (6.10 % increase over 2013)*

*as of November 30, 2013

September 1, 2013 – August 31, 2014

	Budget	Actual
INCOME		
Dues/Personal	2,500	1,143
Donations/Honoraria*	* 1,000	<u>1,000</u>
		2,143
EXPENSES		

Bank Charges			26
Printing-Outside	250		
Mail Services-Outside		250	
Supplies-Operating	200		
Postage-Mail		50	
Overhead	250		<u>115</u>
			141

**Restricted funds
George Abbott
RMRT Treasurer
Jan. 17, 2014

G. 2012-2013

H. 2011-2012

X. Minutes

2015-2016

a.

b. American Library Association Midwinter Meeting, Boston January 9, 2016, 8:30 – 10:00 am BCEC 205C, Boston, MA

Introductions: President Vivian Wynn called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. She welcomed everyone. Members and guests introduced themselves.

ALA Executive Board Liaison: Rob Banks reported that ALA membership is up, especially student and Midwinter registration also is up. He discussed Libraries Transform campaign.

Rob stated that ALA thrust is for every trustee become member. There are 3,000 trustees from United for Libraries. Carolyn Caywood inquired if RMRT could give one year free membership or reduced rate to continuing members of ALA? This would encourage retirees to stay active in ALA. Rob will get a definitive statement.

Minutes: Judy Jeng served as Acting Secretary at San Francisco ALA. Ma'lis Wendt moved to accept the minutes and Jennifer seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Pat Hogan reported balance as of October 2015 is \$11,572. RMRT membership is 211 (189 are personal members).

Nominating Committee: Ma'lis Wendt, Past President, presented the proposed slate of officers.

President Elect (3 year term)	Ann Marie Pipkin
Secretary (2 year term)	Naomi Angier & Nann Hilyard
Assistant Treasurer	Hannah Pickworth
Director (2 year term)	Joan Atkinson, Nancy Bolt & Carolyn Mulac

Ballots will go out in March. Ma'lis mentioned that RMRT had the highest election participation of ALA units.

Round Table Coordinating Assembly: Ma'lis Wendt represented RMRT. Vivian Wynn, Jennifer Jung Gallant, and Pat Hogan also attended. Discussion included sending message to ALA membership about the value of round tables, providing better job descriptions of offices, redoing brochure to reflect positive reasons to belong to round tables, having employers support going to conferences, and having joint round tables happy hour.

Small Round Table Councilor: Jennifer Jung Gallant stated the Council was remarkably quiet. Council Caucus will meet tonight and will focus on resolution on how to get things done. Minority Caucus will consider combining Office of Diversity and Office for Outreach & Literacy Services. ALA is tweaking contract language for articles to be published in American Libraries.

President's Program in Orlando: Vivian Wynn stated that program will be on advocacy. Speakers will be Emily Sheketoff, ALA Washington Office and Marci Merola, Office for Advocacy and a third person. Timeframe is traditionally one hour, but she will request 1.5 hour time slot (1st - Saturday, 3 p.m. & 2nd - Monday afternoon). Co-sponsors are to be determined.

Orlando Program on Diversity: Carolyn Caywood presented possible program ideas, but received little response from RMRT members. She will email us on final plans.

Book Discussion Meeting at Midwinter: Nann Hilyard mentioned that first meeting is 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. We discussed possible time slots for Orlando ALA. Nann will not attend Orlando ALA and Rosina Alaimo volunteered to lead the discuss group.

Other Committee Reports:

Membership - Terry Switzer will email report.

Fund Raising – Suggested travel ideas and polling other groups with retirees were mentioned.

Horrocks Award – March 1 is the deadline for applications

Legislative – Lynne Bradley stepped down as chair. Ma'lis Wendt will service as chair.

Membership - Terry Switzer will email report.

Social – Carolyn Caywood reported for Pam Klipsch that 30 people had dinner at Dry Dock Café.

Other Liaison Reports:

Legislative Assembly - Ma'lis Wendt said they will meet on Monday.

Advocacy Coordinating Group – Meeting is on Monday. They are seeking co-sponsorship for the President's Program.

Relationships with Other Retirement Groups: Ma'lis Wendt discussed Ex Libris, independent Canadian librarian group. Several state library organizations have retired members units. Joan Larson and Nann Hilyard suggested sponsoring travel tours with these groups.

Possible Candidate Presentations: Jim Neal approached Vivian Wynn and was willing to answer any questions RMRT had about this candidacy. He became a RMRT member. Carolyn Caywood asked if other candidates are RMRT members. Information was unknown.

Update of the Bylaws: Ma'lis Wendt stated that bylaws will be reviewed at Midwinter. Bylaws are working well. Election cycle is now in order. If changes are needed, they will be on spring ballot.

Program and Meeting Times at Annual: Vivian Wynn will request Saturday, 8:30 – 10:00 a.m. time slot with the book discussion group. 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rheda Epstein

2014-2015

a. American Library Association Annual Conference San Francisco Saturday June 27, 2015 10:30-11:30am Pacific Suite at the Marriott Marquis San Francisco

PRESENT: Nicholas Spillios, Margaret Smith, Virginia Palmer, Catherine Marriott, Valerie Feinman, Patricia Hogan, Jean Doolittle, Carolyn Mulac, Ann Marie Pipkin, Judy Jeng, Rosina Alaimo, Sandra Vella, Carolyn Caywood, Lynne Bradley, Teri Switzer, Jennifer Kutzik, Naomi Angier, Joan Larson, Nann Hilyard, Jennifer Gallant, Bill Paullin, Denise Botto, Gina Persichini, Annalee Bundy, Linda Friel.

EXCUSED: Vivian Wynn and Rheda Epstein for family emergencies.

1. Introduction

Ma'lis Wendt called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. Members and guests introduced themselves.

2. Minutes

Rheda Epstein was absent at the meeting. The minutes of Midwinter Meeting were posted on ALA Connect. Judy Jeng served as the acting secretary and recorded minutes for today's meeting.

3. Executive Board Representative—Gina Persichini

Gina Persichini reported an increase of annual conference attendants: 19,351 for 2015 and 16,089 for 2014; a decrease of 1,000 in ALA membership since last year due to lower enrollment of LIS school students; ALA revenue is higher than projected; 2% permanent increase for ALA staff salary; the position of ALA Director of Diversity is filled; a work-in-progress to enhance usability of ALA Connect; and fewer jobs now for graduating students compared to the 1970s when our RMRT members received MLS degrees.

4. Treasurer's Report – Pat Hogan

Pat Hogan reported that our membership is stable and our account balance is positive.

5. Round Table Coordinating Assembly – Judy Jeng

Judy Jeng represented RMRT to attend Round Table Coordinating Assembly scheduled yesterday morning. An ALA Website Committee is formed with 18 ALA staff to enhance ALA web site and ALA Connect. ALA strategic directions were discussed. Ten ALA roundtables have an increase in their membership. Other round tables can learn from those good examples. Each round table representative gave a report on their respective round table activities.

6. Plan for 2016 in Boston and Orlando – Vivian Wynn

Vivian Wynn was absent at the meeting. A conference call will be arranged for this topic in July or August. Advocacy will be the theme for 2016 conference in Orlando. United for Libraries would be a good co-sponsor for this program. The Union Oyster House was suggested for our Friday night dinner in Boston.

7. Future planning, committees – Ma’lis Wendt

RMRT will form a new committee: Communications Committee to help to share ideas and comments.

8. Membership – Ann Marie Pipkin

Ann Marie Pipkin reported an increase of RMRT members from 201 last year to 211 this year. We are still in formation. As an incentive for RMRT members, RMRT will offer luggage tags. Many retired members are not aware of ALA Continuing Members category. The chair of the Membership Committee is automatically the RMRT liaison to the Membership Promotion Task Force.

9. Council Activities and Hot Topics – Jennifer Gallant

A tribute to South Carolina librarians will be presented. Carolyn Caywood moved that RMRT endorse the ASCLA Tribute to the 25th Anniversary of ADA. The motion passed and Ma’lis Wendt will inform ASCLA Councilor Liz Bishoff of the RMRT endorsement.

10. Social Events Committee – Naomi Angier

The Friday night cruise was a success with 25 people attending; attendees were asked to post photos to Facebook and listservs.

11. Program, events for San Francisco – Ma’lis Wendt

Ma’lis Wendt reminded everyone of our programs for Saturday and Sunday.

12. United for Libraries liaison report – Nicholas Spillios

Nicholas Spillios will write a piece about RMRT for the United for Libraries newsletter.

13. GLBT Round Table Book Month – Teri Switzer

The GLBT Round Table has designated June as GLBT Book Month. Teri Switzer and Carolyn Caywood will organize RMRT’s participation for next year.

14. Other Business

Nann Hilyard moved that RMRT will donate \$50 annually to The Freedom to Read Foundation. The motion was approved and will become a standing order to FTRF.

The Board meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

b. American Library Association Midwinter Meeting Chicago, Saturday, January 31, 2015, 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. McCormick Place Convention Center, Room W194a, Chicago

PRESENT: Jennifer Gallant, Patricia M. Hogan, Joan B. Larson, Teri Switzer, Carolyn Caywood, Rosanne Cordell, Joan Atkinson, Bill Paullin, Karen Sperrazza, Judy Jeng, Jerry Reynolds, George Abbott, Frank Nelson, Ann Marie Pipkin, J. Linda Williams, Virginia Palmer, Gail Schlachter, Denise E. Botto, Valerie Feinman, Ann Martin, Christine Peck, Ma’lis Wendt

1. Introduction

Wendt called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. Members and guests introduced themselves.

2. Minutes
Epstein was absent at the meeting. The minutes of Annual Meeting were posted on ALA Connect. The Board will approve the minutes at the next meeting. Jeng recorded minutes for today's meeting.
3. Review of Bylaws and RMRT Handbook
Wendt clarified nomination timetable and committee appointment terms. Every year there will be nominations for Vice President/President Elect and two Directors. Every even year there will be nominations for Assistant Treasurer and Secretary.
4. Nominations
Caywood announced the slate of nominees for the 2015 election:

Vice President / President Elect	Jeanette Doolittle
Director (2 positions)	Alena "Alenka" Chadwick
	Virginia Palmer
	Teri R. Switzer
5. Treasurer's Report
Hogan announced there are currently over 200 members in RMRT and our account balance is positive. Ann Martin, BARC representative, reported on the strength of the ALA budget.
6. ALA Executive Board Representative
Gail Schlachter announced library school students declined from 21,000 to 15,000 in recent years. This is alarming.
7. Membership
The dissatisfaction from RMRT members regarding new ALA Direct was discussed. A total of 35 members attended RMRT dinner on Friday night and enjoyed a great dinner. The dinner was organized by Michael Gorman.
8. Council Activities and Hot Topics
Gallant led the discussions of Library Bill of Rights, upcoming Internet filtering, and changes in accreditation standards. Hot topics in no weighted order: Divesting funds in companies that are not socially responsible; Charlie Hebdo resolution regarding attacks on freedom of expression; New accreditation standards; Strategic Planning sessions (divisions, round tables, membership in general); Diversity survey; Interpretations of the Library Bill of Rights regarding Labeling Systems, Rating Systems, and Internet Filtering; Council communications access.
9. Discussion of ALA Strategic Planning Process
Wendt led the discussions of strategic planning along with Hogan and a report of the Round Table Coordinating Assembly meeting which was devoted to the ALA Strategic Planning process. Wendt will continue this discussion virtually this spring.
10. Social Events Committee
Caywood reported on behalf of Klipsch on activities of the Social Events Committee, including planning for a ferry ride to Sausalito and dinner at Annual Conference in San Francisco.
11. Program, events for San Francisco
Wendt announced schedule for next Board meeting at Annual Conference. It is scheduled on Saturday, June 27, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. There will be two programs sponsored by RMRT, including one with author Marie Albertson and her work "Old Librarians Never Die They Just Jump Out of Airplanes" scheduled on Saturday, June 27, 3 p.m. – 4:30 p.m., and another one with AARP, entitled "Hot Topic: Midlife and Older Adults!" scheduled on Sunday, June 28, 8:30 a.m. – 10 a.m.
12. Fundraising
Wendt reported for Bigelow on fundraising activities. RMRT is in good shape financially. Donations for RMRT continue. A trip to the Galapagos is one possibility for the future. Members asked for a longer lead time for such trips.
13. Future Planning, Committees, Orlando
Wendt led the discussions on relationships with other retired members groups, how best to share ideas and comments, and asked for ideas for programs in Orlando on behalf of Wynn.
14. Other Business

ALA Presidential candidate Julie Todaro spoke and said that members are encouraged to work with community and to share our expertise. Many retired librarians are invited to serve on local public library's Board.

The Board meeting adjourned at 10 a.m.

2013-2014

a. American Library Association Annual Conference Las Vegas Saturday, June 28, 2014 10:30-11:30am Saturday, June 28, 2014, 10:00 – 11:30 am, LVCC-N211, Las Vegas

Introductions: President Carolyn Caywood welcomed everyone and introduced Ma'lis Wendt, President-elect. Members introduced themselves.

Minutes from Midwinter: Interim Secretary Rheda Epstein explained difficulty getting minutes posted to ALA Connect.

Treasurer's Report: George Abbot reported balances as of April 2014.

Income YTD is \$3,338 (including \$1,000 for the Horrocks award).

Expenses YTD are \$477.

Beginning net assets (carryover from previous year) is \$4,727.

Current available unrestricted funds are \$6,065.

RMRT membership is 202 as of May 31, 2014. He reminded us that the fiscal year is September 1 - August 31.

Pat Hogan, Liaison to Planning & Budget Assembly, said that this meeting has not yet occurred and she will report in writing to RMRT.

Round Table Coordinating Assembly: Carolyn Caywood, Jennifer Gallant, George Abbott and Pat Hogan attended the meeting. There was lot of discussion, but no decisions. The Assembly will not meet at Midwinter.

Membership: Ann Marie Pipkin reported that booth activity is slow. RMRT booth is located at ALA Membership book, outside of the ALA Store and not in the exhibits.

Council Activities and Hot Topics: Jennifer Gallant reported on Friday's meeting. RMRT is considered very knowledgeable among the small round tables. Issue of holding actual vs. virtual meeting at Midwinter was discussed. Vendors are being polled on this issue.

Communication with Small Round Table List Serv is: SMRTCouncil@ala.org.

Hot topic question is should RMRT support memorial resolutions and tributes. ALA recommended that RMRT not get into memorial resolutions or tributes. Consensus was to co-sponsor with other with RMRT Board's approval.

Future Planning, Committees, Task Forces, San Francisco: Ma'lis Wendt presented information on "Old Librarians Never Die They Jump Out of Airplanes: Adventuring Through the Senior Years in Indiana," by Marie J. Albertson as possible program for San Francisco. We agreed to pursue this speaker for ALA 2015 m and will try for Saturday afternoon program.

Ma'lis distributed preliminary draft of RMRT Procedures Manual. Bylaws and communications sections will be added. Members were asked to review the draft and send comments to Ma'lis.

There are two task forces which need members to develop criteria for RMRT Book Lists and RMRT Film/Media List. If interested contact Don Reynolds don.reynolds2030@gmail.com or Diana D. Shonrock sgibrock@iastate.edu.

Ad Hoc Survey Committee: Delores Meglio, Twyla McConnell and Linda Fein gave the results of the 7 question survey. There were only 20 responses, but the information will give direction to future RMRT activities and undertakings.

Social Committee: Pam Klipsch said 20 people attended the Friday night dinner at Pamplermouse which is a classic French restaurant.

Fundraising, Excursions: Jennifer Gallant researched Lyceum, the travel service company, which ALA uses. Lyceum will do domestic or oversea riverboat theme cruises for group of 20-30 people. RMRT would get a percentage of sponsored cruises.

Henry DuBois mentioned RMRT outing on Monday to University of Nevada to discover the Osher Learning Program. Best way there is by cab. Individuals attending may wish to coordinate transportation.

Blog & Facebook: Carolyn Caywood mentioned that RMRT has a Facebook page

<http://www.facebook.com/ALARMRT> and Blog <http://rmrtblog.ala.org/rmrt> . Valerie Feinman said that there are RS feed problems with new posts on the blog.

United for Libraries: Carolyn Caywood and Nicholas Spillios reported on this association. Its purpose is to bring together trustees, friends and foundations into a partnership to create a force for libraries in the 21st century. They hold all day program at Midwinter and Annual conferences.

Other Business:

What states have RMRT chapters? New York & Kansas.

Senior celebrity as honoree patron. George Spillios suggested RMRT consider asking a senior celebrity to be RMRT honoree patron. Suggested persons are Betty White, Jane Fonda or Angela Lansbury.

Thanks yous. Ma'lis thanked the following for their service on the board - Therese Bigelow (Past President), George Abbott (Treasurer), and Carolyn Caywood (President).

Announcements:

Naomi Angier will coordinate housing match-ups for members seeking roommates.

RMRT Program is Saturday, 3:00-4:30 pm, LVCC-N258. "Retirement Fundamentals: Are You Ready to Retire?" is a joint sponsorship with ALA

Development Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Rheda Epstein Interim Secretary

b. American Library Association Midwinter Meeting Philadelphia Saturday,
January 25, 2014 8:30 – 10:00 am.

C. 2012-2013

a. American Library Association Annual Conference Chicago Monday July 1,
2013 8:00 – 10:00 am.

Therese Bigelow, President, convened the meeting

I. Introductions

II. RMRT Dinner:

Resolution of acclamation for Michael Gorman for his generosity and work on the RMRT Dinner at Bar Toma. Passed unanimously.

III. RMRT President's Program and Membership Meeting:

Marci Alboher was the speaker. 72 people attended the program. Everyone received a copy of Alboher's book: The Encore Career Handbook : How to Make a Living and a Difference in the Second Half of Life.

IV. Election results – Jennifer Gallant

President-Elect Ma'lis Wendt

Treasurer Pat Hogan

Directors Naomi Angier and Ann Marie Pipkin

Smaller RT Councilor Jennifer Gallant

V. Treasurer's Report – Jennifer Gallant

ALA is planning a webinar for its financial systems.

RMRT is currently OK in its budget. But looking to the future, it is important to expand membership and plan activities to build a fund balance which would allow more freedom to support programs and speakers. To do this, there is a need to tap into the list of the ALA members who receive free memberships, typically from long-time membership in ALA. We can ask Keith Fiels to include a message about RMRT in the welcome letter they get from ALA. One issue that will be evergreen is that the contact information ALA has for the members is often tied to the place of employment. And which then may not be either current or useful. AASL received the list for their group and made personal calls to invite members to its retired members group. State associations may also be a link. But, the state liaisons were contacted recently and asked about their local or state retiree associations. However, because some retirees relocate after retirement, they may not have ties to the new state's association.

VI. ALA Executive Board –

Although unable to attend the Board meeting, J Linda Williams sent a draft of the ALA Executive Board Talking Points to the membership by email earlier.

VII. Round Table Coordinating Assembly – Carolyn Caywood

The meeting time was spent entirely on introductions so nothing to report.

VIII. Freedom to Read Foundation – Carolyn Caywood

Moved that RMRT pay for a group membership in the Freedom to Read Foundation. Round table price is \$50. Passed.

IX. Membership and Membership Committee – Ann Marie Pipkin

Ann Marie reported that she opted not to staff the booth on Monday due to likely low turnout based on last year's numbers. Materials, including ribbons will be sent back with ALA Office. At the booth, the regular membership form was offered with RMRT circled.

A member commented that she never got a 'welcome' from RMRT after joining. It was noted that everyone who joins RMRT is automatically added to the email member list. However, some RMRT members will not have email. Can we set up a mechanism for welcoming new members by phone or letter? – Carolyn will contact Danielle about new members who do not have email. And will there be a 'welcome' email for those who do?

Ann Marie would like the list of the people who have the 25-year memberships so she can contact about RMRT. It is important to know that life members and free ALA members cannot pay for round tables or divisions or any other unit online. RMRT will want to include that information in its contacts with those potential members. In addition, people who join as a retiree may not know about RMRT.

In another membership outreach initiative, Ann Marie will be sending an email to groups saying 'do you want to form a retiree group?' This will be facilitated by working with Don Wood of Chapter Relations. And perhaps an ALA Connect note. She will ask Don to mention the RMRT in all the state newsletters.

There was support for a note on ALA Connect that says :“ If you want to honor a retiree consider a donation to RMRT.

The RMRT Program was listed in Cognotes. Cognotes is an important link to the general ALA attendees. Someone from the 2014 program should be sure to provide that information in Las Vegas.

X. Council Activities and Hot Topics

At the Membership meeting, which had a quorum, a resolution calling Edward Snowden a 'whistle blower' passed and was automatically put on the agenda for Council I, bypassing the usual route for resolutions to come to Council. It was a surprise item and the Council passed it. The Intellectual Freedom Committee is teaming up with the Legislation Committee to bring a resolution to Council in support of transparency in government rather than Mr. Snowden's activities.

XI. Committee Charges and Appointments – Carolyn Caywood

Here are the committees (& charges) plus other appointments:

Horrocks Award: Barbara Mates BarbaraMates@cox.net, Jim Rettig jimrettig.gm@gmail.com, Denise E Botto DeniseEBotto@aol.com, need to choose chair The committee publicizes the Norman Horrocks - Scarecrow Press Annual Conference Award to attract nominations and to honor the winner and the memory of Norman Horrocks. Working with our staff liaison, the committee reviews applications, selects the year's winner, notifies all the applicants, and creates certificate for presentation.

Membership: Chair, Ann Marie Pipkin apipkin1@bellsouth.net, Naomi Angier naomiangier@comcast.net, Marcella Stark mstark@mail.smu.edu, Sharon Lawler smclawler@gmail.com The committee explores ways to recruit new members, both retirees and working library workers. It schedules greeters at the RMRT booth and oversees brochure, ribbons, and program fliers for distribution at the booth.

Nominating: 2014 ballot – Joan Larson jblarson@gctel.net, Krista Taracuk ktaracuk@columbus.rr.com, Sue Kamm chair suekamm@mindspring.com Therese Bigelow tbigelow1@me.com The committee proposes officers for the 2014 ballot: president-elect, treasurer-elect, secretary (2 years), 2 directors (2 years)

Program planning: (Las Vegas) Carolyn Caywood cacaywood@cox.net, Nicholas Spillios nikosharik@gmail.com , Linda Friel lafriel@comcast.net, Jennifer Gallant j.j.gallant@prodigy.net The Program Committee is responsible for planning the 2014 Membership & President's Program.

Social events committee: Pam Klipsch pklipsch@jeffcolib.org, chair, Jennifer Gallant j.j.gallant@prodigy.net, Henry J. DuBois Henry.DuBois@csulb.edu, The Social Committee is responsible for the Conference dinner. Other social events, such as tours will be handled by a temporary 'local' committee to be designated for each conference.

Website administrator: Gayle Keresey gaylek@ec.rr.com

Secretary 2014: Rheda Epstein Rheda001@aol.com

XII. Legislative Committee Needed

Therese moved to establish a Legislative Committee to address the needs of the membership to keep up with legislation on the national and state level. The charge will be written by Carolyn and Ma'Lis. Motion carried.

XIII. Philadelphia 2014 MidWinter Conference – Carolyn Caywood

RMRT Dinner - Pam Klipsch has volunteered to find a restaurant for the RMRT Friday night dinner. Suggestions are most welcome.

RMRT Board Meeting – Finding a conflict free meeting time is difficult. The skeleton schedule for MidWinter is not yet available. A Monday morning meeting at 10:30 is likely to conflict with Council. A Saturday morning meeting at 8:30 is a fallback possibility.

XIV. Las Vegas Annual Conference 2014 – Carolyn Caywood

Carolyn proposed not having the RMRT Board meet physically in Las Vegas. She proposed that the Board meet virtually in June. Carolyn commits to planning and prepping and communicating the meeting to the members well in advance. Carolyn also committed to setting up a small, short meeting time and place at Conference. A motion to approve the virtual meeting of the Board for 2014 passed.

RMRT will be exploring the possibilities of an outing in the Las Vegas area in association with the conference. It could be a fund raising activity or not, depending on the possibilities. Pairing up with other units in this will also be explored. There is a need for a "local activities" person or group to investigate and report back to Board.

Secretary for 2014. Rheda Epstein has agreed to finish Kathleen Kluegel's term as Secretary. Congratulations to Rheda!!

President's Program and Membership Meeting for 2014 – Carolyn Caywood

Possible topics include mentoring, civic engagement, a panel of retirees speaking of 'life after work'. This could include an outside speaker for seeing a second life for retirees. Exploring the possibilities for a co-sponsor is on the agenda

XV. Fundraising

As noted in the Treasurer's Report, RMRT needs to increase its funds in order to do outreach, program support, and publications. For Philadelphia, perhaps RMRT could link up with the Chinese American Librarians Association for dinner or tours in Chinatown. For Annual Conference, some possibilities would be an excursion in Las Vegas to Red Rock Desert or a trip to Hoover Dam. The Hoover Dam trip is a longer excursion and may be more difficult to integrate into a busy conference schedule. Co-sponsoring with another group would likely increase participation and visibility for RMRT.

Another possible service activity for RMRT would be to create a template for business cards for retirees.

RMRT Brochure is in need of updating. It needs (or wants) a logo. Revising the text of the brochure is part of the Membership Committee tasks. Ann Marie will work with Carolyn on revising the text. Exploration continues for a new logo.

Mary Ghikas is looking into bringing other groups as communities of interest. The Canadian Library Association has a retiree group. Who else?

Members of RMRT should take opportunities to write articles about RMRT and retired life in general. ALA Think Tank is a group on Facebook and serves as a locale for sharing ideas and information. RMRT has a Facebook page and Carolyn will send a link to members.

Housing at Conference: Some RMRT members wish to share housing with other members to reduce the costs of coming to conference. There are issues of smoking / gender / and background checks to be negotiated. There are liability concerns which would need to be explored and resolved. Naomi offered to coordinate the roommate match process.

Joan Larson and Jennifer Gallant were thanked for their service to RMRT.

Adjourned 10:52

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Kluegel, Secretary

b. American Library Association Midwinter Meeting, Seattle Saturday, January 26 2013 8-10am

I. Welcome and Introductions: Therese Bigelow

II. Treasurer's Report: Jennifer Gallant

The budget is spent almost entirely on operations. We should look at fundraising to support a larger program or project. The December renewals are not reflected in the current income.

III. Nominating Committee Report: Jennifer Gallant

Vice-President/President-Elect – Ma'Lis Wendt

Assistant Treasurer - Pat Hogan

Directors - Naomi Angier

Ann Marie Pipkin

RMRT member Jennifer Gallant is a candidate for Small Round Table Councilor

The Board receives the report with gratitude to the committee and to the candidates.

IV. Report from Executive Board Liaison - Linda Williams

Registration for Midwinter and Annual are both up.

ALA supported the School Libraries Task Force. School libraries are not mandated by Federal or state boards. So they are vulnerable to cuts. School libraries are associated with improved reading scores.

Discussion on dues revision:

Kathleen Kluegel proposed CPI ceilings and benchmarks for success.

Carolyn Caywood proposed a sunset provision

Setting dues by salary levels has been suggested. All evidence to date agrees that setting dues by salary is extremely complicated. Whatever dues structure ALA uses or adopts has to be at least revenue neutral

V. Update on the By-Laws

The by-laws as amended will be on the spring ballot. They will be sent out on the listserv as they are. There are elements in the by-laws that are 'standing in waiting' until the by-laws are approved and structures in place to accomplish.

VI. Round Table Coordinating Assembly - Ma'Lis Wendt reported on the Round Table Coordinating Assembly. The group heard from the following people.

ALA is in the midst of a redesign of the ALA Home Page. The Round Table button has been moved to a more prominent place on the Home Page. AL Connect is being upgrade to Drupal 7—it should work for the user in the same fashion, but let her know about problems. The Search function on the ALA home page is being worked on.

Refreshing information from AL Connect to the ALA website takes 30 days. Each unit has an IMIS number [RMRT officers should have access to that number]. To make the Scheduler as efficient tool, but sure and fill out all fields on the meeting room request form and don't use acronyms. The ALA Scheduler for Annual Conference is already open with an end of February deadline for any preliminary program information.

Molly Raphael ALA Executive Board rep to RTCA reported the following: The School Library Public Awareness Campaign Task Force will be asking units for input. She discussed the ALA dues proposal. The Digital Content Working Group continues to communicate with publishers. There is a new Diversity Officer/OLOS Director. The Planned Giving campaign is moving ahead nicely.

Jim Neal ALA Treasurer: reported the following: FY2012 report. Membership continues to be solid. Publishing is still strong, but didn't meet its budget due to the postponement of several products. Last year's conferences were not as successful as projected, but this year's are already ahead of budget. ALA had a \$1.3 million deficit which was paid for from the Emergency Expenses Fund. The endowment is now \$31 million and still has a strong performance record. The ALA Brand is very popular internationally. The Planned Giving Campaign is hoping to raise \$15 million by 2015.

ALA Presidential and Treasurer Candidates spoke

Danielle Alderson is the RTCA Staff Liaison. A new Round Table Liaison to the ALA Conference Committee and chair of the RTCA is needed for a 2 year term. Round Tables can nominate members and the Round Table Presidents will vote on the new appointment.

RCTA Webinar report: The RCTA held a successful webinar in the fall "Going Virtual" with 23 participants. It is now available for view from the RTCA webpage. There was a spirited discussion on planning for the Spring webinar. The focus will be on newly elected Round Table leaders. There may be four sessions: Budget process with BARC; ALA scheduling and the conference process; how to manage meetings; ALA timeline for Round Tables.

Mary Ghikas, Senior Associate Executive Director, ALA Member Programs and Services: ALA is trying to digitize all programs at Annual Conference—so they will all be scheduled at the McCormick Convention Center. Units may not get their preferred time slot for each program. Conference Services is now scheduling programs for Annual. There was another spirited discussion on whether Discussion Group meetings could be made virtual for more member participation. ALA is investigating, but it's probably too expensive.

VII. BARC Pam Klipsch attended the meeting and reported the following:

Financial best practices. - Financial reporting guidelines. Webinars are produced and planned. 3 budgets are in use at a time: Current fiscal (reports from ALA finance) Monthly. 2 - Revenue goals and estimates for next FY. DUE Feb 12. 3 - Final audit and report on previous years budget.

Overhead is now 10% of dues. BARC liaison and help available at ALA finances.

Jim Neal - Planned Giving and establishing an endowment fund.

VIII. Future Planning and news of RMRT

Annual Program - We are cosponsoring a session with ASCLA "Boomers to Seniors Library Models" and will also have a joint membership meeting and program on Saturday from 10:30 - 11:30 with Marci Alboher author of the Encore Career Handbook entitled "Retired from your job but not your profession."

Annual Meeting time for the board. - Monday 8:30 - 11:30 a.m..

Social Committee – Kathleen Kluegel presented the Springfield trip outline and it was approved. Kathleen will explore the mechanics and policies of the trip and send out a final version as soon as possible. – Post meeting note: Due to scheduling conflicts, there was not a day that would work for attendees. For consideration next time, perhaps RMRT could select an activity that follows conference rather than precedes it. Or select a half-day in the afternoon to allow participation without an extra hotel night. The mechanism for setting up a fund raising activity is straightforward and Danielle and the ALA staff would be able to do it.

Dinner was fine. -- Pam Klipsch will send a note to RMRT for suggestions of restaurants in Chicago

Membership Pavilion in Chicago. – It is not clear if it will be staffed. What its hours of operation will/might be. If it is to be scheduled and staffed, RMRT members will need to know how to participate. It is also unknown if Ann Marie Pipkin would be willing and able to coordinate if needed.

Brochure - Carolyn Caywood offered to review the brochure to see if it needs updating or if we need to print more.

Price for ribbons – Kathleen Kluegel is getting that information and will send it on as soon as it is known. Along with deadlines for ordering.

A question was asked if there are there efforts to have RMRT representatives at State Library Association conferences? - Does this need to be coordinated with ALA? Further discussion is needed on this.

D: 2011-2012

a. American Library Association Annual Conference Anaheim Saturday, June 23, 2012 8:00 – 10:00 am.

Welcome and Introduction of Officers

Therese Bigelow, President introduced the officers:

Vice-President-President-Elect: Carolyn Caywood

Treasurer: Jennifer Gallant [In Absentia]

Assistant Treasurer: George Abbott

Secretary: Kathleen Kluegel

Directors: Sue Kamm, Valerie Feinman, Ma'lis Wendt, Joan B Larson,

Members in Attendance:

Pam Klipsch, Member, Ann Marie Pipkin, Member

Treasurer's Report

George Abbott reported on the state of the treasury as of April 2012:

Income: \$ 1666 in dues

\$ 560 in donations

Total: \$ 2226

Expenditures: \$461 in printing costs

\$168 in overages

Total: \$ 629

Balance: \$1597

Expected costs: \$600 for 2013 program

Possible expense: \$500 for RMRT ribbons [Therese will follow up.]

Update:

RMRT had a successful first social event with the dinner in Anaheim. There is a tentative plan for dinner in Seattle. It is expected that the Social Committee (to be established) will select a restaurant close to the conference with a moderately priced menu.

The baseball game will take place this afternoon.

RMRT had a very robust experience at the Membership Pavilion. RMRT volunteers fielded many requests for information about the group. The fans were VERY popular!!

Committees

The RMRT Board established the Membership Committee. Ann Marie Pipkin agreed to serve as chair.

The RMRT Board established the Social Committee. Pam Klipsch agreed to serve as chair. The Social Committee is responsible for the Conference dinner. Other social events, such as tours will be handled by a temporary 'local' committee to be designated for each conference.

The RMRT Board established the Awards Committee. It will serve as the judging committee for the Scarecrow Press Award and the Norman Horrocks Award. Barbara Mates will be asked to continue as chair. Carolyn Caywood and Jim Rettig will continue as members.

RMRT By-Laws:

The RMRT Board reviewed the Draft By-Laws and made several revisions.

Section IV. Insert IV.E. Executive Board will review the By-Laws at MidWinter

Section V.B. [corrected a typo]: The President shall appoint the Nominating Committee, to be chaired by the Immediate Past President, for the next election cycle.

Section VIII.A. delete "and in the same locality."

Section VIII.C. Delete in its entirety and re-letter the following sections.

Section X.C. Replace "to be conducted by mail ballot." with "to be conducted according to standard ALA procedures."

Revisions were approved by the Board and will be placed on the ballot.

[Secretary Note: Post-Conference revisions to the By-Laws were proposed and discussed online.]

2013 Conference Social Activities:

Possible social activities for MidWinter meeting in Seattle:

Harbor Boat Tour

Bainbridge Island Tour

Possible social activities associated with the Annual Conference in Chicago.

Architectural Boat Tour

Art Institute

Fundraising Activities:

Kathleen Kluegel reported that Jim Neal came to RTCA and discussed the need for round tables to host fundraising activities. Some ideas for outings that have potential for this include post-Conference daytrips:

Train trip to Springfield for a Lincoln-focused activities

Frank Lloyd Wright architectural tour – Springfield’s Robie House or Oak Park’s many FLW buildings.

Kathleen Kluegel and Ann Marie Pipkin will investigate the possibilities and report back to the Board by MidWinter. They will coordinate plans with Pam Klipsch for dinner.

Program Planning:

The Board discussed the question: Does RMRT need to produce a program at ALA Annual Conferences or is it better to do other things?

Generally, the points in favor of an annual program related to improved visibility of the group; establishing and maintaining credibility of the group as more than just a social committee; providing opportunities to partner with other groups; providing value to members. Given the tight timeframes of the program planning process, Therese will proceed to appoint a program committee to work on the program for 2013 in Chicago.

There were several ideas discussed at the meeting. Most focused on some form of mentoring new members. Therese will look into partnering with New Members Round Table on a program on ‘how to make ALA work for you.’ Therese will welcome other ideas to be kept in a pool for future years.

Seattle Meeting:

Therese will book a meeting space for 8am Saturday for MidWinter. Carolyn will post a request to all RMRT membership for a website administrator. Kathleen will develop a committee interest application form for members.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Kluegel, Secretary.

XI. Awards

Norman Horrocks-Rowman & Littlefield Annual Conference Award winners:

2012 Nicholas Spillios

2013 Jennifer Gallant

2014 Jennifer Kutzik

2015 Ann Marie Pipkin

2016

XII. Communications/Contact Information

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