

LITA Board Meeting Agenda

July 23, 2019

12:30-2:00pm Central Time

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1. **Call to Order** – Emily Morton-Owens, LITA President
 - The LITA Board has made the decision to record this meeting. By participating in this meeting, you agree to give LITA permission for us to record your words. The recording will be archived until the end of the 2021 Annual Conference.
 - In session at 12:33pm Central Time
2. **Announcements and Introduction of Guests** – Morton-Owens

Attended

- Ms. Emily Morton-Owens, (LITA President, July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020)
- Evviva Weinraub (LITA President-Elect, Vice President, July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020) (arrived at 12:44pm)
- Bohyun Kim (LITA Past President, July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020)
- Tabatha Farney (Director-at-Large, July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2021)
- Amanda L. Goodman (Director-at-Large, July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2020)
- Margaret Heller (Director-at-Large, July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2020)
- Christopher Lawton (Parliamentarian, July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020) (departed at 1:00pm)
- Berika Williams (Director-at-Large, July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2021)
- Michael Rodriguez (Financial Advisory Committee, July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020)
- Jodie Gambill (LITA Division Councilor, July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2022)
- Jenny Levine (LITA Executive Director, August 3, 2015, to June 30, 2020)
- Mark A. Beatty (Staff Liaison, July 1, 2014, to August 30, 2019)

Absent

- Lindsay Anne Cronk (Director-at-Large, July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2020)

- Hong Ma (Director-at-Large, July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2022)

Guests

- Lynne Edgar
- Jerry Waller
- Jamen McGranahan
- Becky Burke
- Mike Paulmeno, Web Committee Chair

Kim will keep action items.

3. **Adoption of Agenda** – Morton-Owens

Motion to Adopt: Morton-Owens moved, Heller seconded

Adopted: By consensus

4. **Adoption of Consent Agenda** – Morton-Owens

Each item in the Consent Agenda can be approved in one action. Any Board member may request that any item be handled separately.

- JUL DOC 20-2 ... Approve Draft 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes (PDF)

Motion: Morton-Owens moved and Goodman seconded

Adopted: By consensus

5. **Interest Group Meetings at Midwinter 2020** – Morton-Owens

Decisions so far: No Interest Group (IGs) business meetings will be held at Midwinter; no decision yet on holding managed discussions; IGs will be encouraged to hold virtual meetings and develop managed discussions at Annual; the joint ALCTS/LITA IGs are a separate set of entities that are mostly covered by ALCTS for their processes. This schedule is just for Midwinter 2020, as ALA will be making changes to the January event in the future. We'll wait to see how those changes and how the proposed new division will impact division activities. Our SF Notables Committee is an exception as their yearly calendar cycle must include a Midwinter meeting because it is when they announce their lists.

Motion: Morton-Owen moved and Weinraub seconded, that for Midwinter 2020, LITA Interest Groups will not hold meetings or discussions, except for those Interest Groups that are combined with ALCTS.

Motion Passed: unanimous

6. **Announcement of Midwinter 2020 Decisions** – Morton-Owens

Based on the meeting discussion, Morton-Owen drafted a post to explain the changes:

“LITA is planning to change our participation in the 2020 ALA Midwinter Meeting. This is in anticipation of ALA changing the focus of Midwinter and our developing merger with ALCTS and LLAMA into Core. For now, these decisions only pertain to 2020, not future meetings. Here are some further details for your planning.

Will take place:

- Top Tech Trends
- LITA Happy Hour
- LITA Board meetings
- Interest groups sponsored jointly with ALCTS (Authority Control, Electronic Resources Management, and MARC Formats Transition)
- Meeting of the LITA Committee Recognizing Excellence in Children's and Young Adult Science Fiction

Will *not* take place:

- All other committee and interest group meetings
- LITA Town Hall
- LITA 101 Open House (this has been offered online starting in 2019)

Groups that would still like to meet are encouraged to hold meetings and discussions through Zoom or ALA Connect, or schedule programming for Annual 2020 in Chicago.

Action Item: Morton-Owens will draft, Board members to edit this and staff will distribute it.

7. **Implementation of LITA Close to Home Project** – Morton-Owens

- JUL DOC 20-3 ... [LITA Close to Home: Developing Local Support Networks](#)

Discussion about how to proceed to develop the Emerging Leaders 2019 plan. Should there be work on a Chicago area trial? Creating a Chicago LITA regional group might be too easy to make a fair judgement of the process and value. Could we ask the Emerging Leaders to help by having them try to develop regional LITA groups in their own areas? Would the scheduled Chicago Breakfast serve as a good first step? Start small and build from there? Other ideas could include a regional watch party for the proposed Spring 2020 Virtual Exchange being developed with ALCTS and LLAMA. Could also do regional webinar watch parties. How would these regional activities transition to the proposed divisional merger, Core? The Core merger draft has a mention of local groups activities. Could investigate using meetup.com to help organize local events. Maybe Library Tech tours would be an attractive activity? Or simply encourage LITA members to get together locally when possible, starting with the current informal Chicago group.

Action Item: Heller and Beatty will report back on the summer Chicago Area Breakfast.

8. **Strengthening Interest Groups** – Morton-Owens

Discussed how to help Interest Groups (IGs) improve engagement going into the new division. Is there a place or activity that serves as the deliverable for the any of the IGs that could be a primary goal for all of them? That used to be putting together a program at ALA Annual. What can that evolve into now? They could develop content for members such as a webinar, blog post, Connect discussion, or create documentation or best practices.

Does this require a bylaws change? The Board could draft ideas and share them with IG chairs, then incorporate those ideas into the new division. The Board wants to move towards developing charges and training for committee and IG chairs. The result would be clear goals developed by and for each IG, as opposed to any absolute requirements. What tools can LITA give them that will help them, beyond a mailing list?

Will continue discussion on Connect. The Board does not want to end with a total of 6 IGs, 4 of which are with ALCTS. That would not produce the kind of member engagement that IGs should provide, so we need to focus on relevant IGs without having too many inactive ones.

Action Item: Morton-Owens will ask Nunez to talk with IG chairs and ask them to suggest a deliverable they can accomplish this year. Will also work with IG and committee chairs to establish regular check-ins. This outreach should serve as preliminary preparation for the Core merger set of messages. Pursue dissolving inactive IGs more aggressively. Simultaneously issue a call for identifying and starting up any new needed or desired IGs

9. **Review Action Items** – Morton-Owens

Kim's Action Items

- Morton-Owens will draft an email to the membership about LITA activities at the 2020 Midwinter Meeting in Philadelphia and send it to the Board for feedback to help her finalize it.
- LITA Local: Watch Parties seems to be the most promising route as a beginning; Beatty and Heller will check with local Chicago folks for interest in organizing a pilot group and report back.
- Kim will draft an Interest Groups deliverables list that can be used by Morton-Owens and Nunez; will post it on the LITA Board Connect for edits and feedback.

- Morton-Owens and Nunez will discuss with IG chairs future changes in operations in the context of the Core merger and to strengthen IG activities.

10. **Determine Agenda Items for Next Meeting** – Morton-Owens

- To be determined

11. **Conduct Plus/Delta** – Morton-Owens

Plus: Good discussions. The use of times on the schedule worked well.

12. **Adjournment**

Motion: Heller moved and Farney seconded

Adopted: passed by consensus

Adjourned at 2:01pm

Chat text:

12:14:51 From mark @ lita : Hello everyone, we'll get started at half past the hour!
12:32:11 From Bohyun : Sorry I am late a few min!
12:34:01 From mark @ lita : Recording has been started
12:34:58 From Jenny (LITA) : LITA Public Documents:
<https://connect.ala.org/lita/find/lita-public-documents>
12:34:59 From Bohyun : a good reminder! :) forgets every time
12:35:30 From Jamen McGranahan : Hello - I am Jamen McGranahan from Vanderbilt University
12:35:36 From Jerry Waller : Jerry Waller, Elon University--Hello!
12:35:43 From Bohyun : welcome everyone!
12:35:44 From Lynne Edgar : Lynne Edgar from Texas Tech University
12:35:49 From Becky Burke : Hello, Becky Burke here. I am a recent graduate from the LIS dept at UB.
12:35:58 From Jodie Gambill : Welcome all! (Hi Jamen!)
12:36:26 From Jenny (LITA) : More specific link to the Board documents:
<https://connect.ala.org/lita/viewdocument/july-2019-lita-board-meeting>
12:36:43 From Bohyun : second!
12:41:13 From Bohyun :
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1iudewkrXgsYeQLew5TINhdKvc96cAGMXl7z813mxy-4/edit#gid=1943532856>
12:50:31 From Bohyun : lol

- 12:52:19 From egmowens : For Midwinter 2020, IGs should hold business meetings online and program-type meetings should be held over to Annual.
- 12:52:33 From egmowens : IGs that are co-sponsored with ALCTS will meet as usual.
- 12:52:43 From Berika Williams : Sounds good
- 12:53:53 From egmowens : For Midwinter 2020, IGs will not hold meetings (except for ones co-sponsored with ALCTS).
- 12:54:12 From evviva : @Emily - do you want a second for the second version?
- 12:54:25 From evviva : Sorry, I'm rushing.
- 12:54:38 From egmowens : For Midwinter 2020, IGs will not hold meetings or discussions (except for ones co-sponsored with ALCTS).
- 12:54:42 From Topher L. : "Meetings, discussions, and/or programs"?
- 13:00:58 From Topher L. : Sorry, I have to run! Another meeting looms. Good seeing you all!
- 13:03:32 From Bohyun : do we have any of the EL group in chicago area?
- 13:04:05 From Jenny (LITA) : unfortunately, no
- 13:08:07 From Jodie Gambill : Emily's point goes along with the question I had — has it been determined that some sort of local program kind of thing will exist for sure in Core?
- 13:08:40 From Bohyun : I like the idea of the watch party
- 13:08:54 From Bohyun : it can also be associated with lita web course or lita webinar
- 13:10:37 From Amanda L. Goodman : The report:
<https://alair.ala.org/bitstream/handle/11213/10233/2019%20LITA%20Close%20to%20Home%20Final%20Report.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y>
- 13:11:06 From Jenny (LITA) : Draft Activities Plan:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/184LyHWbfcMGm8ab6iiVXKdlvtkkYYRGHewUYqi2PV0c/edit?usp=sharing>
- 13:12:58 From Jodie Gambill : Thanks Jenny, I see the Local entry in there :)
- 13:30:51 From Becky Burke : Thanks for letting me sit in. Gotta go, lunch over. :-)
- 13:31:00 From Jenny (LITA) : Thanks, Becky!
- 13:32:29 From evviva : i have to step off for a minute
- 13:32:35 From evviva : Last day of work stuff
- 13:32:41 From Bohyun : I like the idea of tying content creation with IGs!
- 13:36:31 From Jamen McGranahan : just an inquiry - does ALA provide digital storage space for LITA? If so, that could be used to store these deliverables
- 13:37:04 From Jenny (LITA) : good question, Jamen. we prefer not to host things on ALA's Drupal site because they're difficult to find, but we do have some WordPress sites that could work well for this
- 13:37:32 From egmowens : Sorry if I keep making weird faces, someone is playing the *strangest* music somewhere nearby.
- 13:50:27 From Amanda L. Goodman : Is there an informal list somewhere of the specific different avenues that library tech groups are meeting at? E.g. Facebook group, Slack channel
- 13:50:31 From Amanda L. Goodman : AKA where are people meeting already
- 13:51:16 From Amanda L. Goodman : (I'm only paying attention to library marketing groups at the moment)