

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered Round Table  
American Library Association  
Annual Conference, 2007 Washington, DC



- x Lisa asked if GLBTRT members would be part of the committee. Jane said some would be GLBTRT members.
- x Cal asked if input and/or support has been sought from ALSC or YALSA. Jane said there had not been, since the work of the Rainbow List falls outside their purview.
- x Lewis mentioned that participating in the Rainbow List would help elevate the RT's profile.
- x Anne asked how costs would be dealt with. Jane replied that reading copies are supplied by publishers.
- x John Sandstrom asked how committee members would be appointed. Jane said a mechanism was not yet in place for membership beyond the initial group.
- x Cal asked who makes up the initial group. Jane listed the names.
- x Lewis asked when the list would be issued. Jane replied that the annual list would be produced after Midwinter meetings, possibly in May to coincide with other lists produced by other ALA units.
- x John Bradford asked how many titles would be featured. Jane replied the first list, covering 2005-2007 would include between 50 and 75 titles; she anticipates yearly lists to include approximately 35 titles.
- x Cal asked if what Jane was seeking was to add a new GLBTRT standing committee. Jane said yes.
- x Discussion, at times heated, ensued about reporting structures and expectations, and about involveme w 15 TD [(lp(c)d)-4



Membership Meeting (at 3 p.m.): should the ALA take an official stand on the war in Iraq and on other issues generally thought to be non-library-related. Larry also expressed his delight that the measure which he introduced in Council to broaden RT representation in that body had passed in the ALA election, and that the GLBTRT was benefiting from this measure's passage.

x External Relations

Holly Mercer

Holly asked if an incoming chair of external relations had been identified. Norman said no. Cal suggested an announcement be made at the social to alert members to this need.

Holly said the READ software had been purchased for the RT.

x Fundraising

David Gray

Deferred to SC II.

x Membership

Paul Higdon

Paul reported that the mentoring program has begun, with three pairings ; there are three mentors in need of mentees, and two mentees in need of mentors. Mentoring forms have not been received from all SC members.

Social networking presences have been established via an ALA blog, MySpace page, Flickr account and LiveJournal site. There have been 192 visits to the MySpace page, and 35 friends are listed. Lewis asked if all the sites are linked from the GLBTRT page and cross-linked. They are not. K.R. suggested including the web addresses for all sites in a newsletter article. Paul agreed.

Paul said his working relationship with ALA Membership Marketing Manager John Chrastka is positive, and that he has been receiving much in the way of useful data. The RT has over 900 members.

Paul said efforts so far to broaden the RT's ethnic diversity have so far not been successful. John Sandstrom said he is working on GLBT programming with REFORMA President Mario Ascensio for their upcoming national conference; perhaps this will help build bridges.

### Action Item 3

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## Motion 4

**Action Item 5**  
*Write newsletter articles regarding  
upcoming election cycles for ALA and  
GLBTRT.*

**Norman Eriksen**  
**John Bradford**

x Program Planning Committee Gary Wasdin  
Gary announced programs on Aging Issues for GLBT persons and Female-to-Male Transgender Issues. He announced Barbara Pickell as the new committee chair. If members have program ideas for Anaheim, they should be e-mailed to Barbara.

x Stonewall Awards Celebration Committee John Sandstrom  
John reported that 151 of 160 possible seats have been sold for the brunch. A few seats are still available. Volunteers are needed for table set-up after 8 a.m. Sunday. The head table will have seating for 10-12 people; who should be seated here?

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