

Shari called the meeting to order at 2:30pm.

Round of introductions consisting of name, institution, and GODORT position when applicable.

There were no amendments. Bill Sudduth motioned, Rebecca Hyde seconded.

Approval of the minutes from Midwinter 2018 (posted on the wiki): no amendments. John Stevenson motioned, Justin Otto seconded.

Update from the ad hoc web redesign task force: anticipated completion of the new website by Labor Day. There are plans to sunset the wiki. The task force is Hallie Pritchett, Aimee Slater, Robbie Sittel, Tom Adamich, Samantha Hager, and Kian Flynn.

, Rebecca Hyde

Report distributed prior to meeting and additional copies were available at meeting. Overall financial outlook is good. Rebecca noted that we received fewer donations this year as compared to the price of the awards reception, so we may want to increase fundraising moving forward. Though she also noted that the conference location impacts the reception price, and it is more expensive to hold in certain cities.

We also have some outstanding expenses not yet reflected in the budget, but things are good.

, Bill Sudduth

Forums moved to 7:15am Monday and then one at 4pm. Council I passed "Resolution to Honor African Americans Who Fought Library Segregation." Bill seconded the resolution and asked that GODORT endorse it. Other resolutions coming forward include one that GLBTRT is working on for gender-neutral bathrooms at conferences. This has been a noticeable issue at the New Orleans conference, given the size of the convention center; the few that are here are not always conveniently located.

Council also discussed ALA reorganization, specifically addressing two questions: 1) what would you fix in ALA? (Bill said to rationalize the complexity), and 2) if you were creating an organization today, what would you do? (Bill thinks the organization needs to proactively credit and license the education process that makes us librarians, but what he said was the organization needs to think about the Information part of the profession).

Finances will be discussed in Council II. ALA is changing the budget ceiling to an available revenue/expense model. Leadership wants to take ~1.7M out of assets, which will include updates to IT in Washington & Chicago offices. They are also exploring what to do with the Huron St. building.

Conference attendance, as of this morning: 17,434 registrants, which is 1,000 above what they expected. The breakdown is approximately 12,000 members and 5,000 vendors. This is fewer attendees than Chicago, but more than Orlando.

Bill asks GODORT to endorse



