

SR-SIS 2007 Business Meeting Minutes

Social Responsibilities Special Interest Section

Annual Business Meeting Minutes

Sunday July 15, 2007

Noon-1pm

New Orleans

Officers in Attendance:

Leslie Campbell, Immediate Past Chair

Ron Wheeler, Chair

Ann Hemmens, Interim Vice-Chair

Larry Reeves, Secretary/Treasurer

Courtney Selby, Chair of the Standing Committee on Lesbian and Gay Issues

Call To Order:

Ron Wheeler welcomed everyone to the meeting and promised to look into the possibility of a more convenient meeting time for future conferences.

Approval of Minutes:

2006 minutes were approved by a voice vote.

Treasurer's Report:

Larry Reeves gave the treasurer's report. The SR-SIS general account balance as of 3/31/2007 was \$14, 291.12. [Treasurer's Note: This balance was before debits of approx. \$2500 for the reception, \$1000 honorarium for Kurzban, \$1000 donation to the book drive, \$500 donation to books for prisons in New Orleans, and various other expenses.] The Holoch Fund stood at \$11,842.89.

Committee Reports:

Educational Program Committee:

Ron introduced the programs for 2007:

- ABA Diversity Standard Under Fire
- Kurzban on Immigration

Courtney Selby is hosting a program meeting at 9am Tuesday. One idea was mentioned: Affirmative Action Decisions from the U.S. Supreme Court.

Standing Committee on Lesbian and Gay Issues:

Business Meeting to be held at 5:30pm, July 15th, 2007

Courtney announced the reception to be held at Bacco in the W French Quarter, from 8pm-11pm. A charge of \$15 would be collected at the door. James Gernert was the recipient of the Holoch Grant. Also, the report from the name change committee would be presented and discussed at the Standing Committee's Business Meeting, and a vote on the name change is to take place electronically before the meeting in Portland.

Standing Committee on Law Library Services to Institutional Residents:

Business Meeting to be held at 7:45am, July 16th, 2007

- Fourth Annual Joint Roundtable Discussion (LISP, RIPS, SR): Amy Hale-Janeke to lead a discussion on serving pro se patrons.

Newsletter:

Ron apologized for the delay.

CONNELL:

Thanks to Stephanie, Larry and Courtney for volunteering to sit at the welcoming table.

Book Drive:

- Thanks to Carol Billings and Alison Alifano for spearheading this year's book drive, *ReCovering New Orleans: One Book at a Time*, which by all indications is set to break previous records by quite a large margin. Over \$5000 has already been donated, and there will be a write-up in the *Times-Picayune*.

Election Results:

Courtney Selby was elected to be the Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, as Ron Wheeler continues for one more year as Chair.

New Business:

- With the success of the New Orleans community service projects, co-sponsored by the SR, Ron Wheeler agreed to head an ad hoc committee to explore the possibility of continuing service projects in future conference cities.
- \$1,000 donated to Book Drive
- A resolution proposed by Helen Litwack condemning the University and College Union's proposed boycott of Israeli Academics was introduced by Brian Flaherty. After some discussion, the resolution was tabled, with one abstention.
- A special thank you to Carol Billings, for her years of service to the SR, as she is retiring this year. Ron Wheeler and Larry Reeves will look into a certificate of thanks for Carol.

Adjourned