



"There is no such thing as a single-issue struggle because we do not live single-issue lives."

-- Audre Lorde

SR-SIS Newsletter

Spring 2010



Minutes from 2009 Social Responsibilities Business Meeting

Standing Committee meeting, 2009

Sunday, July 26, 4:19pm

2. Agenda approved

3. Minutes from 2008 meeting. Approved & seconded

4. Treasurer's report: Holoch is at \$12,962, less \$350 for this year's meeting. Camille asked about contribution to the fund from the reception. Stephanie will check into transfer of funds from SR to Holoch from 2008 and earlier receptions, as well as the 2009 reception.

5. Old business

- Meg reported that DC voting rights program went well, noted that DC recently enacted (ordinance?) recognizing same-sex marriage

- Meg introduced Pam Brannon, recipient of the Holoch grant. Camille talked about Alan & brief history of the standing committee, and the holoch bequest.

- Meg reported for James Donovan on the bibliography; 3 supplements in 2009, James is intending bimonthly updates. James is writing most of them himself -- he needs help. Please. We will have the link resent and will distribute a little more broadly as folks are interest. Will also post to sr-sis page and the bibliography website.

- Stephanie reported that web site updating is on hold bc of the inventory and plan of AALLNET2. Will convene the list/committee to garner ideas and some goals for things we want to keep, archive, and update regularly.

- Stephanie reported on the membership list for SC feedback question -- we will begin with the SR-SIS list whether they wish to be included on the SC membership list. There was discussion of having someone keep the membership list as a specific responsibility. Camille moved to create a new position of archivist. Ron also has materials to give to this person. Karen Schneiderman is interested; (we will create position and then elect someone to serve under the secretary). Jeff noted that Chair may appoint someone this year; we will elect next year. Meg appointed Karen; stephanie has binder and will ship it to Karen. Courtney prepared a sign-in sheet for today. Meg suggested a compiled history of the SC. David will work on this, including photos from the flickr account that Courtney set up. Many people have mat'ls -- Camille, Ron, Stephanie (the binder), more. Interest in 30th anniv. ribbons next year; Scott Burgh will make it happen. Scott asked about developing something like a checklist, to insure consistency from year to year with leadership. Meg and Scott and Jeff will work on creating this for the SC.

7. New Business:

- Meg reported on contact with the incoming chair of SRRT, who is interested in working with us. The person is in Chicago, so Scott Burgh agreed to talk with him and work on this.

- Ron reported that Meg was smashing on the Diversity symposium panel, representing glbt interests.

- Jeff Berns is on SLA, is interested in working as a liaison with SLA's GLBTC

- Suggestion of a membership survey, gathering demographic data. library type. Suggestion of tying it to AALLNET, asking for a listserv on AALLNET for the SC (separate from SR). Suggestion to get signs tonight for attendance at the reception. Will try to gather some more institutional history in the survey, as well. There should be some discussion about all the information that needs to be gathered in the survey (so that there's only one).

- Meg received inquiry/notice from nat'l diversity in libraries conference - interest in presenting/coordinating. If anyone is interested, talk to Meg. tdawes@princeton.edu. Conference is summer 2010, proposals due oct. 2009.

- Laura asked if we had a facebook page. No, should we? Pam can set one up, w/ help from Ron.

8. Election of 2009-10 officers.

Courtney noted that James Durham needed to step down during this year, and Meg agreed to fill in. She has also agreed to step into the chair position for 2009-10.

So we need to elect chair and chair-elect (meg and someone new).

Courtney nominated David Holt for chair-elect. Ron moved for voting by acclamation to elect David.

9. Announcements

- Ron is candidate for executive board (yay!)
- Jeff announced that SLA (glb) meeting had presentation on papers in DC from (someone?).

Annual Meeting Service Project

Pamela Brannon has graciously volunteered to organize the service project at this year's annual meeting in Denver. Keep track of messages on the list-serv for updates on how you can help.

Holoch Grant Committee

Dear SR-SIS Members,
We're getting ready for the Annual Meeting in Denver!

July will be here before we know it, one of the matters we are attending to is the award of the Alan Holoch Memorial Grant, which serves to help SR-SIS members defray the cost of travel or registration for the AALL Annual Meeting. Individuals chosen to receive the grant have the potential to make significant contributions to law librarianship through their involvement with AALL and the Social Responsibilities Special Interest Section's Standing Committee on Lesbian and Gay Issues: Embracing the Diversity of Sexual Orientations and Gender Identities.

I am currently looking for a few volunteers from the SR-SIS to serve on the grant committee to help in choosing this year's grant recipient. Committee members would review the grant applications during April and work together to choose a recipient. The recipient is to be announced in early May.

The time commitment required is relatively small, but the value of the work we do will be of great importance to the grant winner. Please let me know if you'd like to be involved!

Thanks,

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