

# **L&SR Literacy and Social Responsibility**

## **Special Interest Group of the International Reading Association**

### **BUSINESS MEETING**

**Toronto, Ontario**

**May 17, 2007**

**Attending: Denise Stuart, Ann Kennedy, Melanie Cohen Goodman, Patty Dean, Alma Flor Ada, Isabel Campoy, Susan Speer-Powers.**

**The meeting was called to order by President, Denise Stuart, on May 3, 2006, following the 2007 L&SR presentation at the Annual Convention of the International Reading Association. The directory was circulated and updated.**

**The treasurer reported \$250.00.**

**Denise and Susan created a written record of this meeting.**

#### **Highlights of the Meeting:**

- **Ann Kennedy has actively joined the group and has agreed to become the research chair.**
- **Isabel and Alma Flor have a connection in Atlanta so will organize the social event for Monday night, May 5—the night before our program.**
- **Brainstorming of speakers for next year led to the following suggestions: Naomi Shihad Nye, Sharon Draper and Ashley Bryan.**
- **Web address was discussed and decided if both addresses work, that would be great. It was agreed that the issue was difficult to resolve with neither Rebecca or Kaye present. The issue can be revisited in the future.**
- **Isabel Campoy and Alma Flor discussed the idea of starting an award for an exemplary project reflecting the mission of the LSR-SIG to be given annually. A committee of Board Members will review the submissions. An award will involve a plaque or glass plate or something tangible as well as a certificate. Announcement of winner will occur at the SIG session with award given at that time. Alma Flor & Isabel will create the criteria for the exemplary project and I will see about getting it posted in *Reading Today* along with a blip or two about the SIG. The exemplary project could be presented at the annual LSR-SIG meeting and/or at an IRA Poster Session.**
- **Also proposed was the idea to generate funds, hold a raffle of children's literature and LSR themed material. Previous presenters will be contacted and donations sought. Then, at the day of the presentation tickets will be sold and winners drawn for items collected. Patty volunteered to take on this project.**

- **Melanie was asked to send thank-you emails to presenters and request copies of their PowerPoint presentations and/or handouts to post on the L&SR Web site. These should be sent to Kaye West.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Beth Breneman, Secretary  
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