

**Literacy and Social Responsibility Special Interest Group
International Reading Association Annual Convention
Peabody Hotel, Orlando, Florida
Tuesday, May 10, 2011**

Business Meeting: Summary of Actions

Presiding: President Patricia Dean

Persons Present: Andrea Karlin, Patty Dean, Melanie Cohen Goodman, Aimee Rogers, Margaret Mary Sulentic Dowell, Denise Stuart, Joyce Wheaton, Susan Speer-Powers, Isabel Campoy, Alma Flor Ada, Beth Breneman

Congratulations and accolades were extended to:

- Andrea Karlin and Melanie Cohen Goodman, 2011 co-chairs, for organizing and chairing a stellar program.
- Denise Stuart, Isabel Campoy, and Alma Flor Ada, for their leadership in creating our first Literacy and Service Award Presentation, which was dazzling
- Susan Speer-Powers for creating the 2011 newsletter and Margaret-Mary Sulentic Dowell for her leadership on the eJournal, both of which elevate the level of our work
- Patty Dean for organizing our 2011 social event
- All persons present for their many contributions to the SIG including Ernie Bond who extended Facebook to our membership

Patty Dean, who actively supported and assisted the co-chairs throughout the year, noted that our new format with

key noters at beginning and end succeeded in holding the audience for the entirety of our session.

Patty welcomed Joy Steiner, who has agreed to serve as Social Event Planner for 2012.

Patty also welcomed Ernie Bond, our new Communications Coordinator who manages both our e-List and Facebook.

No volunteers have stepped up to serve as Program Chair for 2013 and 2014, however, Andrea Karlin volunteered to take the lead for those years as well as 2012 since she now knows the ropes.

Andrea reported that an IRA official stated to her that a short-session time allotment was being rotated across SIGs. We await further clarification on this issue.

Beth Breneman received continuing support and approval from the Board to develop for the L & SR Web-site a Strand on Instructional Strategies, expanding from her 2010 presentation, "Best Literacy Strategies with Prosocial Twists."

Melanie Cohen Goodman, our Treasurer, reported \$1250.26 is in our SIG account.

Aimee Rogers, our Chair, Literature of Social Justice, will contact Kaye West to share information about software that allows for speedier posting of web-site documents.

Alma and Isabel suggested that we initiate a new award: Notable Books for Social Responsibility. Isabel, Alma, and Patty agreed to work together in leading this new initiative. Aimee Rogers took the lead in collecting a list of interested members from those attending the business meeting. Other members may wish to participate in this project.

The first step is contacting publishers for children's books and books drawn from professional literature. Final decisions about which genres and age groups to target would be decided after seeing what comes in from the publishers.

Note from Melanie and others at SIG dinner party gathered Tuesday evening: Board members should consider staying in 2012 at Chicago's Seneca Hotel (affordable rates & convenient location though not listed as an IRA Hotel). Staying at the same hotel would make it easier for us to get together.

Respectfully submitted by Beth Breneman, Secretary of Literacy & Social Responsibility SIG, IRA