

**Business Meeting
Literacy and Social Responsibility Special Interest Group
International Literacy Association Annual Convention
St. Louis, Missouri
July 18, 2015**

Business Meeting Notes

Presiding: President Andrea Karlin

Persons Present (in alphabetical order): Pat Bloem, Beth Breneman, Francis Broadway, Andreas Karlin, Char Moffit, Cheryl Nelson, Zanthia Smith, Denise Stuart, Margaret Swope, Janet Wong

Andrea Karlin called the meeting to order. Andrea congratulated and thanked all participants who helped to make the St. Louis program a smashing success. L-SR Directories and By-laws were distributed for review by the Board.

Presenters were reminded that Kaye West will post their handouts &/or other materials on the L-SR Website.

Andrea introduced Janet Wong as the new Program Chair for 2016 and 2017. Janet shared ideas for the 2016 program including inviting authors of our 2015 Social Justice Literature Award-winning books and having author presentations as beginning and ending book-ends for the session. Janet is also considering authors of other books reflecting areas of concern in our mission statement, such as books about Jane Goodall, to assure coverage of environmental issues.

Denise Stuart provided an update on the L-SR Book Award. A motion was introduced that the Book Award Committee accept books published internationally at the point that they are published in English. The motion was passed.

Cheryl Nelson was introduced as the new Chair of student Literacy & Service Awards. Denise will provide Cheryl with technical assistance during the transition.

The need for a 2016 Dinner Event Planner in Boston was identified, and Francis Broadway volunteered. Beth Breneman volunteered to notify Francis of the LSR session date as soon as it is set.

Another opening on the Board, Communication Coordinator, was reported and Char Moffit agreed to begin with the tasks of getting photos from the 2015 session on Literacy Responsibility's Facebook page—including photos of L-SR's new award-winning books. Beth Breneman offered to work on updating the e-list and get it into working order. Char expressed willingness to take it over once it is up-dated and suggested that she and Beth work together on this project.

Andrea reported that our new Treasurer is Patricia Dean, (also serving as Past President) and Andrea is co-Treasurer and can access and monitor the account electronically. There is \$2250.60 in the account. Andrea suggested if our account grows significantly in the future that we consider bonding the funds in the account.

Leah Saal, co-editor of the L-SR eJournal raised the question and discussed with Cheryl and other officers whether she and Tynisha should change the eJournal cycle to be similar to ILA's. The conclusion at this time is that they will wait for a year and see whether ILA's cycle changes again in the future. Leah also reported that 20% of submissions are accepted by L-SR eJournal reviewers.

Communication among members of the Board will continue, as needed, via email.