

SALA Meeting – Open Meeting – 1/31/08 4:30pm-

In attendance:

Officers – Cadi Sauve, Bethany Klassen, Sonja Sutherland, Jack Baur, Miriam Rigby, Bo Kinney, Renee Disch

The Public – Becca Blakewood, Jay Mann, Erin Gordon, Andrew Szydlowski

Introductions of ourselves

Thanks for coming!

Overview of what SALA is: student branch of the ALA.

Upcoming Events

Washington Talking Book and Braille Library tour

- 1 Feb, This coming Friday at noon
- Being led by Cadi and Renee, Renee is bringing cupcakes
- The official tour leader is great! You should go!

Library Legislative Day

- Feb. 15, registration by the 8th
- Rental cars, flex car, etc? – Bo and Sonja will look into options/costs – Beth will research motor pool, we'll go with whatever is easiest and best insurance
- We're facilitating a group to go, encouraging letters and emails to legislators if you can't make it – we will hand deliver letters.
- Main issues – transportation and getting written issue statements.
- Can offer scholarship.
- Motor pool vans? – no fancy driver needed, might need administrative sponsor and training video. Don't need to pay for gas, just by mile. May need a budget number.
- Need to meet/leave at 9am, round-about by MGH
- Will send out further details by email soon – lots of emails with little bits of info, rather than one big one.

Use of MGH 420 on the 5th

- We can go over the issues of legislative day, or reschedule for following week so more fresh in minds
- Or, that time can be used for letter writing time for people who can't go.

Tours of other libraries (Art Museum, SPL Central, State Library) - dates TBD

Thinking Ahead...

Officer Positions for next year

- Nominations Feb. 28-March 6
- Voting March 7-14

ALA Anaheim

- Need to get registered for low rates, rooms, flights,

What else would you like to see?

- Discussions about systems librarians, dealing with vendors, open source software,
- ALA policies/stances – could we spotlight/promote these? – on website we can do this
 - Send out Catalyst survey to get more ideas, and when people could attend
 - iYouth group? Renee is heading it up, lots of people involved – book club every month run by Jennifer Knight, Feb 4th having a panel of people working with children and youth, public and school librarians. – could SALA be working with this? Make a subcommittee?
 - Advocacy on SALA's part for youth librarian program – it is troubled.
 - iSchool miss-marketing itself/programs, making a stand?

Draft a statement “SALA believes that these elements are missing...” worded in way that produces productive results – use of positive terms. “Should be the mission of the iSchool to promote...” (as intro), then areas that need improvement. Offer constructive solutions. Bo thinks it's good to word in a not-too-positive way. As specific, and clear as possible! Get representatives from specific interest groups. Get iSchool students to sign it. Have a vote of all members.

We should take a poll of member in the iSchool of ALA so we can have the vote/ make this a legal document.

Have open forum, after Library Legislative Day

Other Stuff

Miriam will email all minutes to Sonja

Have another open meeting (esp.) of SALA/ALA membership before drafting the resolution. Late Feb. Need to look up official rules for ratifying a statement.

Will have next Open meeting Wed. the 13th – Renee will deal with room

Meeting on the 20th, work on drafting a resolution, Officer's meeting

Before hand, look into bylaws.