

GameRT Board Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2026, 12pm Central

Action Items

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Attendance

Liz

- Apprentice Mage- Chris Baker (2025 - 2026)
- Reigning Mage- Amber Sewell (2025 - 2026)
- Sage Mage- Danielle Costello (2025 - 2026)
- Treasurer- Thomas Vose (2024 - 2026)

- Secretary- Liz Brown (2024 - 2026)
- Meeple at Large- Carl DiNardo (2025 - 2027)
- Meeple at Large- Kathy Dejnowski (2025 - 2027)
- Meeple at Large- Hannah Mabry Wang (2024 - 2026)
- Meeple at Large- Jennifer Taylor (2024 - 2026)
- Meeple at Large- Joshua Newport (2024 - 2026)
- ALA Councilor- Terri Grief (2023 - 2026)
- ALA Staff Liaison- Tina Coleman

Others in attendance:

- George Bergstrom- Indiana State Library, Awards Committee chair; Programming Committee co-chair
- Rebecca Strang- North Central College, Programming Committee co-chair
- Evan Fruehauf
- Mackenzie Johnson
- Liz Hollendonner
- Lisa Wuennemann - [MESH Helps](#)
- Stephanie Vance
- Adelle Frank
- Colin Post - University of North Carolina - Greensboro, Programming Committee co-chair; Awards Committee
- Elizabeth Hambleton - Outreach Committee

Absent:

- Meeple at Large- Molly Porter (2025 - 2027)

Past Meeting Minutes Approval

Liz

[December Meeting Minutes](#) - Danielle passed, Chris seconded, **approved**

Magely Items

Amber

- The board voted via Connect in December to proceed with hosting ALA Play on Saturday for this year without receiving any written commitment to Play moving back to Friday for the 2027 conference at suggestion from the Program Committee
- Subcommittee Updates
 - Intellectual Freedom Committee (IFC) -Tom Taylor volunteered to be liaison for the remainder of this term–thank you!

- Committee on Professional Ethics (COPE) - Tylar Kerstetter (2025 - 2026)
- Call for the creation of a Meeple at Large Election Ad Hoc Committee
 - Will be defining how the role has changed and organizing nominations for the Meeple at Large role
 - Danielle motioned to pass, **approved**
 - Set as subcommittee of Strategic Planning Committee- charge to them to get the ball rolling

Program Committee

Virtual Programming

Colin

- Mini Conference (March)- [call for proposals](#) open until January 12, last call going out soon
 - Healthy amount of submissions already, looking forward to reviewing them all

Conference Programming

Rebecca

- ALA Annual
 - Play moved from Friday to Saturday
 - Presidents Program- blurb will be sent to Tina by Monday
 - Board Meeting
 - Trivia collab
 - ALA Lounge huddles?
 - Members are welcome to submit independently of GameRT and let us know if they're accepted- we'd be happy to market your work
 - Gaming Grove application open- earliest ever, thanks Tina!
 - Will start assigning contact information list
 - Information collected and passed down from HallEricksson
- C2E2 - Tina meeting with ReedPop next week
 - Collaborating with Chicago Public Library and RAILS on exhibitor space
 - Pierce Waters from Pathfinder reached out to Tina about Annual, shared Gaming Grove form

International Games Month Committee

George

- IGM wrapped!

- MESH Helps collaboration- Lisa Wuennemann
 - Would like to have an event similar to IGM, but smaller, in May to promote mental health and gaming
 - MESH Helps would take care of the organizing, GameRT would help with registration and promotion
 - Posting to Discord, Bluesky, Connect
 - Goal is to get 300 libraries to sign up, who would receive a box of games to use for programming
 - Motion to partner- Danielle motion to pass, **approved**

Treasurer's Report

Thomas

- No new budget numbers from ALA
- Purchasing badges for exhibit volunteers- \$2000 budgeted
 - Full conference attendance - 3 people
 - Single day - 6 people
 - Exhibits only - 10 people
 - Preference to purchase Exhibits Only badge, covering the days that members sign up to cover booth shifts
 - Consider vetting questions in application form
 - How far are you traveling to attend Annual?
 - Will your institution provide support?
 - How many shifts are you able to sign up for?
- Merchandise opportunities
 - Email chain between Tina and Thomas regarding royalties from GameRT merch in [ALA Gift Shop](#)
 - FY22 - \$42
 - FY 23 - \$48.48
 - FY 24 - \$53.78
 - FY 25 - \$31.92
 - FY 26 (current, ongoing) - \$7.72
 - Some items have been sunset from the store, space to introduce new designs
 - Great ribbons- turn them into shirts? Preference for evergreen designs, rather than GameRT logo
 - Low Stress, High Mayhem, et al.
- Shorter window for budget submission in the upcoming year, supposedly for faster turnover from budget office
 - Opening January 27; closing February 12

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Council Report

Terri

- Upcoming Council sessions for this month are on January 21st and 22nd

ALA Updates

Tina

- Solicitation for writing / programming which highlights or retrospective-izes how has GameRT evolved celebration of ALA Anniversary
- [ALA Institutional Repository](#) (ALAIR)- making sure documentation is saved to ALA archives
 - We have been saving this documentation to the Connect library as year-end tasks and were under the impression that this was the established process for transferring documentation to the archives- question about whether/how much web crawlers are grabbing from new website
 - Need to write best practices for this process, if there are changes to how it is done

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Outreach Committee

Jennifer / Tylar

- Working on policy for solicited reviews- Tylar working on this and getting ready for Board comments

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Awards Committee

George

- The [nomination form is open](#), submit your recommendations!
- Discussing adjusting timeline, need to update announcement period given the cessation of Midwinter Conference / LibLearnX

Metadata Committee

Mackenzie

- Looking to adapt guidelines to a tabular structure for easier searching

Strategic Planning Committee

Danielle

- Solicit nominations for Mage- past period for people to appear on ballot but can still coordinate a write-in option

Game On! Grant Committee

Josh

- Committee turnover- Joshua now chair
 - Updating committee spaces to make sure Connect and Discord are up to date with the most new committee roster

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Additional Items

Open Comments / Questions

- What is everyone playing?
 - Danielle- Tiny Bookstore
 - Hannah & Rebecca- Split Fiction
 - Joshua- Assassin's Creed Shadows
 - Jennifer- Magic the Gathering Arena

- Evan- Arc Raiders, Jurassic World
- Elizabeth H- Clair Obscur, Fading Serenade, Scrabdackle
- Chris- Virtual Boy
- Colin- Scarlet Hollow
- This [meeting's chatlog](#) has been uploaded for supplementary purposes.
- George made a connection with the editor of [RUSQ: Reference Services User Quarterly](#) regarding an one-time column about collection development for games

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Next Board Meeting

GameRT Board meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month from 12:00 - 1:00 CST. Zoom links are available through Connect and Discord.

Forthcoming meetings will be:

- February 12, 2026
- March 12, 2026
- April 9, 2026
- May 14, 2026
- June 11, 2026