

GameRT Board Meeting

August 11, 2022; 12:00 - 1:00 CST

Attendance (Liz)

- George Bergstrom- President Elect
- Rebecca Strang- President
- Thomas Vose- Past President
- Liz Brown- Secretary
- Tina Coleman- ALA Staff Liaison
- Gina Kromhout- ALA Council Liaison
- Amber Sewell- Member at Large
- Danielle Costello- Member at Large
- Jenn Bartlett- Member at Large
- Matthew Stephenson- Member at Large

Others in attendance:

- Ann Smith Rushing

Absent:

- Karen Schneider- ALA Executive Board Liaison
- Dana Scott- Member at Large
- Joshua Newport- Member at Large

Past Meeting Minutes Approval (Liz)

- [July minutes](#) were approved

Treasurer's report (OPEN)

- Jessica Parij had to step down as GRT's Treasurer
- Rebecca is reaching out to Sara Reed to see if she would be interested in filling the position, otherwise the Board will need to find someone to appoint
- George presented the most recent updates from ALA, everything is in the black
- A new fiscal year will be starting September 1st

Council Report (Gina)

- Forthcoming meeting on August 26th will be to address a [Constitutional rewrite](#)
- A new parliamentarian has been elected, [Adrian Stratton](#)

ALA Updates (Tina)

- A standard agreement for webinar and ecourse presenters has been issued- see the [Connect post for more information](#) (only accessible to GRT Board)
- Responses have been sent in to the “ALA Round Table Review” survey from President-Elect Lessa Kanani’opua Pelayo-Lozada
- Action item:** updating the email for new and renewing members- Rebecca

Dues/Bylaws Task Force Updates (Liam)

- Voting on the [proposed round table fee restructuring](#) is due August 17 by 5:00 EST, Liam will present the GRT Board for this vote
- GRT Board members felt Option 1 was the best choice, with Option 3 being second best, and Option 5 third best
- The GRT Board decided Scenario A was the best option for the “Safety Net Scenarios” by offering the most coverage to divisions who are essential but are not necessarily protected by majority membership numbers- such as the New Members Round Table and ethnic minority divisions
- Once voted upon, these bylaws will go into effect September 2023

Committee membership update (Rebecca/Tina)

- Committees have been assigned, Tina is checking volunteers’ membership status as the final step and anticipates having this completed by the end of the week
- Rebecca would like to attend the next meeting for each committee in order to say hello

Simplifying committee titles (Rebecca)

- Proposed renaming for two committees:
 - “Membership & Promotion Committee” will become “Outreach Committee”
 - Approved by Rebecca, seconded by Danielle
 - “Long-range and Strategic Planning” will become “Strategic Planning Committee”
 - Approved by Rebecca, seconded by Jenn

Program Committee (Danielle)

- Generation Analog was attended by several Board members, [an archive of the sessions is available on youtube](#), some of the presenters will be presenting forthcoming webinars
- Forthcoming Webinars:
 - October: solo RPGs and Game Jams, lead by Finley Palaniki (Staffordshire University)
 - December: Trans games & safe gaming spaces, lead by P S Berge (University of Central Florida)

- [Twitch channel](#):
 - September 2nd, noon CST: first actual play, [Summer Break](#) (from [The Ultimate Micro-RPG Book](#))
 - FIRST SPOOKY SPECTACULAR SHOWCASE
 - a streaming partnership with the Films & Media Round Table (FMRT) and Graphic Novels and Comics Round Table (GNCRT)
 - happening at the end of October
 - first planning meeting will be held next week
 - Possible games include [Dread X](#), [Don't Starve](#)
 - Working on preparing a board game set up
 - Would like to feature more open discussions about library gaming, in addition to actual play content
- LibLearnX
 - Need more information from ALA in order to plan GRT's offerings- will GRT have a booth?
 - Currently thinking about offering another Mystery Hunt or informal casual play / Discord events
- Action item**: Reach out to Heather with 9th Level Games to see if they are interested in a partnership for the Mystery Hunt- Danielle/Rebecca
 - Annual
 - [Educational programming proposals](#) are due September 16th; note that the proposal does not need to be a completed program, just a planning outline
 - Outside of the educational track, GRT would like to host the following programs:
 - President's Program
 - ALA PLayer
 - Publisher Spotlight ("discussion session")
 - One other "discussion session"- topic TBD
 - Trivia?
 - Games Manufacturer's Association (GAMA) was a no show at ALA Annual 2022; [9th Level Games](#) was an enthusiastic partner and will be part of future conference planning
- Action item**: Meet to discuss and plan future publisher arrangements- Rebecca & Jenn
 - Gen Con report - tabled until Dana gets back

Outreach Committee (Tina)

- July/Summer newsletter is drafted and will be sent out next week
- Rebecca & Danielle have created a new bit.ly account for the round table and have been working on updating and streamlining the links to major GRT pages

Lists & Awards Committee (George)

- The first part of Catherine Croft's back to school games list will be posted to the blog soon

International Games Month Committee (George)

- 103 registrants already
- 142 registrants for the [Game Jam webinar](#) (August 24)
- Sponsor Red Raven Games will have a blog post about [their game Megaland](#) posted soon
- A question arose about permission to use the GRT logo
- Action item:** look up whether ALA has a blanket statement for logos- Tina
- Action item:** draft a statement for the GRT logo, if ALA does not have one prepared- George
- Action item:** repost the flier template for participating libraries to use for event programs- George / Alec
 - Matthew can help (re)create a new template, if needed

Strategic Planning Committee (Thomas)

- GameRT news section doesn't include the latest press release, is this updated manually?
- Action item:** investigate this issue- Tina
- Onboarding completed for board members, will need to be held for reappointed Treasurer as well
- Board nominations for 2023-2024 form is coming in late September, open positions for the GRT will include:
 - 3 Members-at-large
 - President Elect
 - ALA Councilor

Game On Grant Committee (Rebecca)

- [press release](#)
- [blog post](#)

Additional Items

- [GRT tote bags have been added](#) to the ALA Graphics store
 - ALA will be holding a Virtual Volunteer Fair on Wednesday, September 14, 3:00 CST
 - “The 2022 Virtual Volunteer Fair is an opportunity for members to drop in and speak with committee members and/or staff liaisons from various ALA groups that offer volunteer opportunities, including ALA Association committees, Divisions, and Round Tables. Members will be able to ask more specific questions about a committee or group's work, time commitment, typical schedule, how to volunteer, etc!”
- Registration Link:**
<https://ala-events.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYocOyhqzoiHdR9BTJv1z54h7sBSqS0mN6>

Next Board Meeting

GRT Board meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month from 12:00 - 1:00 CST

Zoom links are available through Connect

Forthcoming meetings will be:

September 8, 2022

October 13, 2022

November 10, 2022

December 8, 2022