

GameRT Board Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2025; noon CST

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Attendance

Liz

- President- Danielle Costello
- Past President- George Bergstrom
- Treasurer- Thomas Vose
- Secretary- Liz Brown
- Member at Large- Rebecca Strang
- Member at Large- Jennifer Taylor
- Member at Large- Joshua Newport
- Member at Large- Molly Porter
- ALA Councilor- Terri Grief

Others in attendance:

Adelle Frank, Tylar Kerstetter (Outreach Committee), Mackenzie Johnson (Metadata Committee Chair), Sidney E (International Games Month Committee)

Absent:

- President Elect- Amber Sewell
- Member at Large- Carl DiNardo
- Member at Large- Hannah Mabry Wang
- ALA Staff Liaison- Tina Coleman
- ALA Executive Board Liaison- Karen Schneider

Past Meeting Minutes Approval

Liz

[March meeting minutes](#) - 8 approvals, no objections

- Will begin checking off action items next meeting
 - Incorporate into individual committee sections

Presidential Items

- [Election Results!](#)
 - Chris Baker elected to Apprentice Mage
 - Molly Porter elected to Meeple-at-Large
 - Carl DiNardo elected to Meeple-at-Large
 - Emily Krause elected to Meeple-at-Large
 - Adoption of General Revision of [GameRT Bylaws](#)- passed
 - [Non-round table results](#)
- Reminder: fill out your [volunteer applications](#)!
- ☐ **Action item**: committees need to start thinking about / announcing who next year's chairs will be

Program Committee

Virtual Programming

Rebecca / Carl

- Merging IGM & Programming Committees
 - Streamlining publisher contacts, better able to maintain committee volunteer roster, calendar (IGM - Jan to Dec; Programming - June to July) would actually synch better
 - Need a clear hand off and communication during restructuring
 - George, Carl, Rebecca, Molly (chairs of respective committees) all in favor
 - Change committee roster from 10 to 15 members
 - 3 co-chairs: conference, virtual, IGM

- Feel able to take on IGM work because of past year's efforts to streamline virtual programming- honing in on keystone programs of Mini-con and Spectacular
- To be go into effect during upcoming volunteer calendar; current chairs of BOTH committees will make sure new processes are reflected in application
 - Current IGM members will be grandfathered into new committee format
- Vote: 8 in favor, no objections
 - ☐ Action item: post update to "Get Involved" page, Discord- Rebecca, George, Molly
 - ☐ Action item: blog post recording update - Outreach Committee
 - ☐ Action item: merge / close Connect channels- Tina
- March Mini Con - [Libraries & Video Games](#)
 - 43 feedback surveys from attendees
 - Discord was hopping!
 - Twitch: 209 live views, 88 unique viewers, 19 unique chatters, 10 followers
 - Youtube: 305 live views, 109 unique viewers, 15 new subscribers, 17 returning viewers
 - Thank you Molly for dealing with audio weirdness- single tech person helped a lot

Conference Programming

Molly

- C2E2 (Rebecca) - Tomorrow, April 11!
 - ALA booth in exhibitor hall
 - [Games Connect the Dots Between Libraries and Patrons](#)
 - Fri, Apr 11, 2025
 - 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM
 - N137 Workshops
- Annual
 - Schedule updates
 - Question for Tina- when will presenters get [conference harvester](#) access and exhibitor registration link?
 - Wizards of the Coast
 - trying to contact WOTC since February, new programming contact within company; trying to reestablish contact
 - NOT attending Annual, not sure why; will be missed
 - Alternative publishers: Paizo (main distributor, [Diamond, now bankrupt](#)), Looney Labs, Ninth Level, Exalted Funeral
 - [Exhibit floor updates](#)
 - ALA Play
 - Need to finalize table floor map; waiting on hotel information from Tina
 - Unpub - Heather O'Neill is awesome and has been helping us make connections with publishers

- Funding- Cards Against Humanity confirmed; still looking for additional publishers to chip in money
 - Brainstorming back-up plans for swag bags on Discord, in case we can't pool together enough to cover first choice of food and AV
- Mystery Guild- updating material written for last year to reuse this year
- ☐ Action item: Philly food zine- Liz (optional)

Treasurer's Report

Thomas

FY26 budget surplus

- Lively discussion in Connect- still need to nail down consensus
 - Of most interest:
 - Covering AV & food at ALA Play
 - T-shirts / special swag for members staffing GameRT booth at Annual (\$1500)
 - Tote bags (so we don't have to collect sizes)
 - Custom dice
 - Enamel pin for volunteers on ALL committees, regardless of Annual attendance
 - Of interest but need more clarity to pursue:
 - Paying keynote speakers
 - Travel grant to attend Annual
 - Covering the cost of Annual for smaller publishers
 - How guaranteed is this surplus? Need to answer this before planning on more long-term / continual plans
- Definitely buying games for Grove, including Award winners
- ☐ Action item: Gather quotes for custom dice, lanyards, enamel pins & post to Connect thread in order to continue the discussion - Molly

Game On! Grant Committee

Rebecca

- Currently reviewing applications, decision later this month

Outreach Committee

Jennifer

- Meta decision?

- 10 votes on Connect in favor of leaving
- Planning a process for closing out
- Creating blog post with Discord overview, to help people transition; ditto for Bluesky
 - Link to official tutorials to avoid need for continual updates as Discord changes
- Also posting to Connect
- Chairing for next year: Jennifer willing to continue; Tylar as co-chair for future chair-ness

Awards Committee

Thomas

- 8 nominations for Platys, 6 qualify; voting to opening soon
- Next year:
 - move “Keep in mind” portion to Platy section of the webpage instead, to keep form short
 - Clarify marketing procedures to recruit more nominations

International Games Month Committee

George

- Registration will go live on May 1
 - New questions have been added to help filter what games folks want to receive

Sponsors:

- TTRPGKids
- Almost Bedtime Theater
- CAH
- CAH Scholarship
- Indie Press Revolution
- Dinoberry Press
- Ten Acre Games
- Hatchling Games
- MonarcWriter Storytelling Games
- Roll For Combat
- In the works:
 - Restoration Games
 - Kobold Press
 - Indie designers / publishers, through Steph Campbell (TTRPGKids) connection

Metadata Committee

Mackenzie

- Mackenzie getting in touch with Entertainment Software Association for their [accessibility tags](#) project
 - Institutional representation (YOUR library) = personal representation
 - Round table representation (your GameRT committee) = ALA representation, even if only a few members of the committee work on the project
- White paper still in the works

Strategic Planning Committee

George

- Tina provided a helpful breakdown of the differences between Organizational and Corporate membership and the benefits of each at the ALA level.
 - We need to create a curated list of benefits for GameRT each of those levels for joining GameRT specifically.
- We are thinking that it might be helpful to [survey both members and nonmembers](#) to learn their priorities
- ☐ **Action item:** create a mobile-accessible link to survey to implement at Annual - George

Additional Items

Open Comments / Questions

- What is everyone playing?
 - Molly: ANIMAL WELL
 - Tylar: Oregon Trail
 - Thomas: Xenoblade 1 bonus content
 - Joshua: Dragon Quest 1 + 2 remaster; second playthrough of Skyrim
- George presenting at GenCon - "More Than Alt Text: Designing for Accessibility"
 - GDA Track, Friday at 10 AM, co-presenting with Chris Hopper, Steph Campbell, Katie Lear
 - Probably will be a follow-up webinar after GenCon, through Indiana State Library
 - Brian Mayer (former GameRT Board Member) keynote speaker for [Trade Day](#)
- [This meeting's chatlog](#) has been uploaded for supplementary purposes.

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:

May 8, 2025

June 12, 2025