

REMCO, ROUNDTABLE FOR ETHNIC MINORITY CONCERNS

MINUTES

MARCH 8, 2010

11:00 A.M.

MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE

MEETING CALLED BY	Evelyn Blount, Chair
TYPE OF MEETING	Conference Call
FACILITATOR	Evelyn Blount, Chair
NOTE TAKER	Shamella Cromartie, Secretary
ATTENDEES	Evelyn Blount, Shamella Cromartie, Gerald Holmes, Tamika Barnes McCullough, Phillip Cherry

Agenda topics

MEMBERSHIP CHARGE FOR REMCO AND NCLA

EVELYN BLOUNT

DISCUSSION	Conversation centered on ways to increase membership for REMCO and NCLA in general. Mr. Cherry mentioned that there needed to be some value for the tradeoff of money. Evelyn asked for a volunteer to lead the charge for recruitment. Gerald Holmes mentioned that the membership committee has a display that is available for taking to different places for recruitment. He also mentioned that it would great to get involved with the library schools and do some recruiting there. Fundraising and workshops were discussed in order to bring the budget back up. Travel and training are issues as far as offering workshops.
CONCLUSIONS	Gerald Holmes and Phillip Cherry agreed to work together on recruitment and membership charge.

REMCO BUDGET

EVELYN BLOUNT

DISCUSSION	REMCO budget has been reduced by 34% to help with NCLA's \$17,000 deficit. The balance as of 12/31/2009 is \$539.53, but will be \$356.09 after money is reverted back to NCLA. Workshops and trainings were discussed again as a way of bringing in money. Phillip Cherry suggested doing a workshop involving the Census 2010 as it relates to communities of color. Phillip Cherry mentioned that a Statistics 101 class for tracking data that are especially important to minority participants. Workshops should be centrally located.
CONCLUSIONS	We will continue to brainstorm on ideas for training and workshops to build the REMCO budget.

WEBMASTER

EVELYN BLOUNT

DISCUSSION	A webmaster is needed to post reports, send information to Robert Burgin. A workshop was held that reviewed the ways to post information to NCLA's website. More may be held at a later date. Drupal is the software being used for the NCLA website so the REMCO webmaster would need to be familiar with Drupal. Robert Burgin would like for all reports to be sent to him prior to NCLA Executive Board meetings.
CONCLUSIONS	Everyone should try to think of some names of people who would be willing to assist with this task. We will review names during the next meeting.

NEW PROJECTS FOR THE SPRING/SUMMER 2010

EVELYN BLOUNT

DISCUSSION	Newsletter is a work in progress. Tamika B. McCullough is working on the newsletter, but mentioned that lack of content is an issue. Evelyn Blount noted that she would like to include bio information on the new board members and highlights from the REMCO
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	offerings at the conference in Greenville, NC. After some discussion a tentative date was settled upon.	
Phillip Cherry mentioned that the bylaw change should be listed in the newsletter. He also brought up the idea the we should do some type of survey of observations from the field from minority librarians on what they are interested in, their concerns, etc.		
CONCLUSIONS	Gerald Holmes will write up a short article for the newsletter.	
We will solicit for a REMCO webmaster through the newsletter.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Newsletter will be published online, rather than print.	Tamika Barnes McCullough and REMCO board	Around May 15, 2010

Evelyn Blount will contact everyone through email to schedule the next meeting by conference call.