**RTSS Virtual Board Meeting**

**March 12, 2021, 10:00 a.m.**

**Zoom**

**Present: Lisa Barricella, Kristin Calvert, Patricia Dragon, Christine Fischer, Tiffany Henry, Kate Hill, Carol Keck, Gary Moore**

**Regrets: Joan Ferguson, Sarah Mueth, Kate Silton**

**Agenda**

1. **RTSS program for 2021 NCLA Biennial Conference (October, 2021, virtual)**

The theme of the conference is “S.E.E. the Future: Support. Educate. Empower.”

We have a 45 minute time slot. We decided on lightning talks, probably 5 speakers at 7-8 minutes each with a little time for questions. We are encouraged to pre-record the program but also have the speakers be live for questions at the end.

The working title of the session is It’s Getting Better All the Time: Successes in Technical Services.

Draft call/description:

The challenges of the past year have pushed collections and technical services to support our users in ways that never would have been considered possible in the past. Changes in communication, work dynamics, scheduling, workflows and duties, meeting new demands, remote-friendly projects have provided new opportunities for employees. We want to know how you met these challenges. Do you have success stories to share? What do you want to keep going in the future? Is there anything you plan to leave behind altogether? We invite you to submit your idea for a 7-8 minute lightning talk. Submissions from paraprofessional staff are greatly encouraged. Managers, please forward this to anyone who may be interested. Presenters do not need to be members of NCLA or RTSS.

Kristin will submit the session proposal to NCLA by April 16 deadline.

Patricia will draft a Google form for lightning talk submissions.

Kate Hill will write and send a call for proposals next week to the NCLA list.

1. **Another RTSS webinar**

Timing: Late summer, maybe late July/early August.

Draft title: Turning Thoughts into Actions: sharing our journey towards anti-racism in technical services

Draft call/description:

We invite people to submit proposals for lightning talks to share what steps they have taken towards(?) diversity, equity, and inclusion in collections and technical services. What steps have you taken to make your workplace more equitable, diverse, and inclusive? Examples may include: Expanding and reforming subject headings and metadata, performing diversity audits, new approaches to authority control, recruitment and retention initiatives, or others.

1. **Nominations for officers for next biennium**

We need nominations for Directors (2), Vice-chair/Chair-elect, and Secretary/Treasurer by August 15. Kristin will send a call to the NCLA list. We will also be able to do a last-minute plug for these at the summer webinar.

The next meeting will be planned for the end of April.