8/12/2020: AkLA-A meeting minutes/notes : via Zoom

Purpose: 2021 AkLA Conference Planning Meeting

Attendees: Rebecca Moorman (AkLA Conference Chair), Lorelei Sterling (Past-President), Stacia McGourty (VP), Jodi Jacques (Secretary), Rosemary Austin, Erin Hollingsworth, Samantha Blanquart, Sarah Race, Julie Niederhauser, Lynn Lovegreen,

Rebecca starts meeting at 6:31pm

Comments about the 2020 AkLA Mini-Virtual Conference, held on 8/7:

- Would have been nice to see who all was attending – felt a little disconnected
- If possible, default chat setting should be set to “everyone” rather than “panelists”
- Erin shared that at another conference she attended it had 8:30-9:00am time set aside for “coffee” where attendees could log in to check their tech settings, a time for personal connection, it was casual with music playing, helped ‘humanize’ it.
- The 2021 conference could build in ‘coffee breaks’ throughout the day
- Do we need a social director?
- Other interaction possibilities: Zoom bingo, desktop scavenger hunt

Condensed summary of roles for 2021 Virtual AkLA Conference:

- **Program Chairs**: Page Brannon and Elizabeth Nicolai – **Rebecca to confirm**
  - Possible speakers to approach for keynote and endnotes: Dr. ? from UAA; Alison Macrina; Jason Reynolds
- **MC/Speaker Coordinator**: Stacia McGourty
- **Pre-recorded Sessions Coordinator**: Lorelei Sterling
- **Poster Session Coordinator**: TBD, approach Ilana Kingsley?
- **Treasurer**: Stacia to approach Meneka Thiru
- **Technology**: Daniel Cornwall, with Sara Race. This role will also recruit and train tech moderators for sessions
- **Social Director (schedule “coffee” breaks, other social interactions)**: Lynn Lovegreen
- **Exhibits**: **Rebecca to approach Jodee Kuden**
- **Registration**: Jodi Jacques, with Sarah Race
- **Evaluations**: Julie Niederhauser
- **Web**: Ilana Kingsley
- **Promotions**: Lorelei Sterling
- **Silent Auction**: possibly Erin Hollingsworth

Conference Theme ideas – everyone keep thinking on this:

- Decolonizing the Library
- Open [in general]
- Open Access
- Connectedness and Togetherness
- Community
- Equity, Diversity, Inclusion
• Closed Doors, Open Access

Other ideas and misc. thoughts:

• A watch party of the 30 min documentary “Change the Subject” with a discussion after. A film-book club, then a watch party Friday night, then a Saturday discussion/wrap up
• The conference should be more than 1 day, give members a lot of opportunities to present
• “tracks” can be tricky because there is so much overlap, such as school librarians and youth librarians, etc.
• Conference is more than just public and academic libraries: special libraries and archives; digital content/librarians, etc.
• 6 sessions/day

Meeting ends 7:32pm

Next meeting: Wednesday, Sept 2. Rebecca to send Zoom invite.