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### Letter from the Editor

by **Melissa I. Cardenas-Dow**



Greetings SRRT Newsletter readers! We are at the end of the first quarter of the new year of 2015. Much has already transpired. Most important to the SRRT Newsletter is the addition of our Reviews Editor, Meaghan Hunt-Wilson, and Editorial Board member, Michael Gorman. Please join me in welcoming them!

In January, ALA President-elect Courtney Young released a statement (<http://www.ala.org/news/press-releases/2015/01/ala-president-courtney-young-releases-statement-regarding-charlie-hebdo>) on the shootings at Charlie Hebdo magazine headquarters. The ALA Presidential Task Force on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion launched and closed its first short survey. The Task Force also held an extended conversation at the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Chicago, Illinois. More details on these topics are in this issue, provided by LaJuan Pringle, SRRT representative to the Task Force.

SRRT continues its important work of voicing concerns about social relevance and responsibilities at ALA Council meetings, through researching, writing, discussing and negotiating elements of resolutions. In this

issue, SRRT Councilor Al Kagan gives us a report on the latest resolutions that have gone before ALA Council during the Midwinter Meeting.

Our social responsibilities extend to the ways we converse and talk to each other in times of crises and over contentious, controversial topics. Working in service of social justice often requires us to seriously consider difficult, maybe even contradictory, matters, looking particularly at how these issues affect our practices, beliefs, and our obligations to our fellow human beings. I hope we also take time to find ways to sustain and support each other, while we grapple and challenge each other's ideas and positions.

All the best,

Melissa I. Cardenas-Dow  
SRRT Newsletter Editor

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## SRRT Coordinator's Column

by **Nikki Winslow, SRRT Coordinator, Branch Manager - Spring Valley Library**



Recently, I have received emails and have seen posts on the SRRT listserv about the contentious nature there of the dialogue and debate in recent months.

Although I am a firm supporter of our First Amendment rights and at times enjoy a good debate myself, I believe we are turning people off from being a part of SRRT based on the very heated and often hostile exchanges that occur publicly between people through the email list.

Due to this, I am making a plea to everyone who posts on the SRRT listserv to try to keep your posts as positive and inclusive in tone as possible. If you disagree with the viewpoint of another person's email, please respond to them personally rather than involving the entire listserv with your debate or argument. The SRRT listserv is largely unmoderated, so messages and replies to them are not screened before they are posted and sent to all who subscribe.

I know it has been a goal of our Round Table, over the past year especially, to increase membership and participation. I believe the recent activity on the listserv is working against this goal. To help this goal and to maintain our ability to discuss controversial matters with little restrictions, I'd like to engage SRRT members in thinking about and creating a list of expectations for engaging through the listserv. This is no simple task, I know!

I hope this column doesn't insult or upset anyone. I have only been involved in SRRT and the Action Council for about five years now, so I am coming from a newcomer's viewpoint to some extent and believe many share in my thoughts on this. Although I can't control what is posted in the future, I am hoping clearer

guidelines will give us all pause to consider what we should and should not post for all to see.

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## **Councilor's Report from ALA Midwinter Meeting 2015, Chicago, IL**

**by Al Kagan, SRRT Councilor, African Studies Bibliographer and Professor of Library Administration Emeritus - University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign**



Chicago is perhaps not the best venue for Midwinter Meetings. During ALA Midwinter 2015, attendees had to cope with a blizzard and many folks had to stay an extra night because their flights were canceled. The Chicago road staff did a commendable job in clearing the downtown roads and most meetings went on as scheduled.

SRRT brought two resolutions to ALA Council, endorsed and tried to amend a joint resolution from the Intellectual Freedom Committee (IFC) and International Relations Committee (IRC), endorsed a Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Round Table (GLBTRT) resolution, and endorsed a tribute to the Ferguson Municipal Public Library for its community involvement in a time of crisis.

SRRT's Resolution on ALA Divestment from Caterpillar, Hewlett-Packard, and Motorola Solutions (2014-2015 ALA CD#34) followed the Presbyterian Church USA's recent divestment of these three corporations because of their involvement in the repression of the Occupied Palestinian Territories. I questioned Rod Hersberger, the Senior Trustee for the ALA Endowment Fund, when he gave his report at the ALA Council/Executive Board/Membership Information Session. It was only then that we realized that ALA was no longer investing in individual stocks, but rather various kinds of mutual and other funds through its investment portfolios. Since this greatly complicates divestment, we decided to withdraw the resolution until we get more specific information on how the Endowment Fund is structured. While withdrawing the resolution on the Council floor, I asked for that specific information as generally represented in Exhibit 9 of the Endowment Report (2014-15 CD#16.0). I was pleased when Keith Brown, one of the ALA financial staff who works with the Endowment Fund asked me to explain exactly what we want. He assured me that this was doable.

SRRT's Resolution on the Destruction of Libraries and Schools in Gaza in 2014 (2014-2015 ALA CD#32 Revised) became the most contentious item at Midwinter. A propaganda campaign that appears to have started with the Association of Jewish Libraries began as soon as we posted both resolutions to the SRRT listserv during the week before Midwinter. Tom Twiss deserves the credit for thoroughly researching the matter, drafting both resolutions, and providing extensive source lists, mostly UN and newspaper reports, but also a report from the Gaza Ministry of Culture. The resolution noted that ALA Council had passed similar resolutions after the Israeli bombing of Gaza in 2002 and 2009. Both of those resolutions were drafted by SRRT but weakened by amendments from the IRC. This new resolution detailed either the damage to or the complete destruction of about 270 libraries and 399 schools and kindergartens. Further, it explained that

many of these UN schools were being used to house displaced families, and although the UN gave the locations numerous times to the Israeli military, they were still heavily bombed, killing and severely injuring many civilians. The resolution deplored this destruction, called for protection of the libraries and cultural resources of Gaza and support for the U.S. Committee of the Blue Shield in upholding the 1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict, and called on the US government and other governments, IGOs, and NGOs to help in the reconstruction of these libraries and schools.

It was interesting and frustrating to see how the mood shifted from day to day. Our vocal opponents appeared at both SRRT Action Council meetings, both Council Forums, and the IRC meeting. Councilors were at first noncommittal and asked many questions at the first Council Forum, an informal venue for just this purpose. We were able to answer almost all of the questions and revised the resolution adding some of the requested information. But the hostile IRC completely changed the mood. As one Councilor said, the fix was in. The two main complaints were that the situation in the Middle East is too complicated for ALA to engage and that the resolution was unbalanced in that Israel was also under attack from rockets fired from Gaza. We tried to answer these criticisms at the second Council Forum and on the Council floor. The resolution was debated at Council III on Tuesday morning. A number of people spoke against the resolution because they said it singled out Israel, and that there were many other countries where libraries had recently been destroyed. Further they complained that it did not detail attacks on Israeli libraries and schools. However, the situation is not "balanced" on the ground and therefore the resolution could not be balanced. After some research, we have found only a very few cases of attacks on Israeli libraries and schools, and only one in 2014. One Councilor tried to add an amendment deploring the placement of weapons in libraries and schools that made them viable military targets, but this was narrowly defeated. We told the Council that we had no objection to that amendment. One of the arguments against us was that the UN had documented 3 Gaza schools that were used in this way. Our opponents claimed that there were many more. After some debate, only 14 councilors voted for the resolution.

SRRT proposed an amendment and endorsed that version of the draft of the joint IFC and IRC Resolution Denouncing Recent Assaults on the Freedom of Expression as Exemplified in the Attack on Charlie Hebdo (2014-2015 ALA CD#19.1). Introduced by Mike Marlin, the amendment would have made clear that in addition to denouncing the attack, we were also opposed to speech that vilifies an ethnic or religious group. This was based on Charlie Hebdo's clear anti-Muslim orientation over the last years. But SRRT did not press the point after the resolution was reworked.

The Committee on Legislation brought only one resolution to the Council, Resolution on Preserving Public Access to Scientific and Technical Reports Available Through the National Technical Information Service (2014-2015 ALA CD#20.1). It passed without comment.

Although GLBTRT had circulated and asked for endorsements of its Resolution on the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA), that resolution was not in the Committee's report, and surprisingly never came to the floor.

A visibly annoyed ALA Immediate Past-President Barbara Stripling asked Committee Chair Vivian Wynn why there was no action on the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), which was scheduled to come up before Congress soon. ESEA authorized much funding for school libraries, a current ALA priority. Emily Sheketoff, Head of the ALA Washington Office, responded that they were working on it. After the meeting Sheketoff sent a report on what they were doing. This again shows the need for much more accountability from the Washington Office.

It was a tough meeting. From past experience, we have learned that working on anything to do with Israel/Palestine is extremely difficult, so the organized opposition did not surprise us. However, it is a sad

commentary that so many librarians feel the need to fall in line and support the powers that be. SRRT's voice is still just as important as it has even been. ALA Council would be pretty dull without us.

As usual, I will try to answer any questions.

Al Kagan  
SRRT Councilor

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## **Minutes from Action Council, ALA Midwinter Meeting 2015**

**Submitted by Laura Koltutsky**

### **SRRT AC 1 Saturday January 31, 2015**

In attendance: Laura Koltutsky (SRRT Secretary), Kate Williams SRRT member, Abdul Alkalimat guest, Diedre Conkling (SRRT Action Council Member), John A. Schuler GODORT, Kenny Garcia SRRT member, Al Kagan (SRRT Councilor), Tom Twiss (SRRT Action Council Member), Nikki Winslow (SRRT Coordinator), Gary Colmenar (SRRT Action Council Member), Jill Vassilakos-Long guest, Mark Hudson SRRT Member/PLG Liaison

Review of Agenda: No additions or changes

Resolutions:

Resolution on ALA Divestment from Caterpillar, Hewlett-Packard, and Motorola Solutions

Resolution on the Destruction of Libraries and Schools in Gaza in 2014

Discussion about the number of schools that were destroyed in Israel was raised. Destruction of schools and libraries was the focus of the resolution, not the general destruction on both sides.

Tom Twiss moved that we support the resolutions, Laura Koltutsky seconded. Motion passed.

Racism, Gun Violence, and Police-Community Relations tabled until Action Council II

Mike Marlin will speak to the ethnic caucuses.

ENDA Endorsement with GLBT : Legislation to support

Diedre Conkling moved to support the initiative. Al Kagan seconded. Motion passed.

Charlie Hebdo resolution

Al Kagan moved that we support the resolution with the changes that Mike Marlin requested. Laura Koltutsky seconded.

Al Kagan moved that we support the Ferguson Municipal Public Library resolution. Laura Koltutsky seconded. Motion passed.

Membership Committee Chair:

Membership # are down overall.

Nikki discussed the RT Coordinating Committee session and that the RT's are facing similar issues; GODORT member pointed out that they are facing similar challenge. GLBTRT does monthly calls, using ALA Connect to communicate to groups.

Julie Fry ALISE member wants to act as SRRT Liaison to ALISE. Al Kagan made motion to accept Julie Frye as ALISE.

EMIERT liaison discussed. Gary Colmenar said that he will ask his colleague if she would like to act as GODORT liaison.

9:30 a.m., Joe Janes : ALA Presidential Candidate:

Broader sense of who is a librarian; affiliated professionals made to feel unwelcome. IF, access, privacy, stewardship/conservation.

Task Force Reports:

Task Force On the Environment has been disbanded. Al Kagan moved, Diedre Conkling seconded, motion passed.

Feminist Task Force : Deidre Conkling reported on behalf of FTF.

Women of library history tumblr feed, do it for one more year.

Night at the Movies: She's Beautiful When She's Angry <http://www.shesbeautifulwhenshesangry.com/>  
(<http://www.shesbeautifulwhenshesangry.com/>)

45th year of FTF possible celebration -- Janet Friedman Reclaiming the Feminist

Tour of the "Women's Building" in SF off site.

International Relations Task Force : Tom Twiss"

Brought forward 2 resolutions.

Glenn Greenwald will be speaking by Skype at ALA Annual 2015. \$3000/fee

Film on Palestine libraries, collections removed. Possibly as ALA program but would be interested in showing at Annual regardless. Up to \$300. An extra \$1500 plus \$300 for film costs. Diedre Conkling moved. Al Kagan seconded. Motion passed. Approved.

Mark Hudson reported on the Freedom To Read Foundation.

Discussions at FTRF: developing issues amicus brief lawsuit against Arizona State Education department curriculum; restriction of access to gov docs; eBooks access dependent on vendors, tracking user data; access model, documents disappear, used to be able to make library copies, now agencies can remove documents; agencies are defunded, entire record systems are disappearing.

GPO resolution to protect information, Washington Office, Emily Shetekoff

Project: Libraries Without Borders Idea Boxes, Julie Winkelstein will report at ACII

Laura Koltutsky will lead discussion after Midwinter on the listserv around social responsibility aspects of the Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights.

1. Labeling Systems
2. Rating Systems
3. Internet Filters

## SRRT AC 2 Sunday, February 1, 2015

In Attendance: Tom Twiss (SRRT Action Council Member), Al Kagan (SRRT Councilor), Diedre Conkling (SRRT Action Council Member), Laura Koltutsky (SRRT Secretary), Kenny Garcia SRRT member, Jane Glasby SRRT member, Elliot Gertel guest, Gary Colmenar (SRRT Action Council Member), Melissa Cardenas-Dow (SRRT Action Council Member/Newsletter Editor), Julie Winkelstein SRRT member, LaJuan Pringle, MLKJRHTF/SRRT member, Jim Kuhn guest, Julie Todaro ALA Presidential Candidate, Peter Hepburn, ALA Executive Board

ALA Executive Board representative Peter Hepburn will supply written report

Peter Hepburn has requested that SRRT hand control for Rainbow Project over to GLBTRT. Motion: To transfer any and all authority for the Rainbow Task Force to GLBTRT. Deidre moved. Al Kagan seconded. Motion passed.

Deidre moved that we add Michael Gorman and Meaghan Hunt-Wilson to the Editorial Board. Gary Colmenar seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Move that Julie Winkelstein and Erik Estep terms as Editorial Board members be renewed. Gary Colmenar moved. Al Kagan seconded. Motion passed.

Laura Koltutsky noted that she still had several SRRT 40th Anniversary t-shirts. She will talk to John Amundsen about the remaining numbers.

LaJuan Pringle, MLK Sunrise Celebration: Cornel West guest speaker, Satia Orange Retired OLOS Director will also be speaking. Date/Location of Celebration: Monday 6:30AM, W181

Diversity Task Force survey please complete.

Julie Winkelstein gave the Hunger Homelessness & Poverty Task Force report:

1. Book Drive at Annual
2. Recommended book list on HHPTF
3. Possibly have volunteers wear 40th Anniversary t-shirts

Ginny Moore : working on preserving the history of SRRT, oral history. She may need help paying for postage for shipping materials to OLOS. Deidre Conkling moved that we commit up to \$500 for postage costs for Ginny Moore to ship SRRT archival material to OLOS. Al Kagan seconded. Motion passed.

Libraries Without Borders Idea Boxes-ALA approved the expenses for the project

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## Feminist Task Force News

**by Audrey Robinson-Nkongola, Assistant Professor/Campus Librarian - Western Kentucky University**

Karla Strand and Diedre Conkling are no longer coordinators of Feminist Task Force (FTF). Audrey Robinson-

Nkongola is the current coordinator. If you have questions or concerns, please direct them to her at [audrey.robinson-Nkongola \[at\] wku.edu](mailto:audrey.robinson-Nkongola@wku.edu).

FTF is looking for technologically-savvy volunteers to update the FTF website. If you fit this description, please let Audrey Robinson-Nkongola know.

Sunday night at ALA Annual 2015 is Feminist Night at the Movies. The movie that will be playing will be announced soon. More details about FTF ALA Annual activities will be forthcoming.

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## **Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Task Force News**

**by LaJuan Pringle, Library Manager - Charlotte Mecklenburg Library**



The Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Task Force along with Black Caucus of the American Library Association (BCALA), World Book, and Beacon Press sponsored the 15th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Sunrise Celebration, during the 2015 Midwinter Meeting in Chicago.

The keynote address was delivered by Dr. Cornel West. Dr. West expressed his profound love of libraries at the celebration, noting how libraries played a role in his upbringing and education. He referred to librarians as the caretakers of "paideia, deep education" and embraced the democratic foundation of our role as information providers to all. He discussed his affinity and respect for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., as a champion for justice. Dr. West shared a powerful message of love and social justice for all. It was an exhilarating keynote, shared with over 400 guests for the event.

The Call To Action was delivered by retired director of the ALA Office for Literacy and Outreach Services (OLOS) and Sunrise Celebration founder Satia Orange. Satia called for librarians and library leaders to make libraries relevant for everyone.

Many thanks to Beacon Press, John Amundsen, Michelle Harrell Washington, Andrew (Sekou) Jackson, and World Book for our ongoing efforts in making the Sunrise Celebration a signature event of Midwinter.

The Task Force will now focus its attention on assisting the Hunger, Homelessness, and Poverty Task Force with its Book Drive that will take place in San Francisco during the 2015 ALA Annual Conference. Print materials will be collected and delivered to homeless shelters around the Bay area. The materials will be distributed to youth clients of the shelters. More information will be coming in the weeks ahead. If you are interested in volunteering, we'd love to have your help. For more information about volunteering, please email LaJuan Pringle at [lpringle \[at\] cmlibrary.org](mailto:lpringle@cmlibrary.org), Lisa Gieskes at [lgieskes \[at\] richlandlibrary.com](mailto:lgieskes@richlandlibrary.com),

or Julie Winkelstein at [jwinkels@utk.edu](mailto:jwinkels@utk.edu). Thank you!

Best,

LaJuan Pringle

Coordinator, Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Task Force

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## **Ethnic Multicultural Information Exchange Round Table (EMIERT) News**

**Submitted by Sarah Espinosa**

**EMIERT Membership Committee Chair**

**Residency Librarian for Diversity and Innovation -- Albert S. Cook Library, Towson University**

EMIERT held two meetings this Midwinter: one for general members, and one for the executive board. Our General Membership meeting included an enthusiastic group who shared their commitment to diversity of the profession and serving diverse populations. The Executive Board meeting included an update from Paul Kim of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services about an IMLS grant driving an exciting partnership between USCIS and libraries (<http://www.uscis.gov/citizenship/organizations/libraries> (<http://www.uscis.gov/citizenship/organizations/libraries>)). We also heard reports from Board members and Task Forces.

Highlights include:

- The Board discussed upcoming volunteer recruitment, which will begin formally April 15th, 2015.
- The Coretta Scott King Book Award Jury made final book selections for 2015 and awarded Deborah D. Taylor, coordinator of School and Student Services, Enoch Pratt Free Library, with the Coretta Scott King-Virginia Hamilton Award for Lifetime Achievement (<http://www.ala.org/emiert/ckbookawards> (<http://www.ala.org/emiert/ckbookawards>)).

We also wish to honor David Cohen, founder of EMIERT, who passed away February 5, 2015 at the age of 105. EMIERT members extend our sympathies to the family of David Cohen, and we celebrate his life of service to multicultural populations.

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## **Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Round Table (GLBTRT) News**

**Submitted by Peter Coyl, GLBTRT Chair**



Image caption: Gender Neutral Bathrooms at ALA Midwinter 2015 in Chicago. Look for them at ALA Annual in San Francisco!

ALA Midwinter 2015 was packed with exciting news from the GLBTRT. First, was the announcements of the Stonewall Book Award. Of particular note was the winner of the Stonewall Book Award-Mike Morgan and Larry Romans Children's and Young Adult Literature Award: *This Day in June* by Gayle Pitman. This marks the first time a picture book has received the award.

In other exciting news, the GLBTRT received news that the Publishing Triangle had agreed to let ALA take over GLBT Book Month. Beginning this year, we will begin promoting this event and posters and bookmarks will be available from ALA Graphics.

The GLBTRT would like to thank the SRRT for many years of support of the Rainbow Book List. Now that the list has matured and become a fixture in the GLBT publishing community, the joint venture between the SRRT and the GLBTRT will be administered by the GLBTRT. In conjunction with the Over the Rainbow Book List and the Stonewall Book Awards, the Rainbow Book List will serve the Library community for many more years.

We are fast approaching ALA Annual 2015 in San Francisco. For the first time ever the GLBTRT will be hosting a pre-conference. "Rolling out the Rainbow Carpet: Serving LGBTQ Communities" will be held on Friday, June 26 from 8:30 -12. The GLBTRT will be participating in the San Francisco Pride Parade on Sunday, June 28, 2015. Due to space limitations, tickets are required and are currently only available to GLBTRT members. Tickets for both these events are available with conference registration.

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## Sustainability Round Table (SustainRT) News

### Submitted by Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, SustainRT Member-at-Large

**SustainRT: Up & Coming** The Sustainability Roundtable is off to a great start in its first year of existence! The board is working hard to get the infrastructure of the group up and running.

To date we have crowd sourced our tagline: Libraries Fostering Resilient Communities; launched a Facebook presence [<https://www.facebook.com/groups/sustainrt> (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/sustainrt>)]; and are pursuing other opportunities to engage with our membership through working groups devoted to "greening" ALA and ALA conferences, marketing and outreach, online education and our "Environmental Scan" project.

**Spotlight On:** The Environmental Scan project team is working to gather a repository of information on books, articles, websites, blogs, social groups, and projects that fall under the umbrella of Sustainable Libraries. Please use this form to suggest resources or projects that will become part of our searchable public database:<http://goo.gl/forms/JMP8ua7GT6> (<http://goo.gl/forms/JMP8ua7GT6>)

### Upcoming Opportunities:

- Enjoy a meal and conversation with us at the Association of College & Research Libraries (ACRL) conference in Portland (OR) on Thursday, March 26 from 11:30am - 1:00pm. Come to the "Green Living" table (#16) at the Birds of a Feather Lunch event.
- Now accepting applicants! In 2014 we held our first "Lightning Rounds" event at ALA Annual and it was so popular we're bringing it back for 2015. We're currently accepting applications from those interested in presenting in this showcase of inspired sustainability projects at ALA Annual 2015 in San Francisco. Deadline for submissions is Monday, March 23. For more information please visit: <http://www.ala.org/sustainrt/how-get-involved> (<http://www.ala.org/sustainrt/how-get-involved>)
- Look for the SustainRT Board Meeting in the ALA Annual 2015 conference program - all are welcome!

Inspired? Get involved! Find out how here: <http://www.ala.org/sustainrt/how-get-involved> (<http://www.ala.org/sustainrt/how-get-involved>)

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## ALA Task Force for Equity, Diversity & Inclusion (TF-EDI) News

by LaJuan Pringle, Library Manager -- Charlotte Mecklenburg Library



The Task Force on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (TF-EDI) has been in high gear since its work started in June. TF-EDI had its first formal meeting at the 2015 Midwinter Meeting in Chicago. Since the last newsletter

update, TF-EDI has distributed its first survey, out of several, to gauge the climate of ALA, with regards to equity, diversity, and inclusion. The first survey closed with about a 3% return rate. The Task Force is currently in the process of reviewing the data obtained from the survey. Data processing will begin shortly, with the intent of releasing survey results before the 2015 Annual Conference in San Francisco.

TF-EDI hosted a conversation on equity, diversity, and inclusion, during the 2015 Midwinter Meeting. The conversation used the Harwood Approach [<http://www.theharwoodinstitute.org/about> (<http://www.theharwoodinstitute.org/about/>)] to gather information about members' perceptions of ALA now, as well as share aspirations of what the association could look like going forward. The program was facilitated by ALA Past President Nancy Kranich. With over 80 attendees participating in the conversation, TF-EDI heard an array of thoughts regarding equity, diversity, and inclusion.

TF-EDI is looking for opportunities to partner with various ALA divisions, round tables, and ethnic caucuses to support programs and events that promote equity, diversity, and inclusion. TF-EDI is already scheduled to host an informational session at the upcoming REFORMA National Conference in San Diego, California. The Task Force will also lead a session at the upcoming BCALA conference in St. Louis, Missouri. The Task Force has begun actively planning a program to be held in San Francisco during the 2015 ALA Annual Conference. As details become available, they will be shared with SRRT membership.

A copy of the Task Force's Midwinter report to the ALA Council can be found here: <http://connect.ala.org/node/235245> (<http://connect.ala.org/node/235245>). If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me. Thank you.

LaJuan Pringle Task Force on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, SRRT Representative lpringle [at] cmlibrary.org.

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## Call for Editorial Board Members

Are you looking for a way to be more involved in the Social Responsibilities Round Table? Are you good at meeting deadlines and encouraging others to meet them as well? If so, membership to SRRT Newsletter Editorial Board might be just the volunteer position you're looking for!

SRRT Newsletter needs to fill two openings on the Editorial Board. All Editorial Board memberships are finalized by the SRRT Action Council.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the SRRT Editorial Board, please send a copy of your resume/CV, a brief letter of inquiry outlining your qualifications and interest in the position, and a writing sample and/or examples of previous work to Melissa Cardenas-Dow, SRRT Newsletter Editor, at [micd.srrt.newsletter \[at\] gmail.com](mailto:micd.srrt.newsletter[at]gmail.com).

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## Call for Submissions

The SRRT Newsletter is always looking for good articles, essays and letters to the editor. The next submission deadline is **May 22, 2015**.

Submissions to the SRRT Newsletter may be made by any current SRRT Member or SRRT affiliate. Please send your submissions electronically in one of the following formats: MS Word, RTF, PDF, or plain text pasted into the body of an e-mail. Submissions should be 500 to 1,000 words. Graphics are encouraged. If using images that are already on the Internet, the URL of the image and a caption or description may be added to the text of the submission.

Please send original submissions and inquiries to SRRT Newsletter Editor Melissa I. Cardenas-Dow at [micd.srrt.newsletter \[at\] gmail.com](mailto:micd.srrt.newsletter@gmail.com), indicating "SRRT Newsletter" within the subject line of your e-mail. A confirmation of receipt will be sent in a timely manner.

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Submissions should be sent electronically in MS-Word format or a Word compatible format. Reviewers should keep their reviews to 300-500 words; any length much shorter or longer should be discussed with the reviews editor prior to submission. Reviewers should avoid conflicts of interest. Full disclosure should be made to the reviews editor when appropriate.

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