

• LSD SUBCOMMITTEE ON MINORITY CONCERNS

In accordance with the resolution adopted at the ALA Conference meeting of the subcommittee in Detroit, the following "Comparison of Structures" submitted by Joan Neuman will be discussed at the Mid-Winter meeting in January, 1978.

(1) COMPARISON OF STRUCTURES

LSD COMMITTEE ON MINORITY CONCERNS

ROUND TABLE

Focus: Clearinghouse

Membership: one representative from each group

Type of Interaction: Clearinghouse of concerns of each separate group

For subcommittee work, each member already heavily involved

Place in ALA Structure: Subcommittee of ALA (LSD) under Council

Political Clout: Prestige of LSD (if it agrees) and the sum of number of groups

ALA Reaction: ALA wants a handle on the proliferation of loosely structured ethnic caucuses, etc.

Action

Anyone who is concerned

Clearinghouse of concern of each separate group

Cross-ethnic concerns can easily be addressed by committees of the membership

Self-governing entity affiliated with ALA

By membership size

ALA prefers no more Round Tables or proliferation of loosely structured Caucuses, etc.

(2) ROUND TABLE STATUS

A. Membership Benefits:

1. All members of a Round Table pool for cross-ethnic action and committee work
2. Round Tables provide greater strength politically
3. It has more resources for program planning
4. It may issue a newsletter

B. Membership Cost:

Five dollars (\$5.00) for membership in both the Round Table and ethnic Caucus. By choice two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) or one half of these dues may be designated for the Task Force (Caucus etc.) for use by that group.

C. How to Set Up a Round Table:

1. Communicate the above pros and cons to the members of groups which form (now or in the future) the OLSD Subcommittee on Minority Concerns
2. Have those interested members sign a petition as designated in the ALA Constitution and ByLaws for the number of signatures necessary (100 petitions)
3. Follow a time-table for Round Table formation.

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