

1982 ALA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

SRRT-CORETTA SCOTT KING AWARD

TASK FORCE

The SRRT-CSK Award Task Force Meeting was held on Wednesday, July 14, 1982, 2:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M., Delegate Room 2, Franklin Plaza Hotel, Philadelphia, PA.

Present: Effie Lee Morris (Chair); David L. Searcy; Ethel Ambrose; Margaret Poarch; Harriett B. Brown; Jean E. Coleman; Linda Pierce; David Vespa; Mamie Grady; Marva DeLoache; Barbara T. Rollock; Susie F. Shurney.

Guest: Verdie Richburg.

MINUTES

OPENING REMARKS Mrs. Effie L. Morris (chair), welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked John Cunningham, in his absence, for a fine job with the local arrangements this year. Introductions were made by all in attendance.

EVALUATION OF AWARD BREAKFAST Morris commented on the superb acceptance speeches made by this year's winners. It was suggested that for future award breakfasts, the acceptance speeches be taped and made available. Coleman said ALA would record the speeches if the Task Force would request it. Coleman reported that 225 persons were present at this year's breakfast. ALA official photographers were on hand to take pictures at the breakfast. Coleman will check into the availability of these pictures. The award breakfast received publicity on local television in Philadelphia. Ambrose noted that the television did not relate the award breakfast to the ALA conference. Coleman will inform ALA's public information office of this. Morris commented on the large number of publishers present at this year's affair. The publishers are very enthusiastic and supportive of the SRRT-CSK Award.

ACTION BY ALA COUNCIL The SRRT-Coretta Scott King Award has been accepted by Council as an official unit award. It will now be listed with the other ALA awards.

It was decided that Tuesday morning be the definite day for the breakfast. Coleman pointed out that next year in Los Angeles, we will be competing with the library school reunion breakfasts. After some discussion, it was decided that the breakfast would still be held on Tuesday morning.

Morris has asked for a primary hotel in Los Angeles for next year's event. All of the hotels in LA will be in walking distance of the convention center.

Coleman stressed and encouraged the importance of pre-ticket sales for next year's breakfast.

Morris will give ALA-PIO a list of Black Newspapers in the Los Angeles area. Local people from the community are welcome to attend.

Harriet Brown brought up the fact that ALA would not sell Mabel McKissick of New London, CT a ticket for the breakfast until she registered for the conference. Coleman will look into the possibility of exhibit badges for those persons wishing to attend the breakfast, but not registered at the conference. Local persons may purchase tickets at the door the morning of the breakfast.

BOOK
SELECTION

Barbara Rollock (chair), stated that the Awards Committee needed firmer coordination now that the publishers seem to have confidence in the committee. At present, Rollock sends a letter to publishers requesting anything by a Black author or illustrator to be forwarded to the Awards Committee. Rollock will include a list of members of the Awards Committee in her letter to publishers. The publishers will mail each member of the committee review copies of the books to be considered. An additional member will have to be added to Rollock's committee. The committee will report the nominations by Midwinter. Morris will inform the SRRT Action Council.

DISTRIBUTION OF REVIEW COPIES AFTER SELECTION:

The committee will correspond and work this out procedurally. Rollock will bring the committee's recommendation to Midwinter. CERTIFICATES: We now have certificates for the Honorable Mention Books. Morris circulated copies of the certificates. They are retroactive through last year. Coleman will send the ones to the persons from last year.

HISTORY
AND
ARCHIVES

Harriet Brown brought up the fact that Mabel McKissick and John Carroll were co-founders, and something should be done to stimulate their interest in the award again. It was suggested that Carroll and McKissick be recognized at next year's award breakfast. Morris stated that the two of them definitely should be included in the history. Shurney suggested that Carroll and McKissick each present one of the awards to the recipients. It was agreed that all persons listed under the Founders remain, and Greer's, McKissick's and Carroll's names should be followed by an asterisk to denote the original three founders. Brown stated that the Honorable Mention Books for the years 1972, 1973 and 1975 were missing in her records. Morris made an appeal to everyone to check their personal files to see if these years were included. Searcy will check the files at Atlanta University. Brown turned this information over to Rollock. Rollock will make a list of all award and honorable mention books. She will also make available copies of the list.

SCHOLARSHIP Mrs. Susie Flynt Shurney is desirous of establishing some type of scholarship for young Black writers and illustrators in memory of her sister (Glyndon Flynt Greer). Morris asked Shurney to give some more thought to this idea. The Task Force would find some way to make this a part of the award. Morris appointed Marva Deloache to work Mrs. Shurney on this idea and make a report at Midwinter.

The SRRT-CSK Award is encouraging publishers to continue publishing books by Black authors and illustrators, and there is a need for these books.

MANUAL
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PROCEDURES

John Cunningham will outline this. He will have a written report at Midwinter.

BROCHURE

Morris has asked David Searcy to work on a draft for a brochure to be published. Searcy will present the first draft at Midwinter. The brochure should be published by the annual conference in Los Angeles. It should include the following:

1. All of the history of the award
2. All award and honorable mention books
3. All donors
4. Seals

SEALS

The seals for the award books are in Jean Coleman's office at ALA. It was suggested that the seals be sold in packets. Coleman reports that it currently costs \$.06 (six-cents) to produce one seal. Morris appointed Mamie Grady to work with Coleman on coming up with a price for the seals. They will report at Midwinter. It was suggested that gold seals be used for the award books and silver seals for the honorable mention books. Ambrose suggested that the Task Force get the seals and books advertised where Black History Materials are being sold. It was also suggested that the announcement of the award books be made to coincide with Black History Month.

OTHER
BUSINESS

Morris and Coleman should be copied on all correspondence within the Task Force. No member should write outside the Task Force, this correspondence will be unofficial. Morris, as chair, is the only person with the authority to correspond outside the Task Force.

Morris will compile a Task Force roster.

More work should be done on the program part of the award breakfast. This will be on the agenda for Midwinter.

Linda Pierce (SRRT Action Council) congratulated the Task Force on a fine job, and thanked Morris for an excellent job as chair.

Jean Coleman announced that Gregory's Machine and Tool Service could no longer be one of the sponsors of the award. She added the Gregory's was being replaced by Wally Amos of Famous Amos Chocolate Chip Cookies. Morris will send this information to the SRRT newsletter editor.

The following items will be on the agenda for the Midwinter meeting in San Antonio:

1. Awards Committee-Rollock
2. Greer Scholarship-Deloache
3. Archives and History-Brown and James
4. Brochure-Searcy
5. Seals-Grady and Coleman
6. Manual for breakfast procedures-Cunningham
7. Local arrangements for Los Angeles-Morris

Shurney asked if the Task Force meeting for the 1984 annual conference could be moved to Tuesday afternoon instead of Wednesday. Morris will look into this.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned according schedule

RECORDER: David L. Searcy