

Tuesday, July 9, 1996
New York City

In attendance: Roland Hansen, Nel Ward, Uta Fellechner, Madelaine Tainton, Dotty Granger, Sanford Goin, Tom Wilding, Elaine Harger, Chris Dodge, Kim Edson, Johanna Nolan, Steven Harris, Charles Willett, Linda Pierce, Al Kagan, Sandy Berman, Mark Rosenzweig, Michael J. Miller, Jules Tate, Wendy Thomas, Theresa Tobin, Stephen Stillwell, Michael Nitz, Mark E. Martin, Dianna Inch, Carol Barta (recorder).

1. OLOS there will be one or maybe two positions on the search committee for the new OLOS director. This entails several phone conferences and maybe travel to Chicago in early January.

Al moved that we endorse the idea of hiring a roundtable services coordinator. This would not reduce the OLOS staff. Sandy Berman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Appointments:

Liaisons:

Freedom to Read Foundation-- Sanford Goin

ALCTS-CCS Committee on Cataloging-- Larry Heiman

Thanks to Dan and Sherry for the work they have done over the years.

"Project Group for ALA Elections":

Rosemary Stevenson

Al Kagan

Elaine Harger

Michael Miller

3. The editorial board was approached by the Hayworth Press Publisher. They would like to mail the SRRT newsletter along with their catalog. The editorial board met to discuss this possibility. There was discussion regarding this idea:

We do not want to include advertising on a regular basis. Theresa Tobin stated that she is loathe to do this. It is a conflict of interest as we might not be able to review books from this press. Elaine opposed to doing this because if we do it for one publisher another will complain. Charles Willett noted that AIP hasn't discussed this yet, but that a conflict of interest would be impossible to avoid. Linda Pierce said that she would be more comfortable with paid advertising, have the newsletter as an insert is not as clear a relationship with the publisher as advertising would be. Mark Rosenzweig agreed with Linda. He is opposed to sending the newsletter out this way. It sets a bad precedent and limits our ability to speak against ALA's corporate endorsements. Tom Wilding also agreed and noted that to take paid advertising the cost would be too high and it would totally change character of the newsletter.

Mark Martin moved that the newsletter not accept any advertising. Michael Miller seconded. Motion carried.

Madeleine Tainton reported that the board also discussed the electronic format. The board favors a website, as it is more interesting graphically. They felt it would be appropriate for the editorial board to oversee the website as it is a publication. Michael Miller suggested that it could be done as both. Steven Harris conformed that we could do it as both print and electronic format. Tom Wilding suggested that you have a choice of receiving it either way. Madeleine noted that they had talked about having a SRRT webmaster who could work with the editor.

Stephen Stillwell noted that we needed to elect someone to replace Carolyn Myall on the editorial board. Chris Dodge moved that Theresa Tobin be nominated to the editorial board. Kim Edson seconded. It passed by acclamation.

Mark Martin noted that ALA said there was a lack of money for mailings. Roland clarified that this was a just a rumor. There is money for mailings.

4. A resolution from Feminist Task Force regarding the support of workers in the Omaha Public Library. was presented. It passed unanimously.

5. Roland gave the budget report. A copy is attached to the minutes. He can give copies to the task force chairs. We don't have money for supplemental requests. He discussed the accrual account. Posting of dues is done month by month. We need to reapprove figures on this basis. By midwinter we should be back on track.

GLBTF is working hard to find a way to make their awards self sustaining by the year 2000. The inventory of award labels was not put in the account the right way. It was not put in as supplies. This has been straightened out.

The round tables are able to carry money over from year to year. The Administration of ALA takes 5% out of the dues as overhead. Mark Martin noted that the GLBTF may have money to put in to awards budget if money carries over. The money goes back into SRRT pot from task forces at the end of budget year.

Michael Miller noted that there is also a means to set aside money for special things--such as an awards endowment. Roland will look into if there is a listing in the by-laws as to what types of accounts are allowable. Some authors contribute royalties (in 1995-- \$3400). No one knows quite who or where this money comes from.

There is some confusion regarding the fee to join SRRT. The brochure says \$10 but we raised it to \$12 in 1995. The brochure is out of date and needs to be updated.

Elaine Harger asked if one has to be a member of ALA to be member of SRRT. Roland answered that since a change made about 5 years ago you must be a member of ALA to be part of SRRT.

Stephen Stillwell noted that we have to be aware that for an indefinite period we will be connected to OLOS. Sheila Graves is doing work of many people. There is no professional in that office, only one support staffer. The GLBTF members noted that Sheila has been very helpful in getting the conference ready.

Mary Gihkas arrived to talk about OLOS. She suggested that the resolution passed earlier regarding the round table coordinator be sent to COPES.

Mark Martin noted that two years ago they had talked with OLOS about an endowed fund for the GLBTF award. At that time they were told that they need a minimum of \$50000 and would get 2% interest return on this money.

Mary Gihkas suggested that he talk to Ray Calloway, the ALA investment person about the endowment and returns.

Sandy Berman expressed concern on behalf of the Poverty Task Force that OLOS should be expanded so that it can truly handle its responsibilities in regard to minorities and especially the poor peoples resolution.

Mary Gihkas said that staffing will remain a director and one support staffer with back up by some temporary help at peak periods. There is some staffing that is grant supported but she can't move those people around. If ALA had unallocated funds she would hire more staff in this area. She stated that we need to continue to speak out as to what we feel our priorities need to be we need to keep our issues at the forefront.

Elaine noted that the top end of OLOS director's salary is \$60,000. She questioned the possibility of having two people in the OLOS office for the price of one really highly paid person.

Mary Gihkas noted that she has to try to balance out the salary range to treat staff equitably.

Give any other concerns to Roland. Mary will respond to e-mail.

Chris Dodge suggested that we start to redesign the brochure. Stephen Stillwell will get an inventory level. Sandy will coordinate the redesign of the brochure. Stephen reminded that the Task Force coordinators will need to look at paragraphs regarding their task force. Elaine noted that we should recycle the old brochures.

Sandy Berman moved to extend the meeting by 15 minutes. Steven Harris seconded.

In regard to the meeting schedule it was noted that on Tuesdays from 9-12 the women's groups decided not to meet in order to attend the council meeting in support of our representatives there. Stephen suggested that we need to look at whole package of meeting times. Elaine stated that membership meetings should be no conflict.

Stephen reminded everyone about Barbara Ford's request for ideas. They can be sent to: bjford@gems.vcu.edu. Doty said that the Feminist Task Force completed one as a group. Mark Barbara's theme is going to be International Issues.

Mark Rosenzweig noted that we should encourage people to get involved in the International Responsibilities Task Force. Al Kagan new chair of the Task Force. There will be a SRRT program on international responsibilities in Washington.

Stephen reminded all Task Forces that have changed chairs need to send data on incoming chairs to coordinator and secretary.

Sandy Berman moved a resolution of thanks to Stephen Stillwell for his sterling if occasionally flamboyant leadership over the past few years. Al Kagan seconded, especially for the leadership.

Mark move adjournment. Sandy seconded.

The meeting was reconvened. Newly elected members Wendy Thomas, Steven Harris and Carol Barta were welcomed. Roland Hansen reelected as treasurer. Elaine Harger volunteered to be secretary and Wendy Thomas volunteered as coordinator. Both positions were approved unanimously.

There being no new business, Mark Martin moved to adjourn. Steven Harris seconded. Meeting was adjourned.

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To: SRRT
From: Rosemary M. Stevenson
Re: 1996 SRRT Slate for ALA Council

I would like to begin by thanking all of the SRRT members who agreed to be on the SRRT slate for ALA Council in 1996. These candidates demonstrated a personal commitment to a progressive agenda for the American Library Association. I also want to express my appreciation to all the SRRT members and volunteers who gave a great deal of thought and effort to this project.

The SRRT Action Council approved a budget of \$2140. for this effort, and the expenditures were approximately \$1800.

The philosophy behind this project was that it would be valuable for SRRT to propose and support a progressive and diverse slate of candidates for the 1996 election for ALA Council. Ten SRRT candidates were on the ballot for Council. I am pleased to report that three of these candidates were elected: Kathleen Bethel, Mark Rosenzweig, and Loriene Roy. In addition, SRRT's endorsed candidate for ALA President, Barbara Ford, also won her election.

Finally, I would like to thank SRRT for approving and supporting this collective approach to achieve progressive and diverse objectives.