

MINUTES

PRESENT: Carol Barta, Action Council; Satia Marshall Orange, OLOS Chair; Stephen Stillwell, member; Linda Pierce, Washington State SRRT; Sandy Berman, Poverty Task Force; Kim Edson, Minnesota SRRT; Nel Ward, Action Council; Yvonne Farely, West Virginia SRRT; Fred Stoss, TFoE; Samuel Bennett, Kansas SRRT; Tom Wilding, Literacy Assembly Liaison, Debra Gilchrist, FTF; Theresa Topin, FTF and Editorial Board; Michael Nitz, GLBTF & Wisconsin SRRT; Mark Martin, GLBTF and Action Council; M. Callaghan "Cal" Zunt, GLBTF; Bonita Corliss, GLBTF; Elisabeth Morrisett, SRRT member, Madeleine Tainton, Action Council; Rosemary MdAndrew, FTF; Kristin Carlson, FTF, Veronda Pitchford, FTF; Hill Holman, Education Assembly; Michael Miller, GLBTF; Steven Harris, Action Council; Mark Rosenzweig, Action Council; Melissa Riley, SRRT member; Barbara Genco, SRRT member; Peggy D'Adamo, AIP; Roland Hansen, SRRT Treasurer; Al Kagan, IRTF and Action Council; Wendy Thomas, SRRT Coordinator; Elaine Harger, SRRT Secretary.

REPORT FROM NEW OLOS DIRECTOR

Satia Marshall Orange introduced herself and spoke about her plans for OLOS. She began saying that she wasn't going to apologize for past experiences SRRT has had with the OLOS office, but she'll do what she can to improve services. Her background is as a children's librarian, her parents were both librarians and her father was the first African-American candidate for ALA president. Equity of access to information an OLOS priority, and Satia said that SRRT can be very helpful with access issues.

She hopes that changes in OLOS make it more efficient and responsive, she is committed to making OLOS support equitable among all the ALA divisions for which it has responsibility. She asked that SRRT respond to requests from OLOS for information timely and completely. She also asked that if task forces have any updated information about their work, mission statements, current activities, controversies, etc. to be sure she gets a copy, with a date of how recent the material is. Satia's e-mail address is sorange@ala.org.

Sandy asked about the state of the OLOS newsletter, Empowerment, and suggested that efforts be made to ensure that the newsletter contain reports and be inclusive of all OLOS groups.

Wendy asked that each task force send by-laws, membership lists, statement of most important concerns, and activities to OLOS.

MINUTES & AGENDA

Agenda was amended to move discussion of resolutions to front. Al Kagan, add to #9 appointments to ALA committees, how can SRRT get members appointed to ALA committees; #10 structural revision to discuss on Tuesday.

Sandy moved acceptance of minutes, Kim seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #1 on Use of Chlorine Free Paper, introduced by Fred Stoss, TFoE.

Motion to approve resolution as amended with addition of language relation to preservation. Sandy moved, Nel seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution #2 on Cataloging-in-Publication for Self-Published Materials, Sandy introduced and moved acceptance, seconded by Stephen Stillwell.

Motion approved unanimously.

Resolution #3 on "American Memory Project," Sandy moved approval, Carol seconded.

Discussion resulted in amendments to include: the Public Law # and date the legislation was passed to first whereas; reference to ALA policy #61 Poor People's policy for 2nd whereas; and the substitution of the word "subhuman" with "substandard" in 4th whereas.

Dee asked whether SRRT can send resolution to the Library of Congress, which led to a discussion of what resolutions SRRT should send to Council. Deb said SRRT should pick carefully what issues it wants to send to Council. Steve noted that this particular issue is of major concern to librarians, and Yvonne suggested that libraries will see much more of this outsourcing; Deb said that the resolution's statement of support for the AFSCME law suit might be problematic, but Theresa noted that the resolution could easily be changed if it is to be sent to Council to ensure that that objection wouldn't be an issue.

Motion to approve as amended passed unanimously.

Resolution #4, Library Service to Homeless People, introduced and moved by Sandy, Kim seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution #5, on Hawaii State Public Library System Outsourcing

Sandy introduced the resolution and informed Action Council that it came directly from Hawaiian librarians who requested assistance in bringing the matter to the attention of ALA. Sandy reported that a bill was just introduced in the Hawaii State Legislature that mandates against outsourcing. Reports are that ALA Council will be dealing with this issue from other ALA divisions, and that two forums on this topic are scheduled for Midwinter; Yvonne said that with the lawsuit against B&T some library groups might be withdrawing from opposition; Linda suggested that any stridency in the SRRT resolution on outsourcing will help get Council to act on one of the many related resolutions being introduced during Midwinter; Sandy noted that material on this issue will be published by AIP; Carol suggested minor language changes to amend the 4th whereas.

Sandy moved approval, Roland seconded.

Motion passed as amended unanimously.

AIP TASK FORCE REPORT

Peggy opened a discussion of the problem of staffing the SRRT booth and suggested it should be moved closer to Crisis booth. Carol suggested that SRRT try to put up a more professional display. Wendy asked that each task force share responsibility for staffing the booth. Peggy and Elizabeth volunteered to coordinate staffing, Michael Miller and Roland Hansen volunteered to fix up a nice display. Carol asked about budgeting a folding display unit and Mary Ghikas informed us that conference services would cover the cost of the 10-ft booth (conference services budgets \$200 per ALA unit for carpet, chair, cleaning, etc). She also said that if SRRT wants to purchase a display unit then OLOS could store it and ship to convention center.

Motion made to extend meeting 20 minutes. Passed

Steve reported on the ALA finance meeting he attended which included discussions of payment for conventions; fundraising; and Elizabeth Martinez's report on the Fund for America's Libraries. The next part of the finance meeting dealt with endowments. The question was raised by Action Council concerning whether or not ALA's \$7 million endowment was being invested in socially responsible companies.

Jill Holman reported to Action Council on discussions taking place within the Committee on Education concerning the credentialing of librarians trained in other countries. Apparently the committee is considering using an outside

agency (AACROA) to do evaluations. Mary Ghikas clarified the issue and said that ALA never has credentialed individual librarians, but does accredit graduate education programs. She also noted that AACROA primarily evaluates undergraduate experience for individuals who are applying to graduate school.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Elaine Harger, 3/2/97.

MINUTES

PRESENT: Roland Hansen, SRRT Treasurer; Mark Rosenzweig, Action Council; Linda Pierce, Washington SRRT; Stephen Stillwell, member; Madeleine Tainton, Action Council; Rosemary McAndrew, Feminist Task Force; Peggy D'Adamo, Alternative in Print; Charles Willitt, Alternatives in Print; Jan DeSirey, member; Yvonne Farley, West Virginia SRRT; Sandy Berman, Poverty Task Force; Veronda Pritchford, Feminist Task Force; Sheri Clifton, member; Steven Harris, Action Council; Sam Bennett, Kansas SRRT; Kim Edson, Minnesota SRRT; Elizabeth Morrissett, member; Michael Nitz, Wisconsin SRRT; Mark Martin, GLBTF; Toni Bissessar, GLBTF; Joan Maxhall, retired member; Terry Link, TF on Environment; Carolyn Garnes, Coretta Scott King TF; Fred Stoss, TF on Environment; Barbara O'Hara, Feminist TF; Carol Barta, Action Council; Nel Ward, Action Council, Wendy Thomas, SRRT Coordinator; Elaine Harger, SRRT Secretary.

INTRODUCTIONS

BUDGET REPORT, Roland Hansen

Budget	
Alternatives in Print	\$ 1,500
ConterPoise	1,500
Task Force on Environment	1,700
Feminist Task Force	2,500
Gay, Lesbian, Bi-sexual Task Force	1,750
Poverty Task Force	500
Int'l Responsibility Task Force	6,500
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$ 15,950</u>

Fred Stoss: TfoE wants to publish new brochure, to promote work and existence of TF. Roland, if SRRT does own new brochure, we can't afford two new brochures, wouldn't have to issue two separate ones. Wendy, SRRT brochure should be priority, it contains out-of-date dues information and listing of task forces. Must be current.

IRTF

The IRTF requested \$ 10,000 for SRRT program that would invite representative from social responsibility-type librarian groups around the world. Program would be on Barbara Ford's presidential theme on international. IRTF would contribute its 97-98 budget, and reserve money from next year's budget. This would amount to \$5000 from both 97-98 and 98-99. Roland said it is too late to deduct \$5000 from 97-98 budget and SRRT doesn't have any extra money. Balance right now \$4980. IRTF could realistically request \$6500. Roland will contact international publishers in San Francisco to see if they might be willing to contribute funds for SRRT's international program in 1998.

Carol Barta moved that Action Council vote on budgets in a block, Roland seconded. Wendy reminded us that only at-large members of Action Council can vote on budgets.

Budgets approved unanimously.

Steve Harris reported that ALA divisions are required to have long-term financial plans and round tables might be asked to do the same in the near future. He also said that SRRT should consider seeking outside funding and asked permission from Action Council to investigate support from the Fund for Americas Libraries. Action Council gave its permission and Steve will contact FAL and coordinate a grant writing project. Wendy expressed the hope that SRRT can get financial information more regularly from OLOS. Nel asked if SRRT raised funds from outside whether or not the money would go directly into SRRT's account or into ALA's. Steve not certain of answer, but thinks the money is for whatever division applies for it. Nel recommended that we get specific information from ALA about this matter.

ALA PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

• Kenneth Dowlin, former director of the San Francisco Public Library and candidate for ALA president addressed Action Council. After presentation was asked a few questions. Q: What is your proposed Center for the Library and why would it be in DC? A: United States has no national library, and needs some kind of office in the capital for librarianship. Q: Should ALA be involved in social issues? A: ALA should take stands on social issues, ALA can be a forum for discussion. Q: Library Services to Poor People, would you undertake serious implementation of that ALA policy? A: I'd have to read it. SFPL serves poor people. Behaviour must be within limits. Poor must have access to libraries and literacy.

Later we heard from Ann Symons. Q: What is your position on the \$700,000 per year compensation package given to ALA's Executive Director. A: ALA hired Martinez for her vision and ability at \$ 180,000 per year, and at the end of her first year gave her a \$25,000 bonus. While this amount seems like a lot to all of us, the salary we paid was low for an association of our size. The ALA Executive Board was comfortable with that amount, though membership might not be. I think we got very good value for that money, but I can't speak to the most recent additional compensation and don't know anything about the recent \$250,000 bonus. Q: What are the major intellectual freedom issues facing librarians today, excluding the Internet? A: It's what kids have access to, and not just what they have access to over the Internet, but books in libraries too. In my school district use of the Internet is totally uncensored.

Before the meeting ended Mark Rosenzweig moved, and Steve Harris seconded, that SRRT not endorse either ALA presidential candidate. He argued that neither seemed to be outstanding proponents of SRRT issues. Stephen asked as a point of information what SRRT's track record was for endorsing ALA presidential candidates. SRRT endorsed Betty Turrock, didn't endorse Mary Somerville race, did endorse Barbara Ford. Carolyn said that we needn't necessarily endorse a member of SRRT who is running for presiden, but in the case of both Turrock and Ford they were very active SRRT members. Symons hasn't been active. Mark said the SRRT members generally believe we should back up our values with action and neither candidate does that. Veronda added that both candidates made it clear they don't agree with SRRT all the time, but still want our votes.

The motion not to endorse either candidate passed unanimously.

BOOK REVIEWS

Action Council discussed whether or not the SRRT newsletter should continue book reviews in light of AIP's publication of CounterPoise? Steve Harris is considering selecting a few reviews slated for CP and putting them into SRRT Newsletter. Madeleine Tainton said she wouldn't want to drop reviews in the Newsletter all together, and Stephen Stillwell suggested that the editorial board consider the issue.

Sandy Berman moved that the Editorial Board investigate this issue and report back at meeting in San Francisco. Motion passed unanimously.

ENVIRONMENTAL CHILDRENS BOOK AWARD

Fred Stoss reported on the Task Force on the Environment's idea to recognize children's books that deal with the environment and natural resources. TFoE would establish awards in two categories: one award for a children's book, a second award for an academic book on the environment. The first award would be issued in 1998. Wendy described the fairly long process in establishing awards: a proposal must be okayed by SRRT and go to ALA's awards committee; the award must become self-funded after 5 years. Stephen noted that ALA doesn't want to fund lots of awards and has established a minimum prize - around \$500. Toni described the GLBTF work to establish an award several years ago and did it in conjunction with another ALA group. She suggested that TFoE seek advice from Newberry Award Comm. Nel suggested seeking co-sponsorship from school library groups, and those devoted to young adult and children service. She also recalled that there is a booklet on creating ALA award.

Nel moved , Roland second, that the TFE distribute its proposal to Action Council, investigate co-sponsors, and take its proposal to the ALA awards committee in San Francisco. Sandy added that after Action Council members have seen the proposal we can approve it prior to meeting in San Francisco this summer.

Motion passed unanimously.

LISTSERV

Wendy reported that the SRRT Action Council listserv has helped improve communications, and that Dee Conkling recently suggested that the list be opened to all SRRT members or that SRRT establish a new list for all SRRT members. If the Action Council list were opened to SRRT members they could read postings but not post themselves. Wendy wanted to know, if we made changes, who would maintain the list? Wendy is currently the co-owner of the SRRT AC list, and currently it is not too much work to maintain. If list gets larger, however, then there could be a lot more work involved and someone else would have to maintain list.

Sandy moved, Roland seconded, that an open SRRT listserv be endorsed by AC, contingent on finding a volunteer to be co-owner and moderate it. Wendy will ask Theresa Tobin about the amount of work involved in moderating a list.

Motion passed unanimously.

MY LAI-4 COMMEMORATION CAMPAIGN

Sandy, moved , Mark seconded, that SRRT send a letter to the national My Lai Commemoration Campaign expressing our support for their activities.

Motion passed unanimously.

OKLAHOMA AFFILIATION

Shari Clifton reported on the request from Oklahoma SRRT for affiliation status.

Sandy moved, Carol seconded, Action Council endorsement of the Oklahoma SRRT's request for affiliation.

Motion passed unanimously.

SRRT MEETING SCHEDULES

Wendy asked for members' impression of the combined all-task force meeting. Michael expressed concern that it seemed to cut the time available for business, and said that if the time period could be extended that would be better. Sandy suggested extending the period by 30 minutes. Stephen noted that the combined meeting time-slot does not restrict task forces to only one meeting, but TF's can schedule a second meeting with longer time period if necessary, or can reserve the block of time immediately following the combined meeting. Sandy said the arrangement was very convenient, and less work for each task force coordinator. Wendy reported that we'll have the same arrangement for San Francisco, and then asked for creative suggestions to avoid conflicts reminding everyone that we must be sure not to schedule meetings that conflict with Council or with various book award breakfasts.

ELECTIONS & COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Carolyn Garnes, Toni Bissessar , Elaine Harger, and Mark Martin all volunteered to run for at-large seats on Action Council.

Stephen reported that each year the President-Elect of ALA solicits people to be appointed to ALA committees. A letter goes out to heads of round tables and divisions. SRRT should think about members to serve on committees. Maybe we could use listserv to solicit interest in committee appointments. Letter usually arrives prior to mid-winter, Wendy will be on look out for it.

Elaine submitted Rosemary Stevenson's report on SRRT's efforts to coordinate a slate of people running for ALA Council, and solicited volunteers to help with mailings.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deadline for newsletter is Friday, Feb. 21.

Sandy is working hard on updating SRRT brochure. AC must look at revisions, finalize.

Tom Wilding running for LAMA president.

Resolutions going to Council. The person who does a resolution is responsible for finding a Councilor to sponsor the resolution on ALA Council.

Motion to adjourn. 4:20 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Elaine Harger, SRRT Secretary, 2/23/97SRRT