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Here are the minutes for AC I. SRRT Action Council
San Francisco
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PRESENT: Wendy Thomas, SRRT Action Council Coordinator; Roland C. Hansen, SRRT Treasurer; Elaine Harger, SRRT Secretary; Bill Defell, SRRT member; Carol Barta, Action Council; Cici Chapple, Milwaukee Public Library; Linda Pierce, Washington SRRT; Roberta Frye, SRRT member, Oakland Public Library; Dotty Granger, Action Council; Madeleine Tainton, Action Council; Fred Stoss, Task Force on the Environment; Toni Bissessar, GLBTF, Action Council; Michael Nitz, GLBTF, Wisconsin SRRT; Jules Tate, GLBTF; Victor Schill, GLBTF; Yvonne Farley, West Virginia SRRT; Kimberly Edson, Minnesota SRRT; Tom Wilding, SRRT liaison to Literacy Assembly; Alison Hopkins, Queens Borough Public Library; Peggy D'Adamo, AIP Task Force; Steven Harris, Action Council; Helen Hill, Northeast State University, SRRT member; Ken Thompson, University of Washington; Sandy Berman, Poverty Task Force; Al Kagan, Action Council & International Responsibilities Task Force; Mark Rosenzweig, Action Council, ALA Council; Bonita C. Corliss, GLBTF; Mark E. Martin, GLBTF/Action Council; Jonathan Betz-Zall, Washington State SRRT; Nel Ward, Action Council; Noel Peattie, Kanocti Books

INTRODUCTIONS

Motion to amend agenda for early consideration of resolutions from Mark Rosenzweig.

Minutes of February 15 and 17, 1997 approved as amended. Amendment corrected the report on ALA Presidential Candidates in the Feb. 17th minutes. The second sentence of the second paragraph should read "What is your position on the \$700,000 three-year compensation package..."
Correction in italics.

RESOLUTIONS

Mark Rosenzweig moved a "Resolution on Gates Library Foundation." As copies of the resolution were not available Sandy Berman moved to have Mark incorporate suggestions that arose during discussion of the resolution, type up, reproduce and make copies available at the OLOS table for AC members to pick-up. Motion approved.

Mark next moved a "Resolution for a Progressive Council Caucus" and described the proposed caucus as a place for councilors to discuss issues, a place for democratic discussion and differences to exist. Several questions were raised about how this would be different from the Council Caucus and whether any of the ALA units listed in the resolution had passed it. It was noted that a progressive caucus a logical extension of SRRT's efforts to get progressive ALA members elected to Council and would serve to assist in getting social issues once again on the agenda of Council. Bonnita Corliss noted that frequently the GLBTF, for instance, is invited to participate in ALA discussions, but it often turns out this involvement has no real impact on outcomes. Sandy Berman moved to table the resolution until Monday by which time Mark could make some suggested changes. Motion to table passed.

SRRT VACANCIES

Wendy informed AC that the following liaison positions are open: Freedom to Read Foundation (needs to be at ALA one day before conference); Council Standing Committee on Education; and ALA Standing Committee on Membership. Also, one position on the SRRT newsletter editorial board is open, and Carol Reid leaving as editor.

Volunteers are requested for all these positions.

SRRT BROCHURE & WEB-SITE

Wendy reported that the SRRT brochure is updated and distributed a draft to be finalized at AC II. The brochure will be printed in a run of 1000 on recycled non-chlorinated. Madelaine will mount brochure on the SRRT web-site. Fred noted that the Task Force on the Environment has its newsletter online and receives a large number of responses from people outside ALA. He also noted that since ALA made changes to its web-site TFoE connections are not functioning fully. He suggested that the new ALA staff member in charge of the web-site conferences to keep ALA divisions, task forces, etc. informed about web-site developments.

OLOS REPORT

Wendy reported that Satia Orange wants to know if SRRT AC members have noticed any changes in OLOS services. Michael reported that Satia has been helpful with finances. Elaine reported that a problem with the PLG program listing on the ALA web-site was taken care of immediately by Satia. Fred reported that questions about TFoE membership have been given an immediate response.

Wendy noted that the OLOS table at the ALA office is right up front - a welcome change from its past locations. She also let everyone know that reproductions can be made at the ALA office. The OLOS table will be staffed 4-hours per day during the conference, and Sheila can set up appointments for incoming TF chairs to learn how to work with ALA. Finally, at the OLOS booth the SRRT file box with hanging files has been replaced with stack of baskets and SRRT has only one basket. We might want that to

change. Communications could be difficult without separate boxes/files/baskets for each task force.

FINANCE REPORT

Wendy relayed information from Deb Gilcrist that ALA will undertake a compensation study of ALA staff. Deb thinks SRRT should investigate how study will be conducted. Mark Martin noted that, in order to avoid confusion in relation to financial reports, all task forces can ask for 3-line budgets from ALA. This would list separately operational funds, breakfast funds and award funds. He says this is an easier method to keep track of TF funds than establishing a special fund for awards, which require \$5000 to be set up.

Al raised a question about what happens if AC votes a budget that SRRT doesn't have enough money in its account to cover. His concern is the result of learning that although the IRTF was budgeted for \$6500 for next year's program, there is not that much money in the SRRT account. Roland answered that ALA makes further budget decisions after SRRT passes its own budget and that now we get printouts that don't seem to coordinate all budget decisions, so there's some confusion. Roland suggests that, now that a new OLOS director is in place, SRRT needs to pursue several questions regarding budgets.

Wendy directed everyone to give Roland whatever questions we might have regarding budgets and they will be forwarded to Satia. She also noted that ALA might have other sources of funds for programs which should be investigated.

Motion to extend meeting for 10 minutes - approved.

Fred requested tabling discussion of TfoE award till mid-winter. He noted that Barbara Ford, as part of her presidential activities, is providing volunteer opportunities in New Orleans and Washington in which SRRT should be involved. A good project would be one related to environmental racism. Another recommendation was to work with the "M" Street Village which works with homeless people. He also noted in relation to ALA publications and communications that there needs to be a better mechanism for using already existing ALA venues to let ALA members know about SRRT activities, maybe regular reports in American Libraries on the activities of SRRT task forces. Wendy noted that the GLBTF has made good use of ALA publications to promote programs and activities.

Wendy reminded AC that at the next meeting we need to select SRRT coordinator, secretary and treasurer. We definitely need a treasurer.

Dotty noted that several people really liked the all task force meeting arrangement, but asked if it could be scheduled a little earlier to avoid some serious conflicts. Wendy suggested that we could have SRRT meeting start at 8:00 and end at 11:00.

Motion to adjourn - passed.

Meeting ended at 12:40 p.m.
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