

PRESENT: Carol Barta, AC; Cici Chapple, AC; Steven Harris, AC; Linda Pierce, SRRT listserv moderator; Elizabeth Morrissett, SRRT member; Jos Anemaet, Oregon SRRT; Jenna Freedman; Fred Stoss, TFOE; Mark Rosenzweig, AC; Sandy Berman, HHPTF; Peter McDonald; Al Kagan, IRTF; Ann Sparanese, AC; Wayne Mullin, AC; Theresa Tobin, FTF and SRRT Editorial Board; Lynn Andersen; Shari Clifton, GLBTF; Florenz Maxwell, CSKTF secretary; Nel Ward, SRRT treasurer; Elaine Harger, SRRT secretary; Barbara Jones Clark, CSKTF chair; Heather Caines CSKTF; Maura L. DeLoast, CSKTF; Rory Litwin, AIP; Patti Mersmann, Kansas SRRT; Michael J. Miller, GLBTF.

NOTE: Wendy Thomas, SRRT coordinator, was ill. Elaine Harger chaired the meeting, Carol Barta took minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES. Sandy moved approval of annual minutes, Stephen Harris seconded. Minutes approved as amended.

REPORT: Elaine Harger updated AC on ALA Council attacks on SRRT. SRRT received letter from ALA prohibiting SRRT from issuing statements under its own auspices. Round table coordinating committee meeting on 1/29/99 where the issue was discussed, expressed strong opposition against any prohibitions against roundtables being restricted in this manner. The RTCC had been given a document from the ALA executive board outlining how roundtables can communicate with outside organizations. All RT reps felt need to have freedom to make statements. GODORT felt it needs to be able to issue statements and opinions in a timely manner as needed. Video librarians had similar view. Coordinating committee is not empowered to pass resolution on issue.

DISCUSSION: Al Kagan said that according to ALA policy we have right to speak in our own name. We are on high ground. Suggested a resolution to ALA council asking for an apology for chilling the atmosphere. Linda Pierce brought up changing our letterhead. It is ugly anyway. Elaine will bring suggestions for changes to AC II. We have just received the Round Table handbook with this statement. Needs to be removed. Fred Stoss noted that in no way does ALA represent the views of all librarians. Elaine—minority opinion within ALA should have the right to be expressed. Carolyn Garnes—forming of SRRT was itself controversial. Ceci Chapple noted the need to see who is on the executive board—who is against and in support of roundtables' right to issue statements. Elaine reported that Wendy had e-mailed Ann Symons asking for an update on the issue, but Ann has not responded. Nel Ward—letter ought to be rescinded, and suggested that ALA Councilor Steven Matthews's going after SRRT might be to our advantage. Councilors will find this singling out of SRRT outrageous. Elaine—document distributed yesterday at RTCC by ALA executive board did not mention SRRT. The RTCC was told that it effects all roundtables equally. Al Kagan pointed out the irony of Ann Symons role in this matter, as her presidential theme is intellectual freedom. He noted that Barbara Ford longtime SRRT member is on the executive board. She might be able to give us some insight. We should ask her to come to AC to talk to us about it.

BUDGET UPDATE: Nel Ward reported that we still don't have the information we need to determine status of SRRT budget. SRRT factsheet on budgeting was handed out. SRRT was in debt \$6000 from last year. That debt supposedly increased to \$19,000 this year. We don't know how. ALA has been slow in issuing reimbursements. Nel handed out ALA financial performance reports from November 1998. There were discrepancies from last year when compared to budget. TF chairs need to check with Nel. Elaine and Nel will meet with Joanne Mondowney from BARC. Michael Miller and Fred Stoss noted that ALA doesn't seem able to demonstrate where debt came from. Al Kagan reminded us that SRRT AC passed a resolution to do nothing until we receive full financial documentation from ALA. Nel noted that *Women in Libraries* sales are not being credited to the Feminist task force. Subscription monies are not being deposited to task force budget. Nel said that each task force was to receive own task force performance report. Michael Miller noted that Satia Orange, SRRT OLOS liason, said she would only sent reports to task force treasurers. Nel recommended a change in SRRT bylaws that treasurer's term begin with the start of the fiscal year. It is very important that reimbursement forms immediately after annual so that it goes on the current year budget. Year runs Sept. 1 – Aug.31. Wayne Miller asked should we just wait or do something? Pass another resolution? Elaine—think another resolution would be redundant. Carol Barta asked where the money went. Rory Litwin said they have us in a bad situation. They are starving us for information. Elizabeth Morrissett—this has gone on since the 70's. Ceci Chapple noted they are doing a very good job of keeping us tied up with this issue so SRRT can't do our work. Wayne—can we get a pro bono attorney or CPA to assist? Barbara Clark—a CPA can't do anything without records. Michael Miller had a call about this last year. Fred said that any excess money should have been rolled over from last fiscal year. Linda—in meeting with BARC people we should tell them SRRT will address budget issues after we get the financial records needed. Barbara Clark noted that the CSKTF is preparing activities for 30th anniversary celebrations, and expressed concern that publishers should make donation checks to Fund for Americas libraries, but earmarked for the CSK task force, She was advised to have ALA send her a photocopy of all the checks received for CSK records. Rory—Jessamyn said the cost of the newsletter comes out of SRRT money, but we have no line on our budget for that. Elaine—returned to the matter of the term of treasurer—outgoing treasurer and incoming should overlap for those 2 months.

MOTION: Ceci Chapple moved that it be recommended that Outgoing treasurer's term ends on Aug. 31 and the Incoming treasurer's term begins immediately after annual conference. This is voluntary and would provide a two-month overlap of terms. Motion seconded by Sandy.

DISCUSSION: Al this might require a bylaws change. Teresa noted this change might make it difficult for the outgoing person to do double duty if they are taking on other roles. Might be better to have a treasurer-elect. That assumes that the treasurer changes each year. Mark—this would create a consistent relation between financial officer and fiscal year. Task forces treasurers must work closely with SRRT treasurer. Fred—not all task forces have a treasurer. Nel this can create a real mess. Amendment to motion—Term of treasurer will be 14 months beginning at annual conference. Ceci withdrew the amendment in favor of the recommendation that SRRT treasurer voluntarily agrees to work through the fiscal year. Point of order raised concerning requests for budget adjustments—when does SRRT treasurer need the budgets? At the beginning of ACII. GLBTF had applied last year for \$8500 budget and was approved. Performance report, however, reflects a \$2200 decrease. If this is the case, GLBTF won't have funds for awards. Nel—need to talk to ALA about this. Rory—same situation for AIP. Al noted that a \$600 addition to IRTF budget for speakers is contingent on availability of funds. Where will we get the money? Al—we have no idea how much money we have.

MOTION approved 7-1.

ELECTION OF SRRT COUNCILOR: Elaine reported that we need candidates to run for the newly established roundtable representatives to ALA Council. Wendy has put together a draft of a job description and we need to decide if the SRRT Councilor should be a permanent member of AC. We'll need to change bylaws to reflect these changes.

MOTION: Sandy moved and Al seconded the acceptance of the job description as written and a revision as bylaws to reflect change.

DISCUSSION: Stephen Harris asked if this person is elected by SRRT membership as a whole, rather than by AC electing from member on AC. Teresa expressed reservations to the idea that the person must vote in accordance to SRRT policy. Nel—asked whether SRRT rep. should be a voting member of Action Council. Al noted that this rep. should take progressive stance on issues in council. Stephen—should be someone with SRRT experience who has served on AC or as a task force chair. Sandy would accept as a friendly amendment. Discussion of this issue was suspended so that Nancy Kranich, ALA presidential candidate, could speak to AC about her presidential campaign. Stephen moved and Jos seconded to table further discussion on SRRT Council until ACII. Motion to table passed.

PROGRAM CO-SPONSORSHIP: Stephen Fowlkes from ACRL- ANSS conference planning asked for co-sponsorship on Preserving Social History program at New Orleans. Moved and seconded by Sandy and Michael. Approved unanimously.

MOTION to extend meeting to noon. Ann moved, Ceci seconded. Approved.

ACTION COUNCIL ELECTIONS: Peter McDonald, Elizabeth Morrissett, Fred Stoss and Lynn Anderson volunteered to run for AC. Carol and Steven will not run again.

Fred reminded that we have not had a formal meeting of ad hoc committee on public relations. He requested that chairs talk to task force members about committee. He described his idea for a column in American Libraries for all roundtables. Elaine—roundtable reps at Round Table Coordinated Committee passed a resolution to that effect. Once every year and half each roundtable would be responsible for writing the column. Ceci reported that the SRRT booth at annual will be more organized. Signs from each task force way to sign up.

SRRT RESOLUTION ON IRAQ: Moved and seconded. Discussion on the first resolve. Ann questioned use of the word "military." Al withdrew word. Linda asked about including language "provide or manufacture" and Sandy suggested a resolve to be added before last resolve:

And be it further resolved that the SRRT of the ALA advocates the greater acquisition and promotion by libraries of a full spectrum of resources and views relating to American Middle East policy and disarmament.

Last whereas moved to second to last position. Discussion of resolution and rest of the agenda tabled until ACII on Monday.

Minutes submitted by Elaine Harger, 2/6/99

MINUTES

Action Council II

Feb. 1, 1999 – 2-4:30 p.m.

PCC 204B

Additions to agenda: New task force; AIP—program; conference planning report

PRESENT: Nel Ward, SRRT treasurer; Gary Klein, SRRT member; Wayne Mullin, AC; Sherman Banks, trustee; Michael J. Miller, GLBTF; Ann Sparanese, AC; Al Kagan, IRTF; Linda Pierce, listserv moderator; Mary Biblo, ALA council; Marvin Scilken, SRRT member and ALA council; Virginia B. Moore, visitor; Elizabeth Morrissett, SRRT member; Patti Mersmann, Kansas SRRT; Robert S. Freeman, LHRT; Rory Litwin, AIP; Bill Delzell, SRRT member; Cal Zunt, GLBTF; Joann Mondowney, BARC; Karen Gisonny, SRRT member; Sherre Harrington, FTF; Ceci Chapple, AC; Floyd Zula, Arts Section ACRL; Steven Harris, AC; Sandy Berman, HHPTF; Mark Rosenzweig, AC; Barbara J. Clark, CSKTF; Elaine Harger, SRRT secretary.

NEW TASK FORCE: Virginia Moore presented a request for the National Library Involvement Committee for the Celebration of the MLK, Jr. Holiday to become a task force of SRRT. Committee has been active in providing MLK kits in the past. Elaine noted that the constitution of SRRT states that to form a new task force, a petition must have 10 signatures of SRRT members. Ms. Moore presented 15 signatures. The new task force needs to be reviewed at 2 consecutive meetings.

MOTION: Sandy moved probationary status for the new task force and Ann Sparanese seconded. Ann stated that it is a great idea. Ceci asked about the sort of materials the group makes available. Virginia noted that a bibliography was just revised. They also encourage contests, poetry writing, posters. Also, Volunteer Day has been made part of holiday. Wayne—what will be the financial impact on SRRT? Marvin Scilkin asked for some money, but right now the group mostly wants the ability to get a room and listing in the conference program. Virginia also noted that they couldn't apply for grants before because of their status, but as part of SRRT they will become eligible for grants. Al noted that most people don't often talk about MLK Jr. in the realm of foreign policy, and encouraged the group to be sure to incorporate this aspect of King's concerns in their work—he was opposed to the Vietnam War for instance and apartheid. Carol Barta called the question. Motion passed unanimously. Mary Biblo invited everyone interested to become involved. Virginia Moore will be chair.

CANDIDATE: Jim Schmidt spoke about his candidacy for ALA president

PROGRAM CO-SPONSORSHIP: Request for cosponsorship Robert Freeman. Library History Round Table two programs at New Orleans – Library Outreach Bringing Libraries to the People—listed speakers Sandy moved co-sponsorship. Wayne seconded. Co-sponsorship in name only, ie. no request for funds. Plan to publish eventually. Motion passed unanimously.

SRRT COUNCILOR: Discussion resumed. Concern was expressed Saturday about how the councilor would be voting. Sandy attended IFRT and they had the same issue. Read the paragraph had drafted for their bylaws. Steven liked wording "receives direction from." Elaine asked if this language would suffice to settle the objections to the requirement that the councilor vote in accordance with SRRT policy. Al read the GODORT language in this matter, which is similar to IFRT's. Elaine noted the similarity of both IFRT and GODORT councilor "job descriptions" to the one Wendy drafted, except for the instruction to report in SRRT Newsletter.

MOTION: Wayne moved an amendment to third bullet "Receives directions from SRRT Action Council on issues coming before ALA Council." Steven seconded. Passed unanimously.

Discussion continued. Should we require extensive experience with SRRT. Elaine asked if experience should be included in the job description. Sandy moved that we require 2 years of experience on action council, but withdrew motion after discussion. Elaine informed everyone that the term of office for SRRT's first councilor will be one year. Normally the term is three years, and after the first election, SRRT Councilor will serve full three-year terms. The question was raised concerning the SRRT councilor's membership on AC. The person should be a voting member for budget purposes, because s/he will have been elected by the entire SRRT membership. Herb Biblo suggested that if a person serving on AC is elected SRRT councilor, his/her old seat on AC should be vacated to allow someone else run for that position. Sandy asked that Wendy, Elaine and Carol do bylaws amendments so they can be voted on at the same time that election for all SRRT officers takes place. He also suggested that any unfinished term be put up for election or filled by appointment.

Job description as amended passed unanimously.

ACTION COUNCIL ELECTIONS: We need candidates to run for Action Council seats being vacated. Names and bios must be sent to Wendy by Feb. 10th. Al Kagan is interested in running for SRRT councilor position.

MOTION: Sandy moved that in next couple of days a call for candidates on SRRT AC-L should be issued. Seconded by Ceci. Passed unanimously.

Herb Biblo raised the issue of getting more SRRT people to run for ALA Council. He noted that we must not lessen our efforts in this area.

MOTION: Michael moved and Al seconded the creation of a regular SRRT nominating committee of not less than 3 people. This will need to be voted on as a bylaws change. Passed unanimously. Call for volunteers will go out on listserv.

RESOLUTION ON IRAQ: Sandy offered a friendly amendment to change "way" to "well" in first whereas. Al moved revision Ann seconded. Resolution passed.

ALA CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE: Carol Barta reported that the changes presented by this committee appear to be a done deal, and characterized the changes as adding more bureaucracy to programming activities. Vendors will have representation, which might well be a conflict of interest. On the positive side, the plan to "track" programs makes selecting programs to attend at a conference easier. Change in planning structure are administrative and procedural only and, therefore, not an issue for a membership vote. SRRT resolution in opposing restructuring of planning of conferences as "un-democratic." Two pronged approach offers problems as well as solutions. Action : Council members from SRRT will be offering input when the report goes to Council.

GAZA LIBRARY PROJECT: ^{Ravi} ~~Robi~~ Sharma presented an IRC resolution to help Libraries in Gaza. An initial resolution on this matter never reached council at Annual '98. Subsequently the resolution has been endorsed by ACRL and several other committees. A publishing blitz on the plight of Palestinian libraries has helped garner direct support already.

MOTION; Al Kagan moved for endorsement, seconded by Ann Sparanese. Endorsement passed by acclamation.

CO-SPONSORSHIP: Ann Sparanese reported on an AFL/CIO ALA Joint Committee on Library Services to Labor Groups program and requested SRRT co-sponsorship.

MOTION: Sandy Berman seconded motion posed by Ann Sparanese. Endorsement passed by acclamation.

SRRT BUDGET: Nel Ward, SRRT treasurer, gave a budget report. There appears to be an \$8000 over-expenditure from FY 1998. ALA accounting for past reports, however, is confusing, but we will try to find a resolution to these ongoing budget problems with the Budget Analysis and Review Committee. Joanne Mondowney, a representative from BARC appeared to say that she is working to close the finance information gap. Efforts will be made to address the retrospective debt, to enable ongoing programs support, and to establish ways to make future budgets work.

MOTION: Berman moved to extend meeting until 5:00. Seconded by ? Approved by acclamation.

BUDGET CONTINUED: Nel noted the importance for SRRT to operate in a fiscally responsible way. Stay in the black. We will ask for ledger and expense/revenue reports for last ten years. Presentation and approval of TF budgets. Mullins expressed dismay at budget process. Harger assured him that this was an exceptional meeting, because the treasurer was kept away from the meeting for so long by Greg Calloway, ALA finance officer. Kagan expressed need to find out why dues don't cover expenses anymore. Until differences are solved in conjunction with BARC, we should proceed with business as usual.. Mark

MOTION: Rosenzweig moved and Stephen Harris seconded approval of proposed budgets. Passed with one nay. Ward will give updates on balances and approved budget via the listserv.

Agenda items remaining have been tabled until Annual.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15pm.

Minutes submitted by Elaine Harger, Carol Barta and Michael Miller, 2/6/99