

Draft of SRRT Action Council Meetings I & II and SRRT Membership Meeting Minutes

ALA Annual Conference, Toronto, CA, June 2003

(Please note: this is not an official SRRT document, but merely a draft of the minutes for SRRT Action Council I, SRRT Membership Meeting, and SRRT Action Council II during the ALA Annual Conference in Toronto in June of 2003. The official minutes must be approved by SRRT Action Council)

Action Council I

Task Force News

Council News

Idea of Liaisons and co-sponsorships with other ALA divisions and roundtables was tabled until Action Council II.

Monika Antonelli gave news concerning her involvement on the ALA Council Resolutions Committee

Break

Larry Romans's resolution concerning recent changes at the FCC. SRRT passed a motion to endorse resolution, which was going to ALA Council

Al Kagan discussed two resolutions coming to Council. One was authored by Michael Gorman and Michael Malinconico concerning the destruction of cultural resources in Iraq. There was discussion of the use of the word disappointment and trying to find a stronger term. SRRT passed a motion to endorse resolution going to Council. Al discussed a resolution on access to information in Cuba, will verify proper title, that was coming to Council. Al said he would vote against such a resolution, as it failed to give context to the current situation in Cuba, especially that it failed to discuss the United States trade embargo of Cuba. Ann Sparanese was going to speak out against the resolution at Council. SRRT passed a motion to instruct Al to vote against this resolution.

Larry Romans introduced another resolution going to Council about the recent changes at the Department of Education over the ERIC database. This resolution was coming out of GODORT, although it had not yet been written. Larry was seeking a SRRT endorsement on principle.

At his point, Keith Fiels, Executive Director of ALA, visited the SRRT Action Council I meeting. The following topics were discussed with Mr. Fiels:

- 1) Socially Responsible Investing
- 2) Electronic Participation
- 3) Commercialization of ALA
- 4) New ALA Web Site
- 5) ALA Budget Crisis
- 6) ALA One Voice Policy

After Mr. Fiels departed, SRRT went back to discussing the ERIC resolution. Al Kagan suggested that we endorse the resolution in principle with the stipulation that the resolution include provisions that ERIC be kept not-for-profit and that education specialists be kept as part of the ERIC indexing process.

Next, Al discussed the Resolution on Terrorism Information Awareness Program. Al had trouble with the second whereas clause, and Tom Twiss commented that by calling for congressional oversight as opposed to a complete repeal of the TIAP program, one was in a sense legitimizing TIAP. Larry Romans suggested that we do not endorse the resolution. Al made a motion that we oppose the TIAP program. SRRT passed the motion.

SRRT Membership Meeting

Treasurer's report

Al's Report-concerning resolutions before ALA Council

- 1) Res. on destruction of cultural resources in Iraq
- 2) Res. UNESCO Delegation and exclusion of a French librarian
- 3) Res. on FCC deregulation
- 4) Res. on Cuba

SRRT members discussed the following topics:

Issue of direct election of ALA Executive Board members.

-suggestion of raising issue in SRRT newsletter. Peter MacDonald suggested we do some research on the issue and discuss issue further in Orlando

Issue of Washington Office

Issue of ALA's stand on globalization

ALA new web site design

-this brought up the issue of having SRRT's web pages on ALA server or on another server-important issue due to new

web site configuration. Peter MacDonald suggested that SRRT have most our content on the ALA server and additional materials, which we have reason to believe would be edited out of the ALA server for "one voice" reasons, could be stored off site and linked to. Rory agreed to look into this. Peter suggested we have a plan ready by Midwinter.

A SRRT member mentioned bylaws change to have SRRT Treasurer directly elected by members.

Action Council II

Budgets report.

Task Force Reports

-Rory mentioned that TF chairs ought to prepare written reports of their activities. He also added that TF chairs were responsible for maintaining their own membership lists. At this point it was mentioned that there should be one place in the minutes for Task Force news.

The idea of a joint task force program as suggested by the coordinator of the Task Force on the Environment was seen as too difficult to plan right now, but it was suggested to look into the idea next Annual Conference. It was decided such an idea needed more planning and thought.

AL suggested TF chairs put out on the listserv the times they were considering for their programs at next Annual. This might help to curb the overlapping and conflicts of TF programs, although conflicts will occur anyway.

Aureole Johnstone said she would put together an email on the budget cycle, budget procedures, and what Task Forces have spent in the last 3 years.

(the following is a summary based on notes taken by Jennifer Baltes)

Jim Kuhn, IFRT liaison, gave information on IFRT's position concerning ALA's One Voice Policy. He discussed his plans to draft a response to the policy and forward it to Mary Ghikas.

At this point, plans were discussed for a program on "who speaks for ALA". It was suggested to have a program in Orlando on the topic, perhaps co-sponsored by IFRT. Other divisions and roundtables would be invited. Rory said he

would submit the program proposal before leaving Toronto. Al Kagan volunteered to be a panelist.

A motion was called to address the idea of the SRRT membership committee doing greater outreach and partnerships to other divisions and roundtables in ALA. The committee's mission would be headed by Monika Antonelli, chair of the Membership committee. The text of the motion read like this:

"The membership committee will communicate with the chairs or representatives of groups and committees in ALA and invite them to SRRT meetings, programs, and social events for the purpose of outreach, growing the membership, and creating partnerships.

SRRT liaisons to other groups will be in communication with the membership committee."

The motion passed.

Rory mentioned that there was not sufficient time to overhaul the bylaws as he had wished, but he would be bringing minor changes to be put on the ballot to next Midwinter.

Task Force Reports:

Tom Twiss of IRTF, said he would be re-working the web site.

AIP said that there will not be a program for Orlando, but they are working on a bibliography of core small press resources and practical tips for librarians to get small press publications.

Al looking for student to help with SRRT history project. Tribute to Nel Ward was discussed. This would be published in the newsletter. Rory reported that Fred Stoss, absent from the meeting, had mentioned earlier he would write it. Al volunteered to write it if Fred could not.

New AC officers were announced and welcomed. Jane was reappointed as newsletter editor, although she did express that she did not wish to continue as editor. Rory will appoint a new person later.

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