

SRRT Action Council I
ALA Midwinter Seattle, 1/20/07
Draft Notes/Minutes

Present: Elaine M. Harger* - coordinator, Susan D. Dillinger*- treasurer, Mary Sue Brown*- secretary, Carol Gulyas*, Melissa Riley, Diedre Conkling, Jonathan Betz-Zall, Al Kagan- RT councilor, LaJuan Pringle*, John Gehner, Mary Bilbo, Laura Koltutsky, Jim Kuhn, Eric Estep*. (I am trying to reconstruct this list since we did not have a sign in sheet for Action Council I. Please let me know if your name needs to be added or deleted, thanks.)*SRRT Action Council members.

1. Introduce Rod Hersberger, Dean at Cal State, candidate for ALA Treasurer. Rod is on the Graduated Dues Task Force and is philosophically not against a graduated dues structure. He would also like to consider using the CPI as an index for a dues increase instead of a large increase every 10 years.

Add Homeless Task Force Report to agenda. Approved change.

Minutes from AC I and II from 2006 ALA Annual Conference approved.

Resolutions.

Impeachment of George W. Bush that was passed by Seattle Public Library staff and the North Seattle Community College. Motion by Johnathan Betz-Zall; 2nd by Mary Sue Brown to endorse this resolution and take to council. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution to cut off funding for the Iraq War. Changes in resolution include cross out of calls on the to “supports efforts in US Congress” and cross out of US before military and action” after military and inclusion of “safe” after quick. Motion made by Mary Sue Brown and 2nd by Susan Dillinger. Motion passed unanimously.

Joint Conference of Librarians of Color

Concern that too few progressive librarians are not of color and that ALA minority associations – APALA as well as the Black Caucus and Reforma while not disavowing progressive concerns, focus on their particular concerns. Two questions/points – how can we address these contradictions and all these issues are related. Sorry if this is a bit vague. The idea of having an ALA program on Social Movements/Activist Librarians will be brought up at Action Council II.

SRRT input for National Library Agenda. SRRT members should provide feedback by 2/15/07.

Action Council members and other SRRT members endorsed the idea that the document was too heavily digital and not face to face librarian. I have a note that suggests sending ideas to Elaine. However, I believe that members may send directly using the ALA website.

Library Education discussions – Al Kagan has been doing presentations about ALA., SRRT, and progressive librarianship at several places in Illinois and one in Indiana.

Newsletter Report – Eric Estep.

Everyone thought that the newsletter was really well done. Eric noted that in order to get material in, it must get to ALA during the first week in February.

Hunger, Homeless, and Poverty Taskforce, John W. Gehner. There are now 22 members in this Task Force. Wisconsin and New Jersey Library Associations are involved in doing a survey of services to low income people. One of the issues is lack of library service for people in shelters. The involvement of an OLOS subcommittee – Library Services to Poor and Homeless People in this area was unclear.

SRRT Outreach to new and potential members. Need to get SRRT publicity out to library schools. SRRT Roundtable is free to library science students. Get this information into newsletters.

Budget – Susan Dillinger presented the budget and requested that Task Force Coordinators provide amount that will be needed for FY08. Budget will be added to Action Council II Meeting.

Action Council II
Monday, January 22
Draft notes/minutes

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Candidates for ALA president – Jim Rettig and Nancy Davenport spoke about their qualifications for the position. Neither candidate supported either of SRRT's resolutions for Impeachment of George Bush or Cutting Off Funding for the Iraq War.

With the corrected spelling of Carol Gulyas's last name, the minutes from SRRT Action Council I and II at ALA in New Orleans, the minutes were approved as was the Agenda with the addition of Budget, Resolution from Reforma, and Jim Kuhn's report on the Merritt Fund.

Resolution from Reforma in support of Immigrant Rights for library services. Mary sue Brown moved, Ginny Moore seconded. Motion passed.

Report from Jim Kuhn from IFRT on Impeachment – failed but did unanimously endorse the resolution to end the funding for IRAQ War. (Some question about IFRT's wording – Jim, see if you can clarify.)

Budget

Mary Sue Brown moved and Al seconded that Susan Dillinger tell ALA that SRRT wishes to invest \$49,999. in a 6 month CD. Motion passed.

Al Kagan moved and Mary Sue Brown seconded that SRRT approve the FY08 Budget of \$15,800. Motion passed..

Mary Sue Brown moved and Elaine Harger seconded that Carol Gulyas can proceed with her Fund Raising Effort – probably buttons to be sold at the Free Speech Buffet. Motion

passed.

6. AIP – Free Speech Buffet – will hold again in DC. Tickets handled through ALA. Price is \$15. Is this correct?

Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday – Ginny Moore reported that they will work on a bibliography and a brochure for the 2008 celebration. Will have information for the Leroy C. Merrit Fund at the 2008 celebration.

Feminist Task Force – Diedre Conkling. Women in Libraries newsletter print version will be replaced by a wiki-up. Print will be archived. FTF will do program – Intro to Women's issues with ACRL and WSS. Hope to do a program with Ms or Cosmo. In process – study on gender representation for ALA presentations.

Carol Gulyas moved that IPPI be folded into AIP and then change the name to Alternative Media Task Force. Mary Sue Brown will do a resource guide for social issues DVD's. (Decided to call it Beyond Seven Brides for Seven Brothers).

International Responsibilities – LaJuan Pringle. Proposed program is Darfur – the libraries in your community and what they need to know. BCALA may co-sponsor.

(Suggestion for a possible program – US labor against the War in Iraq.) Not sure where this came from or where it is going. Please advise. Ak

Freedom to Read - Terry Esperson

ACLU Florida vs. Miami Dade School – Decision was to return children's book about Cuba to the library.

Sara Bradburn vs. North Central Regional Library District – librarians unable to disable filters. Women and Guns site blocked in the library.

Question of off campus behavior of students – one student suspended for carrying a banner "Bong hits for Jesus". Not yet a case.

EPA Library update. – EPA has stopped the closings. 5 out of 26 were closed.

SRRT Program Proposal – Elaine Harger, Walking Hand in Hand. Program will be Saturday afternoon 4-5:30 p.m. Gary (Gerardo) Colmenar will speak. Carol Gulyas moved approval of the program and LaJuan Pringle seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Sue Brown
Secretary