

ALA - SRRT ACTION COUNCIL
FALL MEETING AGENDA
(October 21 & 22, 1972)

I. Old Business and Reports

1. Action Council Minutes - Corrections (Wheeler & Emerick) - *approved*
2. Questionnaire Response - Future SRRT? (Emerick) *renewed part*
3. Combined Alternatives Exhibit (Emerick) *accepted report*
4. Treasurer's Report (Bruxuort) *accepted report*
5. Task Force Report (Carbonneau) *accepted report*
6. Affiliates' Report (Hodgin & Freedman) - *not given*
7. Union Liaison Report (Kirkpatrick) *accepted report*
8. SRRT Brochure Report (Hodgin) *Suzanne & Carol*
9. SRRT Bylaws Report
 - A. Start of AC-CH Term (Doiron) - *Emerick*
 - B. Women on AC-CH (Freedman) - *agreed to one change*
 - C. Other
10. Parliamentarian Requirements (Emerick) - *ignored report*
11. Freedom to Read Foundation Report (Williams/Emerick) - *ignored report*
12. Library of Congress Report (Williams/Emerick) - *asked Emerick to write letter*
13. Beacon Press Request (Carbonneau) *allowed denial to follow up*
14. SRRT Las Vegas Housing - Dormitory (Emerick) *contact Joan B + Mike*
15. Other Old Business

II. New Business

1. Clearinghouse Report - Newsletter Budget (Futas) *accepted report + budget*
2. Task Force Budget (Carbonneau) - *revised budget*
3. Task Force Meetings - Programs, When and Where (Emerick) *discontinued*
4. Reprinting Back Issues of Synergy (Carbonneau) *rejected reprinting*
5. Mid-Winter SRRT Program (Doiron) - *Judy P + L. Legislative*
6. Las Vegas Convention
 - A. Meetings (Emerick) - *no report*
 - B. Program (Doiron) - *contact Helen to cost.*
 - C. Exhibit (Emerick) - *designated Suzanne with TF report*
7. Action Council Publicity and PR (LaBarron) *report debated*
8. SRRT Cooperation and Communication (Carbonneau) *report used*
9. "Instant Educational Materials" For New AC-CH (Emerick & LaBarron)
10. Other New Business
Emerick LaBarron + Budget

1972 Fall. Minutes, SRRT Action Council meeting, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Present: Tyron Emerick, Coordinator and presiding; Helen Wheeler, recorder; Oliver Kirkpatrick; Jim Wright; Denis Carbonneau; Liz Futas; Ginnie Bruxvoort; Maurice Freedman; Suzanne LeBarron. Absent: Ellis Hodgins, Peter Doiron.

Saturday, October 21, 1972. Convened 10:00 a.m. in meeting room of the Washington branch of the St. Paul Public Library. Those present were reminded to present travel expense vouchers (receipts) to Ginnie Bruxvoort for reimbursement. Press releases must be made through and approved by ALA as per ALA policy requirement. News announcements can be made without such approval. Minutes of June 26, 28 and 30, 1972 (Chicago conference) were accepted.

Reference was made to June 28, 1972, page 3 Minutes; 2nd paragraph refers to the question of archives, specifically turning over of SRRT records to Miriam Crawford for inclusion in ALA archives... should we put this question up to a vote by membership via Newsletter? Re turning over current records to ALA, Oliver Kirkpatrick suggested that records relating to unresolved matters be withheld until settled. Mitch Freedman asked Tyron Emerick to ask ALA whether they could and would guarantee 24-hour access if we gave them SRRT records and if so, when it would begin. There are two matters here, really: (1) archives and (2) minutes. ALA has questioned whether we can give our archives to a university. Tyron will ask Miriam Crawford to report to SRRT at Midwinter meetings in Washington regarding this. He will also ask Jackie Eubanks and Pat Schuman to submit their records as coordinators.

Combined Alternatives Exhibit. It was reported that seven out of ten had voted, all for the \$225 requested to help defray expenses of organizing this exhibit. It is to be available for display at Las Vegas ALA 1973 summer conference. We want to keep in mind the possibility of having this in the SRRT exhibit area (booth) itself, because of the expense of renting "commercial" booths in regular exhibitors' channels.

Questionnaire response - future of SRRT. Some questions that Action Council had coming out of the results of the questionnaire include: how are we going to decide what activities/causes we will support? We need to have policy here because these are often urgent, emergency-related matters. Mitch suggested that we set up an allotment for "political" contributions, setting aside a portion of the budget for this and/or even soliciting funds to political causes. The need for Action Council to take a vote and thus a stand with individual Action Council members not speaking for Action Council unless so authorized was emphasized. The problem is that one can speak as an individual but should not speak publicly for Action Council. Also discussed was the need for Action Council to get as much done at Midwinter meetings and summer conference of ALA as possible so that the need for a fall meeting is eliminated.

Treasurer Ginnie Bruxvoort's report. There is a balance of \$3,295.22. Expenditures have consisted of \$325 miscellaneous expenses; \$225 Combined Alternatives exhibit; \$500 rent; \$500 newsletter advance. Mitch urged that we look into where the interest from our monies is going. Requests for funds for task forces should be routed through Denis.

Task Force Report (Carbonneau). The March-April issue of Workforce, a publication of Vocations for Social Change, will include an article regarding SRRT task forces. (See LJ 9/15/72:2823.) Articles can be sent to Denis.

Budget consideration: the following amounts were requested/alloted (note \$50 is automatic.)

ALA/IFLA	No request received	\$ 50.00	
AIP	\$ 850.00	850.00	Allocated for 1972
CHICANO	300.00-500.00	300.00	
DRUG ABUSE	100.00	100.00	
ETHNIC MATERIALS	150.00	125.00	
GAY LIBERATION	650.00	300.00	
JOBS	525.00	305.00	
MEDIA	120.00	50.00	
MIGRANTS	260.00	160.00	(and \$100 in Reserve)
MOCOPRO	35.00- 40.00	50.00	
NEWCOTT	No request received	50.00	
PRISONS	No request received	185.00	
RECRUITMENT/MINORITIES	1,500.00	970.00	(and \$500 revolving back from benefit for fund raising)
SEX-RELATED MEDIA	150.00	150.00	
WOMEN	280.00	280.00	
UPI	500.00	<u>500.00</u>	
	TOTAL	4,425.00	
	Reserve and Revolving	<u>600.00</u>	
	GRAND TOTAL	\$5,025.00	

It was the consensus that we not budget out of SRRT funds for any task force newsletter, and that we encourage task forces to send information/news for/ to the SRRT Newsletter. (Note: non-members of SRRT can get the newsletter by paying \$3 to be on mailing list; affiliates, \$1)

1972 ALA Conference, Las Vegas. Sunday night task force-program on Jobs and Wednesday night SRRT-program were discussed. Peter Doiron and Denis are involved with these. Monday afternoon will be the first Action Council meeting. It was noted that Task Force coordinators must be ALA members.

Union Liaison Report (Kirkpatrick.) AFSCME American Federation of State, City and Municipal Employees. Contacts have been made with no apparent results.

SRRT Brochure Report. Suzanne LeBarron and Clearinghouse PR person, Carol Streib, will develop a brochure together. Suzanne will be our Action Council representative on ALA Membership Committee.

SRRT Bylaws Report. There is a need to establish dates for the start of Action Council-Clearinghouse term of office. It is recommended that the bylaws be amended so that terms will start at the end of the annual SRRT business meeting.

SRRT Action Council noted that an error had occurred in the composition of this year's Action Councilmembership. The proportion of male and female representatives was found to be in violation of 4A 9 of the bylaws. There was great difficulty in getting volunteers for Action Council at the last election. It was either elect those who volunteered or have no election. There are three alternatives in handling the bylaws problem: (1) to amend that bylaw so as to vitiate its effect; (2) for Freedman and Doiron to resign and be replaced by women, so as to achieve the required balance; (3) to note the error made and, in the future, achieve the required balance. Action Council decided to pursue the third alternative and have Freedman and Doiron serve out their respective terms with understanding and knowledge that the Constitution has been violated.

Parliamentarian requirements. A letter regarding this matter to Mr. Wedgeworth has received no reply.

Freedom to Read Foundation Report. There are some who feel that Action Council should pressure for an ALA Defense Fund instead of the Freedom to Read Foundation. There should be a public request for support.

Library of Congress Report. Josh Williams wants to wait for developments from the follow-up report and possibly sanctions. We will ask for a report at Midwinter meeting with the possibility of then conveying the matter to the press. We look forward to the required follow-up report at ALA Midwinter meeting. Action Council requested that Tyron Emerick remind the ALA Executive Director that we await the report.

Beacon Press Request. Denis reminded us regarding the possibility of FBI investigation of ALA and SRRT if we get involved. A \$300 donation towards Beacon Press was approved. Denis will try to obtain an ad in New York Times, Washington Post, etc., using the \$300 as an honorarium. In addition to working for contributions towards the defense fund for Beacon Press, we should also write our Congressmen and encourage others to do so.

SRRT Las Vegas Housing-Dormitory. There is a possibility of the University of Nevada providing dormitory-type accommodations, with a bus. SRRT will have a suite and a booth. We will attempt to get a corridor of rooms for a Las Vegas suite.

NEW BUSINESS

ClearingHouse Representative-Newsletter Budget. Liz Futas proposed a Newsletter budget of \$2,700. Advantages and possibilities of offset and varitype were discussed.

Tyron described the "Toll-line" he, Liz and Jerry Shields have. Some Action Council members wanted to know why SRRT pays for calls when others do not, i.e. why should we pay for calls ALA makes to check on us? How do the other task force liaisons do it? They asked Tyron Emerick to check on this.

Reprinting of back issues of "Synergy". Mitch and Tom Phelps of Clearinghouse will look into the publication/reprinting of Synergy. ALA wants \$17. There are 3,000 copies of 42 issues, 20 plates, approximately 45 pages, 1,200,000 sheets, 3,000 on the waiting list.

Midwinter SRRT Program. Suggestion to build a program around/at Martin Luther King building/branch of the D.C. Public Library was made; Shirley Chisholm could work with prisoners and discuss library services to prisons. Jody Pitzenberger of DC PL will be contact there. (Lola Singletary is on Board.)

Las Vegas Convention. (See also 4th paragraph on this page above.) Suzanne will be responsible for exhibit (booth) at Las Vegas. This includes Combined Alternatives exhibit possibly. Task Force people will staff it. It has been suggested that we have a dance and charge admission, put a band together for music, publicize - this is Peter's baby. Ballroom to be paid for out of proceeds, with profits going to minority scholarship. This will have to be reported on at Midwinter meetings.

Action Council Publicity and "PR". Pat Schuman serve as exoficio member? Tyron will contact her and also let her know we would like her to serve as our representative to the library press.

SRRT Cooperation and communication. Denis Carbonneau suggested that SRRT seek to cooperate with other organizations with like interest, such as A.C.L.U. and avoid duplication of effort when such duplication is not necessary.

"Instant" Educational Materials for new Action Council-Clearinghouse members "Hand outs" for new members with written background. Tyron will ask individuals for assistance. Rob Gutze and Suzanne LeBarron will assist.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Mitch: SRRT takes note that it is possible to join the Freedom to Read Foundation by contributing to the LeRoy Merritt Humanitarian Fund. Mitch and Suzanne will disseminate this fact.

Denis: Barbara Gittings has registered a complaint regarding getting information on Task Force in American Libraries.

Tyron: David K. Berninghausen's "Chapter II: The Social Responsibility Concept of Libraries Versus the Library Bill of Rights Concepts" (a 14-page reprint in typescript) was distributed to Action Council. Mitch will ask Pat Schuman to draft a response to this and/or Minnesota SRRT will tackle this.

10:30 p.m. Saturday night conclusion of evening (second) meeting, at Ginnie's house.