

MINUTES OF SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES ROUND TABLE  
ACTION COUNCIL  
ALA - NEW YORK, 1974

Monday, July 8

An election by mail having been incomplete, the first order of business was selecting the following new members and officers:

Nancy Kellum-Rose - Action Council Coordinator  
John Carter - Secretary-Treasurer  
Lynn Rhoads - Task Force Coordinator  
Liz Dickenson -  
Irene Kadanoff  
Mike McConnell

Action Council members with continuing terms are:

Dorothy Bendix  
Jim Sanders  
Sam Morrison  
Zoia Horn - Convention Coordinator

Patrice O'Neil was unanimously elected to Clearing House.

Lynn Rhoads presented two resolutions which came out of the Women's Task Force Pre-Conference. The sense of both was endorsed; the first was to be presented to ALA Council as is; the second to be clarified by AC members who are ALA Council members before it is presented to Council.

The second session of AC, in conjunction with Clearing House, was held on Tuesday, July 9.

The ALA Guidelines for Roundtables, whose revised title is "General Operations of Program Units," was discussed. There seemed to be a general feeling that Executive Director Wedgeworth was attempting to make it difficult for Roundtables to have affiliates.

The resignation of American Libraries' editor, Gordon Burke, was brought up by Gerry Shields. The resignation was apparently due to the firing of AL's Washington representative, which had been ordered by Mr. Wedgeworth. Burke was allegedly fired for contacting a Senator, an act construed by Wedgeworth as "overstepping his bounds." There is to be an Editorial Board set up by a sub-committee of COO to guide American Libraries. Since the issue of censorship would seem to be involved, it was suggested that SRRT form a committee to investigate the situation and contact other Roundtables, this sub-committee to be appointed by the Coordinator.

Joc Williams reported on the Freedom to Read Foundation, of which he is the SRRT representative. The question had arisen as to whether Helen Wheeler's dismissal had been on the issue of sexual discrimination or intellectual freedom. Joc reported that the LeRoy Merritt Humanitarian Fund will now support any librarian who gets fired for any reason. He asked for support from SRRT members for the Fund and overwhelmingly received same.

Respectfully submitted,  
Betty Kohler, Outgoing Sec'y.