

Chair: Barbara J. Ford

Announcements:

1. SRRT Suite--Ponchartrain, #1412 should be open most times during day/evening.
2. SRRT Booth--in professional exhibit area, #837.
3. Need people to "monitor" committee meetings to keep SRRT membership informed.
4. Need official observer to Freedom to Read Foundation.
5. B. Ford as representative to IFLA--SRRT will share vote with other round tables.

Issues Discussed:

There was a great deal of discussion concerning the film, "The Speaker"; resolutions proposed--one to be introduced to ALA Membership by Nancy Kellum-Rose asking ALA to disassociate itself from the film; another proposal by Jackie Eubanks to SRRT membership for endorsement criticizing the procedures followed by the Office of Intellectual Freedom (OIF) in the making of the film. Brad Chambers spoke at length on the contents of film and related issues. However, as many people present at the meeting had not seen the movie, Nancy Kellum-Rose urges all to view the film first before considering endorsing her resolution.

ACTION

Resolution proposed by J. Eubanks was moved, seconded and passed by the SRRT Membership. It will be placed on the agenda of the ALA membership meeting.

Different strategies to follow at the ALA membership meeting were discussed. Suggestion to provide guidelines/criteria for evaluating racist and sexist materials for film showing on Sunday night. This could function as a racism and sexism awareness training session/workshop. (A meeting at 10:30 PM tonight in the SRRT Suite was set up for those interested in developing these guidelines).

ACTION

Resolution proposed by Jim Dwyer concerning free access to information, was moved, seconded and passed (with minor editorial changes) by SRRT membership. It will be placed on the agenda of the ALA membership meeting.

Reports:

1. Barbara Ford--Re: Action Council elections--she was questioned about the fact that only 5 nominees were offered for 5 positions. She also reported that there will be two (2) openings on Action Council due to resignations. Barbara solicited for persons interested in serving on Action Council.
2. Elizabeth M.--Task Forces--explained how to start one--need Action Council approval--will then receive \$50 to begin. If it works out, can then request more SRRT budget line.
3. Nancy B. D'Amico--Affiliates--explained what an affiliate is, how to start one, providing information on activities for column in SRRT Newsletter. Gave brief report on activities of the Rhode Island Affiliate--job line, conference on women and another one on ethnic materials.

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