

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION/SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES ROUND TABLE
ACTION COUNCIL MEETING, June 24, 1990 2-4 p.m.

PRESENT: list was absconded with.

Last winter's meeting minutes were distributed.

Donnarae McCann reported on the current status of the Civil Rights Task Force and suggestions were made. Its function is still felt important.

The Washington Library Association SRRT made a formal request for affiliation and were accepted unanimously.

A request from a new organization of librarians of South Africa for recognition was reported. LIWOSA will officially begin its life on July 14, 1990. It was agreed to send a letter. This group is not apartheid limited.

The minutes of June 23, 1990 were accepted.

The Human Rights Task Froce reported that the resolution on South Africa has been accepted by other ALA groups. A press release is recommended to follow the conference by a week.

Sibyl Moses, Staff director for OLOS reported some concern by their advisory committee about the Poor People's resolution. Since the resolution is authored by a SRRT member not present, information will be passed on and any decision lies there. It was felt that the debate would be informative regardless of the success of the motion.

The Action Council is asked to update its directory of officers and members. Supplemental program funding is available for those thinking of programs for Atlanta conference in 1991.

Also the Carnegie reading list awards have some money to be applied for. We need to produce regular reports on activities and plans so that OLOS can help. Awards policy was disregarded this year. All awards under SRRT must be approved by Action Council first, then on to the Awards Committee.

Press policy: we are asked to use the library press when possible.

August 31 deadline for budget submissions prevents problems.

NEWSLETTER REPORT. There is budget for two 8 pages issues, 2 12 page issues. More input from task forces is requested. Extra copies of the newsletter are requested from the Membership Committee and Environmental Task Force. Others wanting extra copies are asked to notify the coordinator of Action Council so that they will be printed. It was requested that recycled paper be used for the newsletter. Action Council acted to charge the Environmental Task Froce to work with the ALA Printing Office to pursue a switch to recycled paper for this. (Unanimous)

REPORT ON THE ELECTION FOR ACTION COUNCIL: Historical error of secretary not understanding function to prepare ballot and get details correct. It was suggested that an Executive Committee of the elected members of Action Council might make emergency decisions when problems arise, or a committee of officers. It was decided that until the election process is final, current Action Council Members will continue in office.

Task Force reports will be presented at the Membership Meeting at the anniversary party at Sauers Restaurant, 311 East 23rd, Chicago, at 8 p.m. June 24, 1990.

Respectfully submitted

Elizabeth Morrisett,
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