



# Women in Libraries

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The members of the Feminist Task Force decided at the Midwinter 1992 Conference to endorse several candidates for ALA Council and a candidate for ALA President. No decision was made to support a candidate for treasurer.

## **PRESIDENT**

We give our full support to one of the long-time members of SRRT and the Feminist Task Force, **Kathleen de la Peña McCook (Heim)**. Kathleen has written many articles and books which address women's issues in libraries, including salary surveys comparing the salaries of men and women in libraries. She has served as a mentor for many members of the Feminist Task Force during school and afterwards. This has included helping them learn how to do research and write articles which are published, give administrative guidance and give gift subscriptions to Women In Libraries. She has also help form and has supported state Women Library Workers groups.

During the candidates debate held at the Midwinter conference the candidates were asked about their views of the importance of

women's issues in libraries. Kathleen de la Peña McCook responded to the concerns we still have about equal pay, chances for advancement, working in administrative positions and other areas of importance to women. Hardy R. Franklin responded by saying "I have been around women all of my life." He went on to say that he had recently hired the first women to head plant maintenance at the District of Columbia Public Library. "It didn't matter whether or not she knew how to use a screwdriver." He did not address any of the real concerns facing women in libraries .

## **ALA Council Candidates**

The Feminist Task Force is endorsing the following candidates for Council: Diedre (Dee) Conkling, Elaine Harger, E.J. Josey, Alfred Kagan and Daniel Tsang.

Other SRRT members running for Council are: Herbert Biblo, Linda Anne Dougherty, and Mark C. Rosenzweig.

Remember that the fewer votes you cast, the more weight each vote carries.

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