

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I-NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Coretta Scott King Book Award Task Force of the Social Responsibilities Round Table of the American Library Association.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

Section 1. The purpose of the Task Force is to honor a Black author and a Black illustrator for outstanding contributions which promote better understanding and appreciation of the culture and contribution of all people to the realization of the American Dream.

Section 2. The Task Force will award annually the Coretta Scott King Book Award to a Black author and Black illustrator who best meets the criteria in Article II, Section 1. The Task Force reserves the right not to grant an award if it so deem that no work meets the criteria in Article II, Section 1.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Any person interested in the purpose of the Task Force may become a member. Members of the Task Force shall be SRRT-ALA members.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the Task Force shall be a Chairperson and a Secretary.

Section 2. Officers shall be elected at the Annual Conference of the American Library Association and take office at the end of the Annual Conference.

Section 3. At the Annual Conference of ALA, a Task Force representative to the SRRT Action Council shall be the Task Force Chairperson or his appointed representative. This person shall be a SRRT member.

ARTICLE V - DUTIES

Section 1. The chair shall preside at all meetings, appoint committees and be responsible for all programs. The chairperson shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.

Section 2. The secretary shall keep an accurate record of all business meeting of the Task Force and (1) communicate these minutes to members of the , (2) retain a copy and send one to the Archives.

ARTICLE VI - COMMITTEES

Section 1. The committees of the Task Force shall be Awards Committee, Lifetime Award Committee, Publicity Committee, Fund-Raising committee, Archives and History Committee, Greer Scholarship Committee and Local Arrangements Committee.

Section 2. Duties of the committees:

- A. Award Committee. shall be responsible for the selection of the recipients of the SRRT Coretta Scott King Award. The duties are outlined in full detail in Article VII, Sections (1, 2, 3, 4).
- B. Lifetime Award shall be responsible for
- C. Publicity Committee. shall promote and publicize through local and professional media the Award recipient.

Fund-Raising Committee: shall be responsible for planning and raising funds when authorized by the Task Force.
- D. Archives and History Committee shall be responsible for maintaining all historical records, etc.

- E. Greer Scholarship Committee. shall be responsible for ...
- F. Local Arrangements. shall be responsible for making arrangements, planning, organizing and completion of all local arrangements. This committee shall be responsible for the menu, and taking reservations, keeping records of attendance and dinner or room rental receipts and expenditures of the Award Breakfast, said records are to be turned over to Secretary.
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ARTICLE VII - CORETTA SCOTT KING TASK FORCE BOOK SELECTION COMMITTEE

See attached.

ARTICLE VIII - MEETINGS

Section 1 There shall be no fewer than 1-2(?) meetings at both Mid-Winter and Annual Conference.

ARTICLE IX - NOMINATIONS

Section 1. A Nominating Committee (of five) shall be elected at the first meeting of the Annual Conference. No person shall be elected to the Nominating Committee who has not been an active member of the Task Force for at least two years or a member of SRRT.

Section 2. The Nominating Committee shall present a slate of officers at the second meeting of the Annual Conference and at that time the election shall be held. Nominations may be made from the floor, provided those nominated have given their approval to be so nominated.

Section 3. Election shall be by ballot with the proviso that elections may be by voice where there is only one nominee for each office.

Section 4. No one shall be nominated for office who has not been a member of the Task Force or a member of SRRT for at least two years.

Section 5. Officers shall be elected for two years

Section 6. No officer shall serve in an office for more than two consecutive terms.

Section 7. Special elections to fill vacant offices may be called by the President, or he/she may make a temporary appointment.

ARTICLE X - AMMENDMENTS

Section 1 These By-Laws may be changed by a majority of Task Force members at the Annuyal Meeting of ALA.

ARTICLE XI

Roberts' Rule of Order shall prevail where the By-Laws are not specific.

Section 1. Parliamentary Authority: Roberts' Rule of Order, in the latest edition, shall govern the Coretta Scott King Task Force in all cases to which it can be applied and in which it is not inconsistent with the By-Laws or special rules of the Task Force.

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Task Force
Committee Member

ARTICLE VII - CORETTA SCOTT KING TASK FORCE BOOK SELECTION COMMITTEE

Section 1. The Book Selection Committee of the Coretta Scott King Task Force honors a Black author and a Black illustrator for outstanding contributions which promote better understanding and appreciation of the culture and contribution of all people to the realization of the American Dream. This man or woman doesn't necessarily have to be a member of the organization.

- A. The committee shall consist of seven (7) members including the chairperson. The Task Force Chairperson shall be an ex-officio member and is a voting member of the committee with all the rights and responsibilities of other members.
- B. The chairperson/co-chairperson(s) are appointed by the Task Force Chairperson.
- C. Two members of the Coretta Scott King Book Selection Committee shall be appointed by the Task Force Chairperson and two (2) five (5) members shall be elected by the membership of the Task Force.
- D. Members of the committee shall be appointed/elected for a term of two years and may be reappointed/re-elected for a second two (2) year term but not a third consecutive term, but in no case shall a person serve on the committee for more than four consecutive years. Appointments shall be in such a manner as to provide continuity. Staggering the term of service should provide for the continuity of the Committee.
- E. Appointed/elected members shall take place at the Annual Conference of the American Library Association (ALA). The appointee shall begin his/her term immediately following the Annual Conference.

- F. If a vacancy occurs in the Committee of the Book Selection Committee before time for the regular election/appointment made by the Task Force Chairperson. The new appointee shall serve until the expiration of the term of of the member replaced.
- G. If one (elected/appointed) has served on the committee for (2) two consecutive terms, an interval of one (1) year will allow that person to be elected/re-appointed to the Book Selection Committee.

Section 2. The chairperson of the Book Selection Committee shall be assisted by the six (6) members elected/appointed by the President of the Task Force.

- A. The Committee shall receive, review and evaluate all books submitted by publishers as eligible considerations. The Committee members may also recommend titles which were not provided by the chairperson or publishers for consideration. These recommendations should be sent to members of the Committee well in advance of the Mid-Winter meeting of ALA.
- B. Exercising due judgment, the Selection Committee shall forward to the chairperson in writing their evaluation of all materials, as designated on the working calendar or at the request of the chairperson(s) in order to expedite decision making at Mid-winter.

Section 3. Duties of Chairperson(s)

- A. The Chairperson(s) shall be responsible for informing all publishers with the names, mailing addresses of those committee members who are serving on the Book Selection Committee.
- B. The Chairperson(s) shall notify all winners and their publishers that their book has been selected by the Coretta Scott King Book Selection Committee. The notification shall be by telephone as well as in writing.

- C. The Chairperson(s) shall send thank you notices/notes to all contributing publishers.
- D. The Chairperson(s) at all times shall work closely with the chairperson of the Task Force in making arrangements for the award breakfast.
- E. The Chairperson is responsible with the publicity chairperson for a press announcement of the winners and honor books.

Section 4. After the Mid-winter selection of the award

- A. members of the committee should work with their local news media in publicizing the Coretta Scott King Award, through local newspapers, television and radio stations.