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Social Responsibilities Round Table Action Council I Minutes

American Library Association's Midwinter Conference

January 10, 2004

San Diego, California

Attendance: Rory Litwin, Coordinator, SRRT Action Council; Michael Santangelo, SRRT Secretary and Hunger, Homelessness, and Poverty Task Force Chair; Fran Ware, Coretta Scott King Task Force Chair; Barbara Jones Clark, Coretta Scott King Task Force member; Caarole J. McCoullough, SRRT Action Council member; Elaine Harger, International Responsibilities co-chair and Progressive Librarians Guild representative; Aureole M. Johnstone, SRRT Action Council Treasurer; Jennifer Baltes, Feminist Task Force, chair; Marie Hones, Alternatives in Publication, chair; Mark Hudson, Action Council member; Larry Romans, ALA Councilor; Sharyn Ladner, FTF member; Samuel Trosow, SRRT member; Susan Dillinger; Al Kagan, SRRT Councilor; Mark Rosenzweig, SRRT Action Council member; Peter McDonald, SRRT member; Ginny Moore, SRRT member; Mary Biblo, MLKTF member.

Introductions

Michael Gorman, ALA Presidential Candidate, spoke to SRRT members.

Highlights:

- Would not be promoting a theme—prefers to build on pre-existing strengths of ALA
- Wishes to concentrate on ALA-APA
- Work to stronger opposition to USA Patriot Act
- Combat the recent trend of librarians to break off into separate communities (based on types of libraries or types of librarian work) that do not communicate and do not work together
- Statement of Core Values

At this point, SRRT members asked Michael Gorman questions.

SRRT Action Council Minutes from ALA Annual 2003 Toronto

Minutes from SRRT Annual were passed out. Al moved to accept the minutes and Marie Jones seconded the motion. Elaine Harger questioned why the attendance was not at the top of the minutes. Michael Santangelo, SRRT secretary, said he had forgotten to include the minutes. Peter McDonald suggested there be a section in the minutes where actions needed to be taken by next Annual would be listed. The minutes were accepted unanimously with the provision that the attendance be included.

Resolutions

Cultural Democracy

Mark Rosenzweig passed out a resolution on Cultural Democracy as a core value. It was co-sponsored by SRRT Action Council member Susan Dillinger. Mark addressed the need for the resolution and said he was concerned that ideas of cultural democracy were not being properly recognized.

Barbara Stripling, ALA Presidential Candidate, spoke to SRRT members.

At this point, discussion of Mark's resolution was tabled so the other ALA Presidential candidate, Barbara Stripling, could address the Action Council. Barbara Stripling spoke about her focus in her campaign:

- Building community
- 21st Century Skills Development
- Strong support for ALA-APA
- Greater use of electronic communication by ALA

At this point, SRRT members asked Barbara Stripling questions.

Resolutions Continued

After Barbara Stripling's departure, SRRT Action Council resumed the discussion of Mark Rosenzweig's resolution on Cultural Democracy. Mark said he wanted to see the notion of cultural democracy go beyond the words social responsibility. He wanted to see a movement to re-democratize cultural institutions, schools, libraries, etc. During further comments, Mark spoke to the need to point out the continued existence of serious issues of racism, classism and sexism. He said that it was necessary to not just affirm abstract values, but also to set up the means for people to express themselves. He introduced the need for equality as well as equity. Mark said equity is the means and equality is the goal.

Elaine Harger suggested that Mark needed to put in a definition of cultural democracy, and that something specific would help people to latch on to the idea. Aureole Johnstone suggested introducing the definition in the beginning of the resolution. Al Kagan concurred and offered the idea of one page explanation with concrete examples to go with the resolution. Ginnie Moore agreed with Al and said concrete examples were necessary. Larry Romans suggested the resolution should say ALA instead of SRRT. Mark answered that he was not necessarily bringing this to ALA Council. Mark said it would have been more helpful if he could have printed out some additional documentation he meant to go along with the resolution and that he had sent this documentation along with the resolution to the Core Values Task Force of ALA Council. Al said it could be voted on without documentation. Mark said he would like SRRT Action Council to vote on it now so he could go forward, and requested an endorsement in principle.

Aureole Johnstone made a motion to endorse Mark's resolution in principle with an explication of what cultural democracy means. Al Kagan seconded the motion. During Discussion, Larry Romans asked about including the definition in the resolution and

Elaine said it was necessary to see Mark's explication of cultural democracy. Rory said we could endorse the resolution in principle and endorse in principle an attached explication of cultural democracy. Mark said he just wanted the Action Council to endorse in principle. Aureole modified her motion to say endorse in principle without further instructions. Al seconded the motion. During discussion for the modified motion, Elaine asked whether "in principle" could mean that Mark will bring the definition to Action Council II. At this point, Mark read four points from his explanation of cultural democracy. Elaine asked if these four points could be included in the beginning of the resolution, and Jenny Baltes suggested placing it in a whereas clause in the resolution. Mark answered that he was retrying to make the resolution more concise and Aureole reiterated her motion to endorse in principle. Motion Passed unanimously. Sam Trosow, in a point of information, said he thought this resolution should be at the "information commons" meeting later that day. Aureole suggested Mark consider modifying or creating another resolution for ALA Council. Rory said Al was the SRRT Councilor to ALA Council, and that Al ought to present a SRRT resolution to Council. Aureole said that Mark should help Al to present the resolution to Council. Al suggested Action Council let Mark work on the resolution and bring it back to us. He said Mark should have conversations whether to bring the resolution straight to ALA Council or to take it to the Core Values Task Force.

Al Kagan's Resolution to Endorse Michael Gorman

Al Kagan made a motion to have SRRT Action Council endorse Michael Gorman's candidacy for ALA President. Elaine Harger seconded the motion. Carole McCollough said she did not feel ready to vote on this motion at this time, and questioned what SRRT would be saying by endorsing Michael Gorman. Jenny Baltes commented that SRRT Action Council members seemed to ask Barbara Stripling more questions than Michael Gorman. Elaine stated that there was a Presidential Forum on Sunday, and SRRT Action Council could wait until Action Council II meeting to vote on this. Rory agreed with Elaine's suggestion and said it means more to wait. Larry Romans countered that in order for an endorsement to be effective, it needs to happen earlier in the conference so people will know where SRRT stands. Al inserted that there was no comparison between the two candidates. The motion carried with 6 members for and 3 members abstaining.

Repealing the USA Patriot Act

Next, Al spoke to a resolution coming to the ALA Council; this resolution concerned a call to repeal the USA Patriot Act. Al spoke about a meeting between the President of IFLA and IFLA's USA Caucus in Berlin, in which the IFLA President thanked the Caucus on its work against the USA Patriot Act, and how this inspired to be stronger in condemning the USA Patriot Act. Al said he was asking for SRRT's support on this resolution to repeal. Susan Dillinger moved for SRRT to support Al's position in Council to call for a resolution urging the repeal of the USA Patriot Act. Mark Hudson seconded the motion. During Discussion, Larry Romans offered that Al should include the word amend as well as repeal in his resolution. This would still get the notion of repealing in the resolution. Rory said it would be okay if SRRT Action Council endorsed in principle and allowed Larry to work with Al to craft something to bring to Council.

Mark Hudson added that the resolution might pass more easily with the word amend as well as repeal, and then asked if ALA had not already passed a resolution with the word amend or repeal. Aureole commented that the IFLA resolution was more inclusive and specified that the resolution should emphasize repealing or amending the act in order to protect certain human rights. Elaine said we ought to just use the word repeal, for the word amend is weak, especially as other countries are being inspired to pass their own USA Patriot Acts, and the concept of using just repeal may deter other countries from establishing their own USA Patriot Acts. Mark R. said he thought the resolution should use stronger words. Al wants SRRT Action Council to endorse the resolution where it stands. Al said he was hoping not to submit as an individual in ALA Council, but through IFC or another Council committee. Mark Rosenzweig commented that this version is already in committees, so we ought to endorse as is. Rory ended discussion at this point. The motion carried unanimously.

Coretta Scott King Task Force leaving SRRT

Next, Fran Ware, head of the Coretta Scott King Award Task Force, spoke about the CSK Task Force's proposed departure from SRRT. She said the task force made the decision to move to EMIERT, another round table of ALA. Carole McCullough wanted to make sure that this departure was not seen as what SRRT is not, but what CSK has become. CSK has grown and public demand for CSK has grown. She said the move would not be complete until some sort of agreement could be made with EMIERT about funding and SRRT. Rory mentioned the complexity of the budget cycle, which was every two years. Carole said this was a concern as CSK wanted to know how to leave without leaving SRRT in a financial bind. Aureole said she understands the move, but still sees it as a sad loss. Marie Jones said she was said to see CSK go, and hoped that CSK members would remain part of SRRT. Elaine Harger added that she was very saddened by this news and that SRRT has a social conscience and that is why CSK was a part of SRRT. Elaine said that, putting the funding issues aside, as EMIERT is not political like SRRT, it is a safe place to have an award, as there are no liabilities that come with being a part of EMIERT. On the other hand, Elaine said she felt some sense of solidarity was being broken. Rory added that there has been a long line of groups coming out of SRRT, and even EMIERT itself was originally part of SRRT and he wished CSK well. Mary Biblo spoke about some of the historical reasons why CSK became a part of SRRT and wished CSK well in their new home. Mark Rosenzweig was also saddened, yet he said he saw how EMIERT was a good fit. Mark said he felt it was more like an amputation than having a child leave. He also shared some concerns how this might be misinterpreted in wider circles as CSK leaving for bad reasons. Mark expressed a need for something to be formally announced in SRRT newsletter and in other ALA publications. Carole said she had thought about Mark's point, and reminded the Action Council that she was the first chair of CSK to be on Action Council. Carole reiterated that right now what the Coretta Scott King Award Task Force needed was a home for their focus.

News

Larry Romans asked for a change in the agenda, and asked to make his announcement before the Treasurer's Report. Rory said first there needed to be a motion to extend the

meeting. Al Kagan made a motion to extend the meeting 15 minutes. Aureole Johnstone seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Larry then proceeded to report on the Committee on Membership Meetings and how they were looking at two topics for the membership meeting forum at next annual. Larry said the two issues were 1) ALA, is it too active or is it not active enough and 2) USA Patriot Act. Elaine said she thought the first topic was appropriate for Florida being that activism saved the Florida State Library from closing. Rory said members should send recommendations about the forums to Larry or Al.

Treasurer's Report

Next on the agenda was the Treasurer's Report and Aureole asked if there were any questions about the report. Aureole said she knew that some members were having trouble reading the report, so she would bring a more clarifying report to Action Council II on Monday. Marie Jones asked if it was possible in the future to send the information to the Task Force chairs before Midwinter.

At this point, Rory suggested holding discussion of the Treasurer's report and discussion of the bylaws revision and the new SRRT newsletter editor until Action Council II. After this, the meeting was adjourned.

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SRRT Action Council II Minutes
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Attendance: Rory Litwin, SRRT Action Council Coordinator; Michael Santangelo, secretary; Jonathan Betz-Zall, TFOE Task Force Co-Chair; Ann Sparanese; Al Kagan, SRRT Councilor; Sally Driscoll, SRRT Newsletter Editor; Elaine Harger, PLG Liaison; Laura Koltutsky, IFRT Liaison; Susan Dillinger, SRRT Councilor; Michael J. Miller; Theresa A. Tobin, FTF Coordinator; Nathan Parker; Ginny Moore, MLKTF Coordinator; Mark Hudson, Action Council member; Marie Jones, Action Council member; Rebecca Tolley-Stokes, Book Review Editor; Jack Stephens; Peter McDonald; Mark Rosenzweig; Sam Trosow; Mary Rushfield; Aureole M. Johnstone, SRRT Treasurer; Diedre Conkling; Barbara Ford; Jennifer Baltes, Action Council member; Norman Horrocks; Maria A. Jankowska, TFOE Co-Chair.

1. Introductions

2. Treasurer's Report—moved to later in the agenda

3. Bylaws Revision

Rory passed out a copy of the bylaws and copies of the Bylaws Committee's suggestions for revision. Rory discussed that if the proposed draft revisions to the bylaws are approved by SRRT Action Council, these approved proposals would be printed in the SRRT Newsletter and voted on at the Membership Meeting at the next ALA annual conference. Rory reminded SRRT members that the bylaws require that the SRRT membership be informed of the proposed revisions at least one month in advance.

The Action Council took time to discuss the proposed revisions to the SRRT Bylaws and to discuss the language to be used in those revisions.

Al Kagan and Theresa Tobin questioned Rory about the revisions concerning affiliates. Rory answered that many affiliates were not consistent in attendance at SRRT Action Council Meetings or in general SRRT participation.

Al moved to send the revisions to the membership. Mark Rosenzweig seconded the motion. During Discussion, Aureole asked if it was possible to attach to the proposal some discussion of the changes. Elaine Harger agreed and said a brief paragraph was needed to explain the rationale behind the changes. Norman Horrocks, said it was a good idea to have pro/con statements concerning the changes—250 words for and 250 words against.

At this point, Al Kagan took time out to congratulate Norman on being named an honorary member of ALA.

Al moved that the Bylaws revisions be sent to membership with brief explanations of changes. Mark R. seconded the motion. Discussion none. Motion carried.

Norman H. told members that editorial changes need a check and balance, and suggested giving SRRT Action Council power to make editorial changes to bylaws. Elaine Harger agreed with Norman and stated some possible wording for new resolution. Elaine pointed out that the language would go under article 7 in the bylaws under amendments. Marie Jones

questioned whether this was giving too much power to the Bylaws Committee. Norman pointed out that this would not be the case as the Bylaws Committee would need the permission of Action Council. Elaine read out the proposed resolution. Theresa Tobin made a friendly amendment that Elaine change the word printing to publication. Elaine read out the following:

VII. 4) The Action Council, upon recommendation of the Bylaws Committee may make such editorial changes in these bylaws as may not change their substance and meaning. Those changes shall take effect upon such action and shall be referenced in the next publication of the SRRT Bylaws and announced in the next SRRT Newsletter.

Theresa Tobin made the motion to accept the resolution. Aureole Johnstone seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion carried.

Rory asked for further questions on the bylaws. Marie J. asked about Article VII and voting means. Rory said it should be a part of the ALA Annual Ballot. Norman H., quoting the Round Table Handbook, said whenever a round table does not make explicit changes to official procedure, then they ought to follow official ALA procedure.

Marie Jones made changes to the resolution on Bylaws revision passed earlier in the meeting. Elaine H. seconded the changes. During discussion, Theresa T. asked about timing, and whether it was necessary to put changes on ballot and will the newsletter come out in time to inform all members. Rory deferred the question to Satia Orange of OLOS. Satia said the changes were probably due directly after Midwinter. Elaine H. brought up the point of in person vote at membership meeting versus mail ballot, and if it is necessary to have the changes printed in the newsletter if it is going to be on the ballot. Al K. said he thought it needs to be in the newsletter. Theresa Tobin reminded members that the newsletter would not come out in time to coincide with the ballot. Elaine said people would have enough time to think about it if it was printed in the ballot. Members suggested mini-newsletters or putting the changes on the SRRT listserv. Rory answered that neither one of these were possible or practical, as the bylaws require a month's advance notice to all members and the SRRT listserv doesn't reach everyone.

Marie Jones re-read the wording of the motion. Rory suggested tabling this particular individual revision until our next meeting in Orlando. Elaine said that since we had just spent so much time discussing it, we ought to vote on the revisions now. Mark Rosenzweig called the question. The motion voted on was to approve proposed bylaws for a vote of the membership at the Orlando meeting (this would be for all of the revisions, not any one particular revision.) The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Aureole Johnstone, SRRT Treasurer, passed out two documents, and asked members to dispose of Budget Materials passed out at the first Action Council meeting.

Al Kagan questioned why there were no totals for the Task Forces. Aureole answered that she was currently unsure of exact totals, so she did not want to give misinformation. Satia reminded members that in fact Task forces don't actually have separate lines in the budget, or 'accounts' that the treasurer can track. There is just an account for SRRT. Allotted amounts are informal and adjustable; the money is shared by all task forces. Rory said he recalled that a few years ago Action Council made changes to allow Task Forces to carry over surpluses. Aureole said there was never an actual rule on carryover, and that it appeared to have been a "gentleman's agreement", and carryovers were more of guidelines of what task forces could

spend. Elaine asked why do we not have actual figures, and Aureole replied that she just received the figures for final budgets. Rory asked her if she had a rough sense of what the budgets look like. Diedre Conkling suggested we approve budget at this meeting and revise at annual. Aureole said she could give definite figures for total amount of SRRT budget, but not the breakdown. Rory declared that SRRT needed to pass a provisional budget.

Aureole read out the following motion:

Approve a provisional budget for SRRT in the amount of \$202,000 of which Task Forces allotted amounts would include carryover from last year and \$500 for the current year.

Al K. and Elaine H. responded to the motion saying they needed to know exact budgets so they would know how much to spend for their annual programs. At this point, Rory suggested that Action Council leave this matter for the end of the meeting, and Aureole step out and come back with a more detailed budget.

New Newsletter Editor

Rory declared that Sally Driscoll has volunteered to be the new newsletter editor, to replace SRRT member Jane Ingold. Sally gave her background and the background about her interest in becoming newsletter editor. Rory said that before Sally could go forward as editor, Action Council needed to approve her. Jonathan Betz-Zall made a motion to approve Sally as SRRT newsletter editor. Marie Jones seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion carried.

Sally discussed the production cycle of the newsletter, and the move from a quarterly to a biannual. Rory added that this as a question of finances and we could revisit changing the cycle in the future, as it could be open to change again. Sally asked about the editorial board for the newsletter. Rory responded that SRRT Action Council needed to appoint new volunteers to the newsletter. These included Mark Hudson, Mark Rosenzweig, and Marie Jones.

Proposal for New Award

Mark Rosenzweig proposed a new book award named in honor the late Columbia University Professor Edward Said, which would be given to a work that focuses on public issues. It would be an annual award, and there would be a small prize attached. The small prize would help to attract the winners of the award to come speak at SRRT programs during ALA conferences. Rory suggested that Mark study the issue for a year, and come back with a proposal for SRRT Action Council to vote on. Mark said he wanted Action Council to allocate a small amount for the award and he would explore additional alternative funding sources. Michael Miller, speaking from his experience on the ALA Committee on Diversity, said that one ought not to go forward with an award until everything is in place and all funding is accounted for. Michael M. said award amounts are typically drawn from the interest on an endowment, and, as his committee discovered, one needs about \$75,000 in endowments, although one could start with \$10,000. Elaine asked if SRRT knew how to set up an award. Jenny Baltes spoke about the experience of the Feminist Task Force and the Amelia Bloomer Project, which is an award in recognition only and does not provide any cash prizes. Jenny B. said it was easy to set up an award, and there was enough information out there to help someone who wanted to do it. Jenny said an award needed parameters, as in time period and criteria for the award. She said new people needed to have an understanding of the criteria to be used in selecting winners and honorees, and the criteria needed to be clearly defined for publishers as well. Al Kagan expressed the need for more information on how nominations would be solicited and how would Mark plan to publicize the award. Jack

Stephens raised objections to SRRT having an award named after Edward Said, who he defined as a polarizing figure in the Mideast conflict. Jack S. requested that the issue should be discussed further and proposed to general membership. Ann Sparanese moved that the idea be fleshed out more and be brought back to Action Council in a more concrete form. Al concurred with Ann and made the motion to have Mark bring back to Action Council at Annual a more fleshed out proposal and all the details formalized. Susan Dillinger seconded the motion. There was discussion, in which Ellen Zyroff and Jack Stephens reiterated their objections over the award. Susan D. clarified that the present motion on the floor was not to vote on the award but to direct Mark to bring back a more concrete proposal at Annual. Marie Jones called the question and Jenny Baltes seconded the call to question. The motion carried and the question was called. The main motion, as moved by Al and seconded by Susan Dillinger, carried unanimously.

New SRRT Task Force

Mark Rosenzweig made a proposal for a new Task Force, called Information Policy in the Public Interest. Rory read out the bylaws on probationary status of new task forces, and said the task force now had provisional/probationary status, for it had met all requirements to achieve probationary status. Al Kagan asked if we needed a formal vote from Action Council. Jenny asked if we needed to have goals and a statement in hand. Elaine H. said that now that the task force has provisional status, can work on statement of goals. Questions arose at this point as to the role of non-Action Council members at Action Council meetings. Sam Trosow explained that SRRT members alone do not have voting power at Action Council, and only Action Council members have the right to vote and stop motions. Susan Dillinger made a point of order that non-AC members are officially allowed to speak at the Annual Membership meeting. Rory responded that it has been SRRT tradition to allow all members to speak at Action Council meetings, but to only allow AC members to vote. Elaine made a point of order to consider allowing only AC members to be recognized during Action Council meetings. Rory called for a motion to extend the meeting fifteen minutes. Mark Rosenzweig made the motion and Elaine seconded the motion. The motion carried. Sam Trosow commented that this new task force would take theoretical approaches that other committees do not have time to take; an example of this might be discussion papers. Al proposed we take a formal vote and made a motion to give provisional status to the Information Policy in the Public Interest Task Force. Mark Hudson seconded the motion. During discussion, Ann S. commented that other groups in ALA were going in a similar direction, such as the Intellectual Freedom Round Table. The motion carried unanimously.

Joint Task Force Program

Maria Jankowska, Co-chair of the Task Force on the Environment, proposed a joint task force program at Annual. It would have a general topic, for which each task force would propose a speaker. Maria commented that this program would be a great promotional tool for the task forces. Jonathan Betz-Zall moved the motion for the joint program. Mark Rosenzweig seconded the motion. During discussion, it was stated that this program would not be held to the exclusion of other task force programs. Theresa Tobin said this was not the first time for this type of program. Questions were raised as to how this would be arranged. Rory said that the logistics could be worked out another time. The motion carried unanimously.

Liaison Reports

Jim Kuhn, liaison from the Intellectual Freedom Round Table, spoke about the Executive Board's Speaking with One Voice Policy. He said IFRT was working on a draft of written comments discussing IFRT's concerns over the intellectual freedom problems of the Speaking with One

Voice Policy. He hoped to include commentaries by SRRT, and he hoped SRRT would include IFRT on the panel at the proposed Speaking with One Voice Program at Annual. Jim also spoke to the recent Cuba controversy, and about IFRT's positions on recent proposed motions at ALA Council. He spoke about reports submitted by the Intellectual Freedom Committee and the International Relations Committee. He advised SRRT to vote for the former and against the latter. Al asked about IFRT's position on the Patriot Act Resolutions. At this point, Al put forward a motion to extend the meeting to 4:30. Mark Hudson seconded the motion. There was one abstention and the motion carried.

At this point, Mark Rosenzweig handed out documents concerning a definition of cultural democracy to accompany his proposal he submitted at Action Council I.

Orlando Session Proposal from Howard Besser

Sam Trosow spoke about a possible co-sponsorship by SRRT of a program at Annual. It would be entitled "Cultural Democracy of the Information Commons". The ALA Washington Office expressed interest in co-sponsoring the program as well. It would be a program with multimedia and concern textual copyright laws and their effect on libraries. The program would use the theme of cultural democracy to pull it all together. Rory commented that there was no rule that a provisional task force could not sponsor a program. Jonathan Betz-Zall moved to allow the new provisional task force, Information Policy in the Public Interest, to co-sponsor the program, "Cultural Democracy of the Information Commons". Mark Hudson seconded the motion. The motion carried Unanimously. Rory raised the question of funding for the program and asked if Howard Besser had another source of funding. Susan Dillinger moved a motion to approve up to \$1000 be given to the new provisional task force to fund the program. Mark Rosenzweig seconded the motion. The motion carried with one abstention.

Programs for 2004/2005

International Responsibilities Task Force

Al Kagan reported that IRTF would be hosting a program called, "Librarians confront the war in Iraq". The task force was still waiting to see if they could get some of the librarians who accompanied UNESCO to Iraq to come speak. He also may have Michael Malconico as a speaker.

Feminist Task Force

Jenny Baltes reported that the FTF would be hosting a program on the recent publication of Revolting Librarians Redux. Also, the FTF will be hosting a breakfast in honor of the Amelia Bloomer Project.

HHP

Would not be hosting a program this year.

Rory passed out petition forms encouraging SRRT members to run in ALA elections.

Aureole Johnstone returned to go over the budget. Aureole pointed out that there was more than enough funds to cover expenses. Satia Orange, from OLOS, assisted Aureole in preparing the budgetary figures. Satia reminded SRRT to expect more than was listed due to the 10% commission from the Coretta Scott King Task Force revenues.

Rory called for a motion to extend the meeting 15 minutes. Susan Dillinger put forward the motion and Marie Jones seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Aureole made a motion to approve the budget for 2004/2005. Theresa Tobin seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

Elaine Harger made a motion for the International Responsibilities Task Force be budgeted an additional \$1000 for the 2003/2004 fiscal year. Al Kagan seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion carried unanimously.

Rory brought up the issues facing the placement of the SRRT web site, whether on an independent server or on the ALA server. Jenny Baltes asked if we would lose access to our own site. Rory said each unit would have their own developer who would have access. Rory said he would research the issue further for Annual.

Rory reported that SRRT gained 100 members this year, and our total was approximately 1630 members.

Rory showed some old copies of the SRRT newsletter to members.

Michael Santangelo said he was stepping down as secretary at Annual. He would be able to cover Action Council I in Orlando, but, due to new commitments, he was unsure if he would be able to take minutes at Action Council II. Marie Jones volunteered to be secretary in Michael's place.

Rebecca Tolley Stokes, liaison from Literacy Assembly, asked whether SRRT would help out with an easy voter guide. Satia Orange went into more detail, saying the Literacy Assembly would like an easy to read guide on social responsibilities for people with low literacy abilities.

Mark Hudson, liaison to the Membership Committee, reported on the progress of the approved Health Insurance Plan for uninsured ALA members. There was a problem with the first resolution, so the committee has to go back to the drawing board to come up with a new plan.

Marie Jones gave a short report on the Committee on Education concerning library school education and the recent closure of the library school at Clark University. Marie said there was a resolution going to ALA Council that day.

Elaine spoke to the resolution and said ALA needs to engage in greater activism to stop Jeb Bush and his plans in Florida for the state library.

Marie Jones motioned to adjourn our meeting. Al Kagan seconded the motion. The motion carried Unanimously.