

ALA SRRT Action Council I
June 23, 2007
Draft Minutes

Agenda approved – Minutes from Midwinter Action Council Meeting were unavailable but are now attached and may be approved at ALA Midwinter.

Motion by TFOE to have a Rachel Carson Book Award brought to Council by Fred Stoss.

Motion made by Fred Stoss, 2nd by Mary Sue Brown, motion passed unanimously. Fred will request that the requirement that the author be of US citizenship and that the book be originally written in English be removed.

Motion made by AL Kagan and seconded by Mary Sue Brown that the ILA Librarians for Social Responsibility Forum be made an affiliate of ALA SRRT was unanimously approved.

Mike Marlin requested that SRRT bring a resolution to ALA Council that the National Library Service for the Blind be fully funded. Motion by Mike Marlin, 2nd by Jonathan Betz-Zell. Motion passed unanimously.

SRRT endorsement

Al Kagan reported that the ALA Washington Office is ~~not acting~~ sending resolutions to press, White House, senate, congress, etc. – on SRRT resolutions that have been passed by the ALA Council. Michael Gorman who was to speak a bit later on the agenda said that the ALA Council must make clear to the Washington Office what we expect of them.

not done, debate

Motion was made by Al Kagan and seconded by Carol Gulyas that SRRT Action Council ask Executive Director Keith Fiels to give a speedy and comprehensive report on distribution of resolutions passed by ALA Council. Passed unanimously.

Michael Gorman reported on the results of the dues increase – positions were restored, website is being redesigned, new office for ALA Advocacy, I Love Libraries for the public. Membership declined 1.5%. ALA is requesting that public access to the NIH website be mandatory.

LeJuan Pringle made a motion seconded by Al Kagan to distribute ALA SRRT resolutions on Legislative Day. Motion passed unanimously.

Elaine Harger made the motion seconded by Mary Sue Brown that in regard to the debate at ALA Council regarding “non library” issues that SRRT brings to your attention this long standing ALA Policy that encompasses discussion of and action on a wide variety of issues. Motion passed.

SRRT Brochures – update. John Gehner and Carol Gulyas will work on this.

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June 25, 2007 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
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Alternative Media Task Force – Carol Gulyas gave thanks to Olga Francoise who did the local organizing. Library Juice Press published the 6th edition of Alternative Publishers of Books in America with profits being split with SRRT. Rory Litwin asked for more help from SRRT in promoting sales. Need volunteer to work on Jackie Eubanks award.

Feminist Task Force – Amelia Bloomer Project Breakfast was well attended. Task Force is doing research on ~~gender~~ *gender* balance at ALA conferences, panels, and speakers.

Hunger Homelessness and Poverty Task Force – OLOS surveying ALA units on implementation of Poor People's Policy, originally adopted in 1990 and budgeted in 1999. Survey based on one by Frances Dowd, involves ALA Office of Research.

83 attended the Task Force program. Knowledgeable speaker. **(John G. Can you flesh this out a bit. I'm using notes taken by someone else for this part)**

International Responsibilities Task Force – LaJuan Pringle reported that 40 people attended the program on Darfur. There were three speakers. Next year program will be on Global Warming. *Excellent discussion.*

Task Force on the Environment – will be updating website. EPA did not come to EPA program. Will do program with IRRT on Global Warming next year. Electronic Green Journal will be taken over by TFOE.

Mike Marlin – I'm not clear on this. National Library Services Resolution agreed in principle that both GODORT and National Library Service for the Blind should be fully funded. Please enlighten me.

Elaine called for volunteers for OLOS and SRRT Membership committee. Elaine also passed around an ALA chart of time slots available for programs.

.SRRT Endorsements – SRRT Action Council can endorse candidates for ALA Council and other ALA Units from people who have sought SRRT's endorsements. Candidates must request SRRT's endorsement by submitting a statement requesting endorsement prior to Midwinter

Action Council II at which time Action Council will vote on the candidates. Results will be posted in the SRRT newsletter. Seconded by Al Kagan. Motion passed 9 - 1.

IFRT – Jim Kuhn reported that two resolutions were endorsed. The first was the Resolution on the Use and Abuse of National Security Letters; the second was a Resolution on Representation. IFRT will present a Copyright Program at Midwinter 2008.

Rory will update the SRRT website.

Freedom to Read Foundation – Terry Esperson reported that the decision in the “Bong Hits for Jesus” case went against “out of school” freedom of speech issues. The “Let’s Go to Cuba” case was decided against the school board trying to remove the book. Some of the “facts” that the board insisted be included in the book were ludicrous.

Jane Cothran requested that SRRT accept the Rainbow List as a provisional Task Force of SRRT. Dee made this motion, seconded by Mark Hudson. Motion passed. The task force will be compiling a list of books for children on gay, lesbian and transgender issues. *Work with GLBT RT*

Elaine asked if the meeting could be extended to 4:00 p.m. Motion by Kagan, seconded by Brown. Motion passed.

The SRRT Listserv – Discussion about the problem on the listserv of hostile, demeaning, and contemptuous language and the need to make it a moderated list. Carol Gulyas made the motion, seconded by LeJuan Pringle to empower a committee to investigate a moderated list serve and to report back by midwinter. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Mark Hudson, seconded by Theresa Tobin that SRRT Action Council elect Alison Lewis as Co-ordinator and Rory Litwin as Secretary. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Sue Brown
Secretary