

REVISED MINUTES OF SRRT ACTION COUNCIL AND CLEARINGHOUSE MEETING

FRIDAY, JUNE 30, 1972, PALMER HOUSE

ALA CONFERENCE

The meeting was scheduled for 1:00 p.m. and was to be postponed until after the ALA Council meeting. Those members not present at the ALA Membership meeting were unaware of the delay so met as scheduled. When the meeting opened Mitch Freedman, Ellis Hodgin, Helen Wheeler and Oliver Kirkpatrick were present. Ellis Hodgin presided in the place of Tyron Emerick, and the first item for consideration was a request by Ellis of a contribution of \$500 to the Daniel Ellsberg Defense Fund Committee. This item had been discussed after the Wednesday night SRRT membership meeting. The request was approved by Action Council.

The question of an Action Council Fall meeting was discussed. Minneapolis was suggested, since three members of Action Council live there. The costs of such a meeting to Action Council members was mentioned, as this was a problem last year. Mitch Freedman moved that Action Council members be reimbursed for travel costs to the Fall meeting. This motion was carried. This also included the Clearinghouse Secretary or her representative.

Who are the ten members of Action Council was the question, since not everyone was present. It was determined that Tyron Emerick as coordinator would have a list. (Editor's Note: Current lists have been mailed to all members of Action Council, Clearinghouse and Task Force Coordinators)

It was noted that Action Council and Clearinghouse meetings should be better publicized as they are open meetings.

Maki Jackowitz reported on rules for the SRRT suite in Las Vegas. She suggested that in addition to the suite coordinator, a suite manager be selected to direct the use of the suite and to control the telephone. The report and Maki's efforts were gratefully accepted by Action Council.

Tyron Emerick, Coordinator, arrived at the meeting at this time and reviewed the agenda for the meeting.

The SRRT program at Las Vegas was discussed briefly. Gordon McShean proposed that SRRT have a speaker from "Transvestite" magazine and Henri Guyon Society representative. This suggestion will be referred to the program coordinator on Action Council.

Tyron Emerick reported the need for changes of the O and A (Bylaws). Two areas lacking clarity are when do the new Action Councilors and Clearinghouse members take over their official responsibilities, and how to insure the election of a "properly" balanced Action Council or Clearinghouse. It was suggested by someone that individual Action Councilors be asked to look into these two areas. Tyron asked Peter Doiron to handle the start of AC/CH term issue and Mitch Freedman to take care of proposing bylaw changes and procedures for insuring a "properly" balanced AC/CH.

The subject of an SRRT Directory was brought up. About two thirds of the membership favored this in the Questionnaire. Those in attendance didn't feel that such a Directory would be good, and wanted to know what it might be used for. Liz Futas suggested that persons responsible for a SRRT list of members could be designated as a specific Task Force. Mitch Freedman suggested that a run-off from ALA be obtained and sent to Ellis Hodgin. It was the sense of the meeting that the list be used only by Action Council and not published. The Directory could be xeroxed and given to Action Council members should they need it.

Tyron reported that Sam Simon felt Action Council should do something about the Ralph Ginsberg situation. Members asked if Sam had something particular in mind. Tyron said Sam hadn't mentioned anything. It was the feeling of Action Council that members should make specific proposals for Action Council's consideration. No action was considered.

Tyron suggested consideration of inexpensive sleeping space (such as at the University of Nevada dormitories) and transportation to meetings to aid SRRT'ers and new librarians attending the Las Vegas Conference. No action was considered.

Conflicts between ALA Council and membership meetings and SRRT AC/CH and membership meetings were discussed. It was agreed that such conflicts generally resulted from extended ALA Council and membership meetings and that we shouldn't keep SRRT members from effectively influencing ALA. Action Council adopted the policy that SRRT AC/CH program and membership meetings will not be held opposite ALA Council or membership meetings. That when such meetings extended into times when SRRT meetings are scheduled, these meetings will be automatically postponed to another time, that time to be posted and announced (if possible).

There were some complaints regarding the length of the SRRT Business meeting on Wednesday. Tyron stated that he was very lenient with the membership in allowing debate, because it had been so long since a real membership meeting. Many SRRT members have felt cut off and not given an opportunity to make input toward SRRT discussions. It was recommended that some method be devised to limit debate. It was suggested that the Coordinator handle this. Tyron stated that he would limit discussion, and only extend it should the membership request it and vote in favor of such an extension.

Tyron reported that Action Council and Clearinghouse are reimbursed for legitimate SRRT expense, and that Task Forces are granted funds in accordance with the budget set by Action Council in the fall of each year. Additional Task Force funds can be granted if approved by Action Council. Action Councilors should submit requests for reimbursement to the Coordinator, Clearinghouse to Clearinghouse Secretary, and Task Forces to the Action Council Liaison to Task Forces. These three will transmit the request to the Action Council Treasurer.

The meeting was adjourned.

(These minutes were taken from the notes of Helen Wheeler, Oliver Kirkpatrick, and Tyron Emerick)