

SRRT Meeting Minutes  
November 17, 2022

In attendance: Frieda Afary, Rebekah Black, Tara Brady, Katelyn Browne, Gary Colmenar, Jane Cothron, Sara Dallas, Sherre Harrington, Al Kagan, Charles Kratz, Eileen Palmer, Olivia Scully, April Sheppard, Julie Winkelstein, and Mark Winston

- April Sheppard began the meeting by asking if there were any changes to the agenda. Noting none, the meeting began at 11:04.
- Approve [October Minutes](#): Al Kagan moved to approve the minutes, Mark Winston seconded. Motion passes.
- LexisNexis/ICE Resolution Update: Gary Colmenar gave an update on meeting between him, April Sheppard, Mark Winston, and Sarah Lamdan. After meeting with Sarah, it was agreed that it would be most beneficial to do programming, either at Annual or the Afternoon of Social Justice, to bring awareness before drafting a resolution. It was noted that the ASJ may have a broader audience.
- Quick Newsletter Update: Julie Winkelstein and Doreen Dixon are stepping down from their co-editor roles. April Sheppard and Mark Winston met with them to discuss next steps and putting out a call for new editors.
- SRRT Bylaws: April Sheppard asked if Action Council wanted to submit the new draft SRRT bylaws now or wait until the ALA Bylaws are finalized. Charles Kratz noted that ALA Governance had asked the round tables to wait and that no other round table had informed RTCA that they were updating theirs. Tara Brady added that SRRT was free to go ahead and submit now, especially if there are substantial changes we want to go into effect sooner. After agreeing that most of the changes were stylistic and none of them substantial, Action Council agreed to wait to submit until after the ALA Bylaws were finalized.
- Round Table Coordinating Assembly (RTCA) Update: Charles Kratz noted that there was no update on the proposed due structure, but he was told a decision would be made in November. Once structure is approved, SRRT may need to meet again to discuss our dues. Charles added that he was asked to sit in on the Operating Agreement Task Force but did not see that task force effecting round tables any.
- ALA Bylaws Update: Tara Brady stated that the Bylaws Convention in January is supposed to be hybrid and open to the membership. She encouraged SRRT members to mark their calendars and attend. Sara Dallas added that it was her understanding that Tara, as Councilor, will be the one to speak for SRRT at the meeting. She added that the bylaws are very fluid at the moment and the Bylaws Committee is reading everything, so keep sending in suggestions. Also reminded everyone that regardless of what happens at the convention, the bylaws will still need to be voted on by membership. Al Kagan suggested a SRRT resolution asking for changes to the Council membership as listed in the draft bylaws.

- AC Retreat: Mark Winston proposed a retreat for Action Council members with facilitated discussion to help us prioritize opportunities and plan for the next year. This is especially important as SRRT has expanded (now doing resolutions, programming, social media, etc). We could also use this time to discuss topics such as SRRT membership for the Newsletter Editorial Board. Recommending a half day at one of our regular meeting times. Action Council agreed that it would be better to schedule as soon as possible for a day in the spring with facilitator for discussion.
  
- Other business:
  - SRRT Virtual Membership Meeting Resolution: Sara Dallas noted that the resolution had been referred to Budget Analysis & Review Committee (BARC) and that Council was expected to vote on it in January. She noted that SRRT members could contact Karen Schneider or Peter Hepburn with questions or suggestions for alternate solutions (like membership meetings being virtual instead of hybrid to save money). Tara Brady noted that virtual should be seen as the default with in-person as a luxury.
  
  - During discussion, Trita Parsi's ALA program was mentioned. Frieda Afary noted that she is an Iranian American librarian and had been writing about feminist and human rights struggle in Iran. She asked why Trita was asked to speak and not an Iranian feminist given the current situation in Iran. April Sheppard and Al Kagan noted that Trita's presentation was originally planned for two years ago but had been cancelled twice. Some ideas were discussed such as a panel discussion or an Afternoon of Social Justice event. April asked Frieda to email her for further discussion.

Sherre Harrington made a motion to adjourn, Charles seconded. Meeting adjourned at 12:13pm

Minutes prepared by April Sheppard