

SRRT Action Council
Virtual Meeting
April 29, 2021

Agenda

- Action Council Introductions
- Results of SRRT Election (April Sheppard)
- Upcoming COL Meeting (April Sheppard)
- Carbon Offsets Meeting Update (Al Kagan)
- Proposal to Hire GA to Digitize SRRT Documents (Al Kagan)

Attending:

April Sheppard, Wendy Stephens, Olivia Scully, Monica Chapman (ODLOS liaison to SRRT), David Sheffieck (ALA community engagement director), Al Kagan, Julie Ann Winlelstein, Mark Winston, Sherre Harrigan, Tara Brady, Tom Twiss, Jane Cothron, Ginny Moore

I. Questions about ALA Connect, SRRT lists, and the end of support for listserv.

A. Can non-members be included in ALA Connect?

David Sheffieck: this is a policy question with ALA instead of a technical question. It has to do with the value of an ALA membership.

Monica Chapman (ODLOS liaison): do we want to have some kind of open forum, need to emphasize the positives of SRRT membership. This is an AC decision.

David Sheffieck: any decision made now can be revisited at any later time. This is easy to set up on the technical side.

Julie Ann Winklestein: are we talking about ALA members who are not SRRT members or about non-ALA, non-SRRT members? Attended SRRT meetings prior to joining SRRT. Does not want to be in an organization that has a restrictive mindset.

Al Kagan: brings up an issue from years ago; Changes at ALA automatically added all SRRT members to the SRRT-AC list. Many people did not want to be on the list and quit SRRT. Concerned about adding people without asking for permission first.

Tara Brady: ALA Connect allows people to be members and choose not to receive email. The emails are still there, but not delivered.

Monica Chapman: Sunset date for listserv is end of June 2021. [Confirmed by David, will check to confirm date.]

Al Kagan: currently have 3 listservs.

Monica Chapman: ALA Connect can function to distribute announcements.

Tara: Currently 3 lists: SRRT-mem, SRRT-AC, SRRT announcements (read-only forum?)

April: SRRT Connect (for discussions), SRRT Announcements, SRRT-AC

David: should be able to do 99% of what we need in ALA Connect; could set up small group training for using ALA Connect

1. SRRT-AC for Action Council discussions, distribution of information, documents, announcements
2. SRRT-Announcements: full-moderation, only a few can post announcements.
3. SRRT-Open Forum: need to decide on membership requirements, how open to be, who can participate.

II. Election results:

SRRT Council Liaison: Tara Brady

AC Council at-Large:

Laura Koltutsky

Mark Winston

Gerado Colmenar

Leaving at end of June: Tom Twiss (will become liaison from International TF), Lisa Eichholtz

III. Upcoming COL meeting: April requests that April, Sherre, Al to be included in upcoming meeting to better understand ALA lobbying efforts.

IV. Carbon offsets meeting report: Al Kagan

A. Has a document in progress to report on participation by ALA groups, including divisions

B. Will have a new resolution from Sustainability RT to Council, working toward ALA becoming carbon-neutral, the new Council on Sustainability should take the lead on coming up with proposals (previous resolution was withdrawn because Conference Services had already been doing more than was known)

Julie: will this focus on more than just investments?

Al: The endowment has already moved away from almost all fossil fuel investments

April: wondering about future conferences happening as hybrid online/in-person events.

V. Graduate Assistant proposal (Al Kagan): to hire graduate assistant to research SRRT archives for missing resolutions (text and results) and documents. Offered several options for time and money required (from \$912-\$2737 for summer project).

Comments support and speak to the importance of preserving and digitizing SRRT history.

Finances still up in the air. Last report was for August 2020. ALA will move to quarterly reports instead of monthly reports to catch up.

As of August 2020, SRRT had \$86,340 net.

Ginny Moore: it sounds like we have the money and this is a worthy project and this is the best way to record SRRT history and make it available. Thanks to Al Kagan for keeping on this project and moving forward. Thanks for April Sheppard for continuing the project. SRRT should make this investment.

Motion (Jane Cothron moved, Ginny Moore 2nd): SRRT shall budget \$3000 for a graduate assistant to research SRRT history, resolutions for finding and digitizing documents from the SRRT archives at University of Illinois-Champaign/Urbana during Summer 2021. The project budget can be re-assessed with the possibility of budgeting additional funds as needed. Motion passed unanimously.

Olivia: working on SRRT Minutes webpage. Considering making the navigation on the page easier. Still missing a few sets of minutes.

Julie: will be looking for a new co-editor for the newsletter. Melissa Cardenas-Dow will be leaving and has been doing much of the technical work, so will be looking for that skill set. [Need to ask Melissa for her workflow to understand the skills needed. Mark Winston: May have to do with the graphics, Shutterstock?. Sherre: it looks like Melissa is using something more involved than Word, perhaps Publisher or Canva.]

Adjourned. Next meeting May 25, noon.

April will send detailed document of what can be done in Connect for the AC discussion on what we need for the SRRT Connect page(s).

Julie has a webinar in June on homelessness and libraries and a book coming out in July.

Julie exploring how to change the LC term: The homeless and libraries.

SRRT is co-sponsoring a program with COWSL.

Ginny: Julie might want to be in touch with Sanford Berman on the LC heading.

From chat:

<http://www.ala.org/rt/srrt/minutes>

From Monica Chapman to Everyone:

<https://www.pexels.com/public-domain-images/>

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Also I'm sure all have seen but Librarian Henrietta Smith passed away. She was a SRRT Member when CSK was under SRRT.