

SRRT ACI  
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Present: Rory Litwin, Marie Jones, Jonathan Betz-Zall, John Gehner, Aureole Johnstone, Theresa Tobin, Diedre Conkling, Tom Twiss, Al Kagan, Elaine Harger, LaJuan Pringle, Mary Sue Brown, Dana Lubow, Ann Sparanese, Mary Biblo, Anu Pradhan, Teran Loeppke, Ginny Moore, Mark Rosenzweig

### Boycott of Intercontinental Hotel

Guests Anu Pradhan and Teran Loeppke discussed with us the reasons for the union's call for a boycott of the Intercontinental hotel in Chicago, in support of the strike at the San Francisco hotel in this chain. Our jointly-sponsored SRRT program, the Googlization of Everything, is to take place on Sunday at the Intercontinental. While there are strike clauses in the conference contracts, there are no boycott clauses, so it was not possible to move the program once we became aware of the issue. Discussion evolved to a decision to take protest letters to the program for individuals to sign and to send a delegation to the manager to deliver the letters and express our concern over the situation in San Francisco. For more information on the boycott, see [www.hotelworkersunited.org](http://www.hotelworkersunited.org) or <http://hotellaboradvisor.info>.

### Announcements

- SRRT is now the largest roundtable, with 1803 members
- Sally Driscoll has resigned as newsletter editor. We will need a new editor to publish the next issue, which is scheduled to come out shortly before midwinter (Sally set a September deadline)
- Satia has questioned PLG's affiliate status. This may be an issue that will need to be dealt with in the coming months. Elaine cites Article X of the ALA constitution in regard to the formation of affiliates in ALA.

### Resolutions

1. Resolution on Threats to Library Materials Related to Sex, Gender Identity or Sexual Orientation

Diedre Conkling presents this resolution, asking that we endorse it in principle, since some small changes to wording and content are underway (i.e., to include all levels of government in the wording; to drop the last resolved clause). The resolution is already on the council agenda.

Jonathan Betz-Zall moves to endorse in principle.

Theresa Tobin seconds.

Motion carries unanimously.

2. Resolution on the Connection Between the Iraq War and Libraries

Tom Twiss presents this resolution, which will be taken to the membership meeting. Discussion of slight changes in the wording are deferred, as such changes may be brought up on the

membership meeting floor, but changes cannot be made by SRRT at this time because the resolution is already on the membership meeting agenda, as is.

Aureole Johnstone moves to endorse the resolution.

Al Kagan seconds.

Motion carries unanimously.

### 3. Workplace Speech

Al Kagan provides background on this resolution. Mark Rosenzweig reports on meeting (along with Peter) with the IFC and the IFRT this morning, and presents the substitute resolution that the groups jointly arrived at. Much discussion centered around the phrase "within the framework of applicable law."

Al Kagan moves that we endorse the substitute resolution, as Mark Rosenzweig has presented it. Fred Stoss seconds.

Aye: 12

Nay: 0

Abstentions: 1

### 4. Endangered Libraries List

Reports on the discussion that has been taking place regarding this list include concerns that the metaphor might cast a poor light on libraries, generally, as being "endangered" and questions about how libraries would be added to the list. Some spoke strongly for the initial resolution. The resolution is already on council agenda; Al needs direction in voting.

Aureole Johnstone moves that we endorse the resolution as it stands.

Ginny Moore seconds.

Motion passes unanimously.

Fred Stoss reports on the OLOS meeting.

Mary presents a certificate of appreciation to Rory Litwin for his participation in the Martin Luther King Sunrise Celebration at midwinter.

Rory suggests the idea of having a programming committee to avoid program conflicts and to coordinate programs. The idea is deferred until ACII, when more people will be in attendance.

Meeting adjourns early, at 1:08.

The idea of a program committee is discussed, but issues of time and lack of volunteers to lead such a committee are barriers to its creation. Instead, Katharine volunteers to make a list of tasks that need to be done and to post to the list asking for volunteers for these tasks.

Among the tasks that emerged in discussion were:

- Working the SRRT booth
- Distributing SRRT brochures to program chairs or program sites
- Coordinate program scheduling so that SRRT programs and business meetings do not conflict with one another.

### Resolutions

#### 1. Resolution in Support of Immigrant's Rights to Free Public Library Access

Elaine Harger presents this resolution, that originated in REFORMA and is motivated by the passage of the REAL ID act.

Resolved, that the ALA work with REFORMA and other affiliates to develop a public information strategy to inform and educate public libraries and member constituents about the alternate forms of ID that will allow free public access to library services for all immigrant populations.

Aureole Johnstone moves that we endorse in principle.  
Al Kagan seconds.  
Motion carries unanimously.

Al Kagan moves to extend meeting to 5:15; Marie Jones seconds. Motion carries unanimously.

### Intellectual Freedom Handbook and Workplace Speech

The next edition of the Intellectual Freedom Handbook is to include documents from the Committee on Professional Ethics, including their Q&A on Workplace Speech from 2004. This document has not been considered by the ALA Council. Al is concerned that this Q&A does not relate very well to the Workplace Speech resolution that was just passed by the ALA Council. However, there is also concern about the amount of effort that has gone into the Q&A document, and we did have a chance to comment on it when it was drafted. The Q&A relates to the ALA Code of Ethics, not the new resolution passed by ALA Council.

Aureole Johnstone moves that we express our objection to the Q & A being published in the manual, and that SRRT will be glad to work on a process to change the document with the IFC and the Committee on Professional Ethics. We would like the complete text of the Workplace Speech resolution to take the place of the Q&A document.

Al Kagan seconds the motion.

Motion carries: 6 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 abstention

### New officers

Nominees for office for the coming year are:

Chair- Elaine Harger

Treasurer – Sue Dillinger

Secretary – Marie Jones

Auerole Johnstone moves that we elect the full roster of nominees.

Dana Lubow seconds the motion.

The motion passes unanimously.

The new officers are welcomed.

### Freedom to Read Foundation

Terry Epperson suggests that SRRT become a member of the Freedom to Read Foundation and provides reasons why this is a good idea.

Following brief discussion, Theresa moves that SRRT become a member of the Freedom to Read Foundation for \$35 per year.

Mark seconds the motion.

The motion carries unanimously.