

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES ROUND TABLE
ACTION COUNCIL

MINUTES, meeting of January 6, 1990 9:30 a.m., Chicago Hilton, Waldorf Room.

Present: Corinne Nyquist, Sibyl E. Moses, Linda Pierce, Daniel Tsang,
Cinder Johanson, Gail Warner, John Sandstrom, Helen Katherine Hill,
Diedre Conkling, Sherre Dryden, Elizabeth Morrissett, Denise Botto, Roger
Parent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 9:30--10:30 to discuss resolution policy issue.

OPEN MEETING. Roger Parent recommended that all institutionally directed
resolutions might go to other bodies of ALA for consideration upon
passage.

The meeting opened to a discussion of the report on a resolution passed
at the final meeting of SRRT Action Council at the summer 1989
conference at Dallas (copy of final version attached)

Recommendation no. 1 was passed with the deletion of one word.

Recommendation no. 2 that would require all resolutions which mention
and institution be submitted to that group for response before any
publication was rejected as 1) more restrictive than the controls
of ALA Council regulations and 2) destructive of timeliness in
current issues.

It read: "Persons or institutions which are the subject
of resolutions will be given the opportunity to respond
to the resolution before passage."

Concern was expressed by the ALA administration on opening the
association to suits, but it is felt that this concern is shared by
SRRT and that the reduction of local freedom is too destructive of
positive social responsible action and timeliness to approve.

The recommendation no. 4, now no. 3 in the final version was approved.
And the final statement of maintaining the resolution with the slight
corrections necessary was approved.

The Council adjourned at 10:00 after additions to the agenda (attached)

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Morrissett
Secretary pro tem
January 6, 1990.

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ALA/SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES ROUND TABLE ACTION COUNCIL
Minutes, Jan. 7, 1990 2-4 p.m.

PRESENT: ; Denise Botto, Elizabeth Morrissett, Terry Link, John Sandstrom, Helen Katherine Hill, Cynthia Johanson, Gail P. Warner, Elliott Shore, Mark Rosenzweig, Elaine Harger, Henrietta M. Smith, Chris Sokol, Sherre Dryden, Anne Zahl, John Hostage, Carol Greenholz, William R. Delzell, Corinne Nyquist, Daniel Tsang, Linda Pierce, Christine Jenkins

Reports on the year's activities were made by all task force representatives present: Environmental, Gay/Lesbian, Library Union, Coretta Scott King Award, Feminist, Alternatives in Print, Peace Information Exchange, Human Rights, and the representative to the Freedom to Read Foundation.

A letter from the African National Congress chief representative to the U.N. was passed and read. It was addressed care of E.J. Josey, and action is delayed until consultation with him can be carried on.

The chair passed petitions for ALA Council for those wishing to run this year. Nominations for the Action Council ballot were made: Cal Goff, Bethany Leaven, and Christine Jenkins will be going off. It is hoped that one or more may be willing to run again. Nominations were made for Carol Greenholz, Mark Rosensweig, and Carolyn Games.

The gift of a book on Social Responsibilities in libraries was announced, and her letter concerning the ALA Publishing branch's reluctance to publish socially responsible issues books was discussed. Both this, and Pat Case' Field Guide were published elsewhere, although Pat's book was distributed through ALA.

A new SRRT affiliate at the Utah Library Association, its New Perspectives Round Table has asked to be represented at SRRT. They will be considered in the summer meeting after receiving their statement of goals. Minnesota has an affiliate. A new Mid-Atlantic group is in the process of forming and may be interested. A limit of two representatives of state affiliates in the constitution is to be looked into.

The chair requested volunteers for a Constitutional revision this year. Linda Pierce, Cynthia Johanson and Gail Warner offered to do this. It will be presented and discussed at the annual party, Sunday at the summer meeting.

Gail Warner is planning the Sunday night membership meeting and party at the annual meeting. She was congratulated and thanked for her suggestions.

Daniel Tsang raised the question of whether membership at the annual meeting can overturn a decision of council. This will be investigated.

Resolutions on recruitment at ALA, FBI, Environment and Copyright were considered. The last three were passed with corrections.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Morrissett,
Secretary pro tem.

ALA/SRRT ACTION COUNCIL
MINUTES Jan. 8, 1990 4 p.m. Palmer House, Parlor H

Present: Denise E. Botto, Elizabeth Morrissett, Diedre Conkling, Helen Katherine Hill, John Sandstrom, Gail Warner, Mark Rosenzweig, Elaine Harger, Linda DeBeau-Melbring, Christopher Dodge, Jan Desirey, Linda Pierce, Al Kagan, Lorraine Hansicoumbe, Corinne Nyquist, John Sheridan, David Williams, Dan Tsang, Molly Molloy.

A request from the Minnesota Library Association SRRT representatives to support a POOR PEOPLES' SERVICES policy was presented. It was suggested that it would be more easily passed and also an exciting piece of business for the first Membership Meeting at the summer conference because of the size and number of parts of the policy. The policy was accepted by the Action Council, with the resolution accepted in principle, to come again to Action Council at its first meeting after consultation with knowledgeable councilors.

A second resolution on the celebration of the 500th anniversary of Columbus' voyage to the Western Hemisphere and its impact on Native Americans was also suggested to be presented at annual meeting to Membership.

PASSED

A resolution, entitled Discriminatory Practices by Recruiting Agencies was passed with a small adjustment, dealing with the groups who come to the meeting to employ librarians, but do not meet ALA guidelines for employee treatment. was passed.

A fourth resolution on censorship and restrictions on information in the occupied West Bank in Israel was referred to a plan for passing it through various committees and subcommittees, particularly the Intellectual Freedom Committee and Round Table, and the Task Force on Human Rights, which has set up a study sub-group, and the International Relations Round Table and Committee.

PASSED

A resolution on the Wedgeworth/Drew South Africa Visit Report was approved.

The budget was approved as submitted.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Morrissett, Secretary pro tem
January 8, 1990

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION ON ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

- WHEREAS: Libraries and librarians have been concerned and active in disseminating information on the environmental problems of our Earth, and
- WHEREAS: On April 22, 1990 people in the United States will be celebrating the twentieth anniversary of Earth Day, and
- WHEREAS: Many libraries have active recycling, educational and other programs supportive of civil environmental groups and research efforts, and
- WHEREAS: These efforts have not become a general policy urged upon all libraries and librarians, therefore be it

RESOLVED That ^{*The Social Responsibilities Round Table of*} the American Library Association urges librarians and library governing boards to 1) collect and provide information on the condition of our Earth, its air, ground, water and living organisms from all available sources, and 2) participate in conservation or energy and materials recycling and other programs to protect and preserve our environment, and

RESOLVED That ^{*the Social Responsibilities Round Table of*} the American Library Association use recycled paper in all printing and internal activities, and urge librarians and libraries to do the same.

HISTORY: None
possibly 50.1

*passed SRRT
Action Council
4/7/90*

SECRET Action Council
passed 1/18/90 4:50 PM
will be introduced

RESOLUTION DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES BY RECRUITING AGENCIES

WHEREAS, The American Library Association has taken a stand against discrimination in ~~all~~ ^{many} forms, and

WHEREAS, The FBI, CIA ~~and other~~ ^{and others} organizations who recruit through American Library Association publications and placement services follow discriminatory practices, now therefore be it ^{such as}

RESOLVED, That any organization which wishes to recruit through American Library Association publications or placement services be required to sign a state ^{of} compliance with American Library Association anti-discrimination policies, and be it further

RESOLVED, That any organization which is found to be in violation of American Library Association anti-discrimination policies be barred from recruiting in American Library Association publications or placement services.

HISTORY: 2.2, 50.2, 54.3, 54.3.1, 54.6, 54.10, 54.12, 54.17, 54.20

SUBMITTED: John Sandstrom

RESOLUTION ON WEDGEWORTH/DREW SOUTH AFRICA VISIT AND REPORT

WHEREAS The African National Congress (ANC) has officially responded to the Wedgeworth/Drew trip to South Africa on behalf of the American Association of Publishers with a letter of concern and notification of their complete disapproval addressed to the American Library Association Midwinter Meeting, therefore be it

RESOLVED That the Social Responsibility Round Table of the American Library Association, in solidarity with the ANC and in support of the cultural and economic boycott of South Africa opposes the Wedgeworth/Drew mission and the misleading and inaccurate report which it has produced. And further

RESOLVED That the African National Congress letter be widely disseminated to appropriate American Library Association councilors and committees.

Moved:

Mark Rosenzweig
Molly Molloy

Passed by Action Council of SRRT
Jan. 8, 1990 4:50 p.m.

RESOLUTION ON ISRAELI CENSORSHIP ALA SRRT Action Council

Whereas there is ample documentation from Article 19 and other organizations showing massive and stringent Israeli censorship in the Occupied Territories of the West Bank and Gaza and within pre-1967 Israel itself, and

Whereas this censorship, administered by the Israeli military and justified on the grounds of Israel's alleged "security needs", is in reality aimed at suppressing information about and criticism of Israeli treatment of the Palestinians under occupation, and

Whereas this censorship is also aimed at suppressing awareness of Palestinian national and cultural identity and serves to undermine Palestinian academic freedom and education, and

Whereas this sweeping and arbitrary censorship is in violation of universally accepted principles of intellectual freedom and human rights, including Article 19 of the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights, and

Whereas the United States has maintained a special relationship with the State of Israel, which receives upwards of \$3 billion annually in American military and financial assistance, while claiming to be the most democratic country in the Middle East, ~~therefore be it~~

Resolved, that The Social Responsibilities Roundtable ~~therefore~~ Action Council of the American Library Association ~~therefore~~ condemns this massive and stringent Israeli censorship and call upon the State of Israel to abide by universally recognized norms of intellectual freedom and human rights.

*Referred to committees + round
tables as appropriate
by SRRT Action Council
1/8/98*

SRRT TREASURER'S REPORT

Midwinter 1990

SRRT YTD Balance (8/31/89): \$25,056
(From 10/24/89 report.
There is nothing more
current.)

SRRT General Expenses (not including administrative expenses):

4/19/89	Elections mailing	\$166.00
5/19/89	SRRT Brochure	900.00
8/2/89	SRRT ALA Exhibit	80.20
10/25/89	Awards Committee	76.35
TOTAL:		\$1,222.55

Coretta Scott King Task Force

Allocated for 1988/89: \$ 250.00

Expenses:

7/10/89 Phone/Postage/Supplies: 100.70

Balance: \$ 66.30

Award Breakfast (do not have total information
about expenses)

Expenses paid from meal tickets:

5/15/89 Speaker's fee: \$2,500.00

7/16/89 Flower Arrangement: 75.00

8/2/89 Slide/Tape Program: 200.00

Does not include meal expenses

TOTAL: \$2,875.00

1989/90 Allocation: \$ 250.00

Alternatives to Final Tax Force

1988/89 Allocation: \$1,000.00

Transfer back into budget: 1,770.00

TOTAL: \$3,576.00

Expenses:

7/24/89 COSMEF Membership \$ 50.00
7/27/89 Program Expenses 21.63
11/9/89 Postage 8.75
8/31/89 Other Expenses 159.37

TOTAL \$ 239.75

BALANCE: \$3,336.25

1989/90 Allocation: \$1,000.00

Transfer: 1,776.00

TOTAL \$2,776.00

Feminist Task Force

1988/89 Allocation \$1,400.00

Expenses:

8/31/89 Transfer to SHARE \$1,036.00
8/31/89 Other Expenses 364.00

BALANCE: \$ 0.00

SHARE Account:

1/10/89 Fund Raising: \$ 150.00
8/89 COSWL 500.00
8/31/89 Transfer 1,036.00

Total: \$1,686.00

1989/90 Allocation \$1,100.00

Gay and Lesbian Task Force

1988/89 Allocation: \$ 959.00

Expenses:

7/19/89 Photocopier \$ 177.31

7/19/89	Book Award	200.00
7/19/89	Program Cassettes	6.41
7/19/89	Postage	15.00
7/19/89	Membership Brochure	107.12
8/31/89	Other Expenses	734.16
Total:		\$1,250.00
BALANCE:		-\$ 300.00
1989/90 Allocation		\$1,250.00

International Human Rights Task Force

1988/89 Allocation:		\$ 250.00
Expenses:		
10/6/89	Honorarium:	\$ 200.00
10/6/89	Postage:	50.00
Total:		\$ 250.00
BALANCE:		\$ 0.00
1989/90 Allocation:		\$ 500.00

Library Unions Task Force

1988/89 Allocation:		\$ 525.00
Expenses:		
8/1/89	IRRT Mailing List	\$ 23.00
Total:		\$ 23.00
BALANCE:		\$ 502.00
1989/90 Allocation:		\$ 525.00

Peace Information Exchange Task Force

1988/89 Allocation \$ 535.00

Expenses:

2/22/89 Copying/Postage \$ 180.20

7/7/89 Speaker's Expenses 221.42

10/27/89 Copying for Flyers 300.00

Total: \$ 701.62

BALANCE: -\$ 166.62

1989/90 Allocation: \$ 535.00

Environmental Task Force

1989/90 Allocation: \$ 170.00