

Tuesday Feb. 7, 1995  
9:30-11:00  
Ritz-Carleton

Those Present: Carol Barta, Debra Gilchrist, Charles Willett, Carolyn Myall, Linda Kimsey, Leon Bey, Madeleine Tainton, Dotty Granger, Mark Rosenzweig, Theresa Tobin, Elaine Harger, Chris Dodge, Millicent Gaskell, Al Kagan, Wendy Thomas, Roland Hansen, Stephen Stillwell, Mark Martin, Carolyn Garnes, Mary Somerville, Karen Venturella, Melissa Riley, Michael Nitz, Beth Sibley, Elizabeth Morrissett, Uta Fellechner, Dan Tsang, Cal Gonyon(sp?).

Moment of silence for Elizabeth Futas.

#### Additions to the agenda

3 items left from before

budget

constitutional

presidential candidates

Announcement: The IFC is enthusiastic about Enola Gay display and will pursue bringing it to annual.

2. Dee Conkling is resigning from Action Council because she has accepted a position on COO.

#### Budget report:

Mattye and Peggy have ideas for fund raising for SRRT. Roland and Stephen will bring the ideas to council in Chicago. Ideas are needed for raising \$10,000 - \$20,000 for the start-up of Counterpoise.

One idea would be making fund-raisers of Feminist And GLBTF award breakfasts.

#### Budgets:

No budget were submitted from the Labor Union Task Force or the Peace Task Force.

Roland reported that Greg Colloway, ALA financial officer, is interested in talking to Roland about the SRRT budget. Weird things seem to be being lumped into general account lines. Some things were not paid from 1994 account lines. Don't know how that will be handled. The fund balance is \$5,300. Sales of GLBTF items are not represented in this report. Same numbers appear over and over. Please send comments to Roland and Ann Symonds regarding task force budgets or problems in getting budget money or information.

#### Budget Requests:

Feminist TF		\$2500
Refugees and Migration	\$ 50	
AIP		\$1500
GLBTF		\$2500
Environment		\$1750
Corretta Scott King Self-supporting International Responsibilities TF	\$1500	
Total for all task forces	\$9300	

This is in line with requests from last few years.

Feminist Task Force asked for extra \$500 to cover additional costs in New York.

AIP asked for: Eubanks award	\$500
Program annual conference 1996	\$600

Office, misc.	\$200
Directory	\$200

GLBTF is getting a new letterhead to reflect their new name. They will be printing a brochure of the book award winners. They are working towards making the awards self-sustaining.

The Task Force on the Environment requested money for office supplies and mailings and a speaker honorarium.

International Responsibilities Task Force needs \$1500 to present their program in 1996. It will be entitled " Cuba: the real cost of the embargo."

Peace TF wants \$500 for a program.

The total is now \$9800.

Al Kagan moved and Marc Rosenzweig seconded that the budgets of task forces be approved as requested. The budgets were approved unanimously.

The Labor Union Task Force has no budget. They have not met for the past three conferences. Ray Markey was at Action Council on Saturday. He said he wasn't planning a program for Chicago. Stephen stated that under our by-laws the task force is automatically dissolved when it has not met for three annual conferences. The Labor Union Task Force is dissolved.

There have been two supplementary requests for the budget year ending Aug. 31, 1995.

1. Counterpoise \$500
2. The Feminist Task Force needs front money for T-shirts. They will repay the money when they sell the T-shirts.

Roland stated that we can afford it. Theresa Tobin made a motion to approve the supplementary requests. Al Kagan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A reminder was given that the Newsletter deadline is coming soon.

Marc reported that Council voted for a dues increase to fund some of the initiatives of ALA 2000. It went through with the implicit acceptance that the money will go to the Washington office.

Michael Gorman suggested a progressive dues structure. Marc suggested that SRRT go on record as supporting Gorman's proposed dues structure.

Resolution:

Whereas we recognize the necessity of increased revenues for ALA to fund the initiatives of ALA 200;  
and

Whereas we are sensitive to the disproportionate burden the increased dues places on members with different salaries

There for be it resolved that a progressive dues structure based on members income be introduced within the framework of the ALA dues increase.

Marc moved that this resolution be accepted. Al Kagan seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

The resolution will be given to Herb Biblo to present to Council.

Al reported on an interesting thing that happened at the International Relations Committee. A resolution supporting the Fulbright and other exchange programs was passed. It was stated that when it goes to Congress it must say we support American foreign policy.

Mary Sommerville briefly addressed Action Council.

Elizabeth Morrisett reported on copyright issues discussed at RASD. There is a monopoly of copyright by major publishers, especially in scientific literature. She requested information about the issue be included in the SRRT newsletter.

Action Council decided, by consensus, not to endorse either of the candidates for ALA president. Stephen will e-mail both candidates asking them to write about their views for publication in the spring issue of the SRRT newsletter.

Stephen opened a discussion of the responses to the mailing he had sent out to all Action Council members in the fall.

Most people favored retaining the liaisons.

We will eliminate the position of conference arrangements chair person.

The position of exhibits coordinator will stay. Most of the group indicated that we need this sort of visibility. ALA wants the booth to be staffed. First-time conference goers will get a chance to find out about SRRT. There was a consensus to get our act together on the booth.

Membership/recruitment chair and editorial board positions are all necessary. This was the initial vote on this issue. We will have to vote on eliminating the positions again at annual. Then the issue must go before membership.

Ex-officio members are urged to come to action council meetings.

Leave section J as it is.

Another reminder was given that we need people to run for action council.

Steve Harris, Nell Ward, Linda Kimson, Marc Rosenzweig, Al Kagan, and Dotty are all running for ALA council.

Let Carol Reed know who else is running for ALA council.

We will need someone to be coordinator after Stephen Stillwell. He will retire as coordinator after annual in Chicago.

Norman Horrocks raised what he believes to be a constitutional issue. No member of council could be removed from office by a vote of council only. Only membership can remove someone from office. This will be on the agenda at membership at Chicago. Elaine Harger raised the question of putting the issue to a mail ballot.

Al Kagan restated the importance of getting councilors on ALA council. We need a separate mailing to publicize our people on the ballot. Membership should be informed about bullet voting, so our votes count. Elaine Harger asked about the possibility of getting the SRRT mailing list for individuals running for office to send out information.

Al proposed a motion to have Action Council send out postcards with the names of all SRRT members running for ALA council. Elizabeth seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mark Martin moved to adjourn the meeting. Al Kagan seconded the motion for adjournment. Meeting was adjourned by consensus.