

Jan. 20, 1996, 9:30 a.m., Plaza San Antonio

Those attending: Wendy Thomas, Jules Tate, Mark E. Martin, Sandy Berman, Kim Edson, Charles Willett, Linda Kimsey, Flora Shrode, Jill Mohran, Elaine Harger, Mark Rosenzweig, Michael L. Nitz, Dotty Granger, J.M. Tainton, Steven Harris, Al Kagan, Roland Hansen, Nel Ward, Mary Biblo, Herbert Biblo, Michael Miller, Ismail Abdullahi, Kathy Kaya, Rebekah Agen, Stephen Stillwell, Carol Barta.

Agenda items

Budgets-- due second meeting; update on liaisons; diversity slate; task force on poverty; OLOS; FFL--program.

1. Minutes from the Annual Conference June 24 and June 27, 1995 were approved.
2. Stephen reported on the response from other ALA groups to his letter asking for liaisons to and from each group. The only responses were from the American Indian librarians (AIHEC-Tribal College Librarians) who sent liaisons to this meeting, and the Intellectual Freedom Round Table with whom we already had a liaison relationship.
3. Rosemary Stevenson worked very hard to develop the "diversity slate". The consensus of the group was that the slate was quite good. All were reminded to sign the petitions. A discussion will be held during the budgeting process to decide on allocating money for a mailing. A copy of Rosemary's report was handed out to members present.
4. The Task force on Poverty Issues was ratified unanimously having been moved and seconded at the annual meeting.
5. There was a discussion of the library services to the deaf forum. They have asked for a co-sponsor and inclusion in the SRRT newsletter. Sandy Berman moved that we add SRRT to the list of sponsors. The motion passed unanimously.
6. Sandy Berman presented his resolution on sexist subject headings. Nel Ward seconded the motion. A friendly amendment to change number to 1800 instead of 1000 and to correct the spelling on "inaccurate" was added. The motion passed unanimously.
7. Al Kagan presented his resolution on Nigeria. It was seconded by Sandy Berman. Al will take it to the Africa subcommittee on the International Relations Task force. Friendly amendments included:
 1. to change ALA to SRRT; 2. in whereas 9-- change "to Nigeria" to "from Nigeria"There was a discussion about combining whereas 1 and whereas 4 regarding library censorship. Stephen mentioned that the other whereas' reflect things outside the library. Mark suggested moving into the resolve clause the parts about censorship and human rights. The resolve should read:

"Therefore be it resolved that SRRT supports comprehensive sanctions against the Government of Nigeria, including oil sanctions because of their record on violation of human rights and freedom of expression."

The resolution was passed by consensus.
8. Mary Ghikas is now responsible for Mattye and OLOS. Mattye will be here on Tuesday.
9. Candidates for ALA president are seeking SRRT endorsement. They will be here today or Tuesday.
10. Charles Willett presented an update on "Counterpoise." He did nationwide trip to launch journal support, but not many organizations were interested. Is this a duplication of sources? He is currently out of work and ALA is not willing to produce any money for journal startup. He will try to get funding from foundations. He has completed a business plan and has contacted people for an advisory board.

Charles will edit and has gotten a computer and learning to do desktop publishing. At present it appears that the journal will look small, dreary, dense-- lots of words, few pictures. It will be recommending books seldom recommended before. Charles has leads on people in Britain and South Africa willing to participate in the creation of the journal. He now needs librarians to give testimonials about the value of this journal. He will submit a budget at the next meeting. It will be scaled down and separate from AIP. The timetable for publication of the first issue still is for January, 1997. By October several issues should be in development at different stages.

11. Charles Beard, candidate for ALA president, distributed literature and answered questions.

12. Elaine reported on the progress of planning a program at the Annual conference on Family Friendly Libraries. They have been attacking ALA because they see it as a private organization dictating the use of tax money. They believe ALA to be against family values, because libraries have materials which they believe is in opposition to traditional family values. Stephen stated that they are after the "Library Bill of Rights." A councilor will ask council to delete the youth portion of the LBR, because the FFL believes it violates parental rights. SRRT could have program to talk about what they (FFL) are doing. Some librarians want ALA to commit to serving the traditional families. There have been resignations from ALA on this basis. Suggestions were made as to the format of the program and possible speakers. We only have a couple of hundred dollars to offer as an honorarium for this. We could co-sponsor the program that IFRT is doing, or address this from another angle. A debate or forum including a FFL spokesperson was suggested. A three person panel with a broad context was also suggested. Wendy informed the group that GLBTF will sponsor a debate in 1997 with speakers of this group.

It was also stated that AIP will be presenting a program on the Right at annual. Elaine stated that our time slot is Sunday afternoon from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Consensus was that a forum or panel was the best. Stephen asked for volunteers for a committee to help with the planning. Sandy suggested we ask for cosponsors such as, YALSA, IFRT or ALSC.

13. Stephen addressed some housekeeping issues--budgets are due on Tuesday, we will be discussing endorsements for candidates; also we will have a discussion on OLOS next time. Stephen is now on the OLOS advisory committee.

14. Herb Biblo reported that new self-study committee includes members representing Round Tables. The new group's charge is totally unrelated to the old. They can ignore recommendations. Two of the most conservative members of the old committee are on the new committee. The old committee is only compiling their papers. Stephen was disappointed in the way the Roundtable co-chairs ran the election. It was disorganized and late. There will be a meeting to discuss the organization of the round tables. Stephen will attend. We need more input into this organization.

Sandy Berman moved to adjourn the meeting. Mark Miller seconded.

Tuesday Jan 23, CC Centro B

Those in attendance: Roland Hansen, Stephen Stillwell, Kim Edson, Al Kagan, Sandy Berman, Steven Harris, Charles Willett, Mark Rosenzweig, Jules Tate, Randy Hensley, Michael Miller, Elaine Harger, Nel Ward, Mark Martin, Gail Defendof, Michael Nitz, Madeleine Tainton, Dotty Granger, Linda Kinsey, Theresa Tobin, Ching-chih Chen, Toni Bessessar, Shirley Fonseca, Daniel Tsang, Jill Holman, Mattye Nelson, Carolyn DeBonnett, Carol Barta.

Agenda additions: OLOS request for co-sponsorship; Literacy Assembly resolution; Resolution before council on round table membership on council.

1. ALA presidential candidates Barbara Ford and Ching-chih Chen spoke to the group.

Bruce Daniels, treasurer candidate also spoke. After having heard from all three candidates, Al Kagan moved that we endorse Barbara Ford, Dotty Granger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Mattye Nelson and Carolyn De Bonnett, OLOS literacy officer, spoke to the council about the OLOS 25th anniversary program to be held at New York. OLOS is asking for co-sponsorship in name only, no money will be involved. Sandy Berman moved that SRRT cosponsor this program. Steven Harris seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

3. Literacy Assembly recommendation was presented. Sandy Berman moved to accept the recommendation, and Kim Edson seconded. The motion passed.

4. There is a resolution before council that round tables with over 250 members have a representative on council. Sandy Berman moved to endorse this resolution. Mark Martin seconded. It passed unanimously.

5. Budget process has problems. There are disturbing figures. Things don't seem to be in the right accounts. Money hasn't been deposited in our CSK sticker account. SRRT is still all right but on the border. Roland has received task force budgets from some but not all. We could approve budgets and tell if's to go slow.

Mary Ghikas said budget comes back as monthly appropriations. Mattye stated that the majority of money is spent around the annual conference. This budget starts September 1. We need to be conservative, fiscally responsible now. CSK won't get more stickers until all are sold and we have the money back.

Wendy Thomas asked how will this be straightened out and then communicated on to Roland and Stephen and then to the Task Forces. Mary said we need to work out a process between the liaison and us. Mattye receives a monthly report that tells where we stand with dues and expenses. The reports then go to department heads and then to Elizabeth Martinez. The process is straightforward if we stay on top of it. Charles said it would be extremely helpful to have a copy of the report. Roland said he gets one a year, in October. Mary said that as part of the review will they look at this process. Mattye said there are several ways liaisons can handle budgetary concerns. Usually they are done quarterly. These concerns were not clear until close to when we new if money was to be recovered from seals. We can develop quarterly report, because not much happens month to month, major occurrences happen during the periods before and after annual conference.

Roland asked if budget proposals from last year were in place. Mattye said that for a specific task force that makes no money--allocations will always appear as negative amounts.

Mary explained that organizations, like a task force, not credited with dues revenue operates as expense unit. We need to see if they are within a reasonable percentage. She said to look at the Round Table as a whole, look at membership dues, are we running at about projected, or a little ahead. She said to only look for obvious problems. Mattye is hesitant to give budgets because we get worried about running a deficit. There is never a positive amount unless money coming in.

Dotty said that we would have liked to have had our budgets with this explanation before this. Stephen said we know that some task forces pay for themselves, but most other items appear as expense items. Mary said they can send an informal report to Roland monthly and something more formal quarterly.

Charles stated that with Counterpoise he needs to know month to month how he is doing. Mattye said he needs to work with Roland on that. Roland can meet with her to keep up to date. It will be Roland's responsibility to send the budget to Charles.

Mark Martin said for the GLBTF book awards to be self supporting the task force needs to know where they stand.

Stephen said he was still not clear on budgeting process. Mary asked if we approve the consolidated SRRT budget. Not all task force budgets have been submitted as of this meeting.

Mary states ALA doesn't approve budgets until end of annual conference. Stephen stated that we just approve round table budgets, that we were never told we had to file these budgets. He asked for a motion to override bylaws and finalize budget at annual.

Mary stated that Mattye can work on consolidated budget and get back to us at annual. Stephen said that we are only prepared to do task force budgets at this time because Mattye hasn't given the treasurer the information for a consolidated budget.

There are two special budget items, mailing costs for the diversity slate and Counterpoise startup costs. Wendy wants some firm process for getting budget information. The plan for getting budget information is: 1. monthly reports will be sent to Roland; 2. Roland will pass on budgets to the task force chairs.

Elaine requested money for speaker honorarium for the summer program.

Sandy asked if we need to talk about OLOS staffing. OLOS is not our staff, they're just liaisons. All Round Tables are in the same position. Mattye runs OLOS and is liaison to two round tables and a council committee. A consultant has been hired to review OLOS staffing. Sandy said that OLOS is a key element in ALA and is understaffed. We need to do some serious lobbying to increase staff. OLOS advisory has talked about that.

Stephen stated that time was up and we needed a motion to extend the meeting. Mark moved and Sandy seconded the motion. Motion passed by consensus.

Mark stated that we don't have a clear idea of the responsibility of liaisons to the round tables. Mary said that we need to develop clear guidelines. Staff liaison don't know what their role is either. They are trying to address this, but are not sure of implications. Mark suggested that at a minimum we can expect financial information and that mail sent to 50 E Huron is sent to us on an expeditious basis.

Mattye said she told her assistant to send the mail on a monthly basis and that our concerns about budget control are with leadership of SRRT not with her.

(At this point the recorder, Carol Barta left the meeting, the minutes which follow were recorded by Tom Wilding.)

It was pointed out that the dues to the Freedom to Read Foundation had not been paid. Apparently no invoice had been received, and payment was not possible without an invoice.

The Task Force budgets were announced:

Environment	\$3000
Feminist	\$2800
Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual	\$2300
Alternatives in Print	\$1500
International Responsibilities	\$ 700
Poverty Issues	\$ 600

In addition, three special items were identified:

Diversity slate mailing	\$2140
Counterpoise startup	\$1500
SRRT Program Honorarium	\$ 250

These, plus the task force budgets, total \$13,890. Income is projected at \$22,000. The disparity between the actual income realized in past years and the amount that should be received, given the number of members multiplied by the dues, was pointed out. The preliminary budget was moved, seconded and passed.

A question was raised on the diversity slate. The slate, it was pointed out, had already been approved. Volunteers are needed to work on this initiative.

Announcements: Berman reported that the Intellectual Freedom Round table has accepted SRRT's offer of a liaison and that the American Indian Library Association has rejected the liaison offer. Nel Ward reported that YALSA will probably co-sponsor the SRRT program in New York. Finally, the directorship of the office of International Relations is being recruited.

Meeting adjourned.