

Social Responsibilities Round Table
MINUTES for Action Council I
January 15, 2000
Four Points Hotel, San Antonio

PRESENT: Alan Mattlage; Stephen Stillwell, Literacy Assembly liaison; Veronda Pitchford, FTF; Cici Chapple, AC; Rory Litwin, AIP; Antonio Calvo, AIP; Pat Hollander, AIP; Charles Willett, AIP; Curly C. Jones, CSK; Barbara Clark, CSK; Carol Edwards, CSK; Ruby Miles, CSK; Kim Edson, MN SRRT; Karen M. Venturella, HHP; Carol Barta Kansas SRRT; Nel Ward, SRRT treasurer; Elizabeth Morrissett, AC; Mary Biblo, ALA Council; Virginia B. Moore, MLK Jr. Holiday TF; Lynn Andersen SRRT member; Ann Sparanese AC; Rhonda Neugebauer, SRRT member; Mark Rosenzweig, AC; Gary Colmenar, AIP; Carolyn Ganes, CSK & AC; Al Kagan, IRTF & SRRT Councilor; Robbie Rand; Fred Stoss, SRRT coordinator; Elaine Harger, SRRT sec'y.

John Berry candidate for ALA President spoke to AC.

F. Stoss asked a question about the new EB document concerning "speaking with one voice."

JB replied that ALA will never have "one voice," and reported on an investigation of ALA that noted the association's diversity of membership and interests. "We're more of a chorus with some solo singers on occasions," said Berry. For him "one voice" means that we have some overarching concerns. The larger issue is who speaks for ALA, we do need to think that through carefully.

Roundtables should have a strong voice in many venues.

E. Morrissett noted that the issue of intellectual property rights is a big concern, pointing out the large number of publishers being bought up by corporations. She said that ALA needs to respond to these developments, especially on a technical level and asked Berry what he thought.

JB: intellectual property law is very exciting today, lots of developments.

M. Rosenzweig followed up on Fred's question, noting that the EB declared that round tables may not send resolutions outside of ALA. To do so is to risk of being disbanded. Mark noted that this new interpretation of ALA policy was presented as a fait accompli and added that if SRRT can't pass resolutions and distribute them it will have a big impact on our mission.

JB responded that he hadn't seen the document, whereupon Fred handed him a copy. He said that only ALA membership, council and divisions can issue policy, noting that there have apparently been some problems.

Mark said that the EB had completely bypassed council, and democratic processes with ALA. Council is ALA's policy making body.

JB replied that ALA's mechanisms work, but that he needed to look at the document further before further commenting.

MR added that SRRT has never presented a resolution as ALA policy, and has never been presented with evidence to the contrary.

Elizabeth noted that the entire matter "has a real corporate feel to it."

JB said that "we all look at management practices to figure out how to run things."

A. Sparanese said that the American Medical Assoc. is moving in the direction of becoming a union, and asked what Berry thought of that for librarians.

JB replied that it's possible, but hard to predict what will be happening in the future. He said we should keep a careful eye on these developments.

LITERACY ASSEMBLY

S. Stillwell reported that the Literacy Assembly is requesting the establishment of a standing committee by council on literacy, and asked for SRRT's endorsement of the request.

MOTION: Kim Edson moved, Cici seconded, "SRRT endorses the Literacy Assembly's request for the establishment of a standing ALA committee on literacy." APPROVED

CORE VALUES

Don Sager made a report to AC on the "Core Values" document issued by the committee established to develop it. The committee received over 200 comments, and is now suggesting that roundtables develop their own "Explication" of the core value statements.

M. Rosenzweig noted that suggestions he made didn't seem to have been incorporated. He had wanted the "Professionalism" section to have "social responsibilities" added to it. He also expressed concern with the words "timeless," "universal," and "inclusive" noting that this language seems exaggerated. He also the word "scholar" is too narrow.

DS replied that this is the first draft, invited SRRT members to hearings in the afternoon, and said that only after midwinter will suggestions be incorporated.

Barbara Clark asked about the process for further development and approval.

DS the next draft will be widely distributed for further comments, and will be brought to Council for action in Chicago.

E. Morrissett said that she liked the phrase "unfettered access" very much, and expressed concern in regard to U.S. government and corporate restrictions on information.

SRRT COMMUNICATIONS

RL: transferred SRRT website from Jessamyn's server to his, don't have lots of time for updating things, adding back issues of the newsletter is ongoing.

FS: do we need any changes to website?

CC: we either need to do it or not.

R. Litwin reported that all SRRT task forces have their own websites with links to the SRRT website.

C. Willett noticed that GLBTF is still listed as a SRRT task force, and that there is no mention of the new MLKJr. TF.

F. Stoss urged everyone to take a look at the website, send Rory any suggestions for changes. He added that a public relations program is still needed for SRRT to have more effective use of venues available to let people know what SRRT is doing. He asked if there was anyone who would like to chair such a committee. It would develop more formal mechanisms of getting information about SRRT out.

Regarding the newsletter, he noted that we now have 2 issues per year, and no official deadline, but we want the next newsletter out before Annual conference.

M. Rosenzweig expressed surprise at poor quality of the last newsletter.

Rory informed AC that Jessamyn and Ken want to get out of doing the newsletter. He reported that Ken is very frustrated at getting people to submit articles for it, and that in spite of constant requests and reminders people don't send news.

Nel noted that as long as ALA publishes the newsletter, it will always have a very slow turn-around.

C. Willett asked about efforts to get a column for roundtables in American Libraries.

Fred said we were told there were enough avenues to get information into American Libraries so that a special column was not necessary. He added that the editor of AL will attend RTCC meeting in Chicago. SRRT now needs a volunteer to become newsletter editor. He also suggested that perhaps we should give gift subscriptions of newsletter to organizations and key people within librarianship to get our message out.

R. Neugebauer suggested putting the newsletter out both online and in print, noting that there seems to be an opening for putting SRRT statements on website and in the newsletter and to provide background information on issues that SRRT takes positions on.

Fred said there must be scores of listservs for ALA, we could use them for distribution too. Could do this also for developing resolutions. We can find out from Ken what costs are on in-house vs. outside publishing.

RTCC REPORT

Fred made a report on the meeting of the Round Table Coordinating Committee. Agenda items included: roundtable councilor caucus, on which no action was taken; a discussion of connecting roundtable websites to one another; and the main item being a document issued by the ALA Exec. Bd. on "who speaks for ALA." The big question is what can SRRT do about this development. SRRT council members should talk with the ALA lawyer to ask about the issue.

A. Kagan noted that the most crucial thing is that SRRT could lose its voice within the association. He read through the document and reported that Norman Horrocks recommends that SRRT should take the position that the EB's document is an "interpretation" of policy, that we refuse this interpretation, and ask that the matter be put on the agenda for Council I.

A. Sparanese noted that, theoretically, anything posted on the SRRT website would not be allowed because it is a public "document."

K. Edson asked how the disciplinary process would work. She expressed concern that consequences could be set arbitrarily.

Nel asked if a picket be considered under this document?

MOTION: Nel Ward moved, Carol Barta seconded: "SRRT rejects EBD#1.6.1, an interpretation of ALA policy, and we consider it to be in violation of the principles and values of the ALA. We will continue to operate according to past practice." APPROVED: 13 yes, 0 no, 0 abst.

BUDGET REPORT

Nel reported that the deficit of \$19,102 is now down to \$10,000, and noted a couple concerns from last year's budget. She urged task forces to stay within their budgets, and to watch for hidden costs. She needs information regarding an IRTF expenditure of \$1400 for transportation and a TFOE expenditure of \$1700 for equipment rental.

Satia Orange noted that if program planners request equipment early on that the cost is low. The closer one gets towards the conference, prices go up tremendously. If one waits until the conference to request equipment the price is even greater. SRRT gets first booth free and any additional one is 1/2 price. Same for tables.

Nel reported that BARC met with SRRT, some things are still not resolved, but since we're paying money back BARC is not too worried. She also reported that SRRT doesn't get \$1500 for programming as we had believed. BARC task force for SRRT has not scheduled a meeting for midwinter. She noted the savings measures SRRT has taken: we went from 4 to 2 newsletters per year; CSK is getting a lower cost for seals. Nel also noted that there is no deficit listed for SRRT's budget this year, she doesn't know why.

Satia said that each taskforce chair has a folder at the OLOS desk, and that copies of the last four budget performance reports are there.

Nel informed task force chairs that budget requests are due on Monday or can be dropped off for her at the Menger Hotel. She asked that any expected income be reported. She also reminded us that any SRRT awards must now be self-supporting by the sponsoring task force. In other words, funding for awards can not come out of SRRT's budget. If a task force doesn't generate any revenue, then money can't be given with its award. Sandy Berman is funding AIP's Eubanks Award. She also noted that OLOS gets 6 free ads per year in AL. SRRT might use one. AC needs to determine budget for MLKJr. task force.

B. Clark voiced concern that we never receive any bills giving information about how much things cost. There is no real record for what's been charged. She said that before bills are paid, taskforces must be given copies of bills.

Satia replies that OLOS gets the bills and that somebody always signs off on them. All of SRRT's bills come to OLOS, they are then charged to SRRT. After talking with Nel, OLOS will for a limited time send a copy of all bills paid by OLOS.

Barbara asked if can task force chairs can get an interpretation of budget codes on all lines.

Satia said that at the OLOS meeting Monday morning that information will be distributed.

Barbara asked how revenue can be rolled over from one year to another. If we generate \$70,000 and spend \$65,000, what happens to the balance?

Nel reported that the money reverts to SRRT's budget.

A. Kagan asked if AC could make it a policy that any task force that brings in money gets to keep it.

Nel replied that we can't now because ALA is taking money to pay off the deficit. She added again that \$1500 for programming was never given to roundtables. Finally, Satia says if we arrange to pay say \$2000/year, any amount left over that year will be left in SRRT budget.

Satia added that SRRT must make a written agreement with BARC, and commit everyone to staying within budgets.

C. Garnes stressed the need for a motion maybe on Monday about task force revenues.

MOTION: F. Stoss moved, V. Moore seconded: "SRRT will budget \$500 to each task force that doesn't generate income. These being TFOE, MLKJr, IRTF, HHP; AIP. APPROVED: 2 yes, 1 no, 1 abs.

MOTION: C. Garnes moved, E. Morrisset seconded: "Task forces that are not given a budget by SRRT must develop their budgets based on their projected income." APPROVED: 5 yes, 0 no, 0 abs.

BYLAWS

F. Stoss reported that IRTF has submitted a mission statement. CSK has bylaws. Other task forces will submit theirs by annual.

Elections

Fred noted that we need to report candidates for SRRT elections: Steven Stillwell, Carolyn Garnes for action council. Al Kagan for SRRT councilor.

Minutes submitted by Elaine Harger, February 12, 2000

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MINUTES for Action Council II
January 17, 2000

PRESENT: Fred Stoss, SRRT coordinator; Elaine Harger, SRRT sec'y; Nel Ward, SRRT treasurer; Virginia B. Moore, MLKTF; Carolyn Garnes, AC & CSK; Claudia Sumler, candidate for ALA pres.; Cici Chapple, AC; Paul Mueth; Karen Venturella, HHP; Charles Willett, Counterpoise; P. A. Hollander, AIP; Peter McDonald, AC; Lynn Andersen, AIP; Rory Litwin, AIP; Antonio Calvo, AIP; Kim Edson, Minnesota SRRT; Ann Sparanese, AC; Al Kagan, AC, IRTF, SRRT Councilor; Fran Freimarch, PLA; Mary Biblo, ALA Council; Herb Biblo, ALA Council; Barbara Clark, CSK

ANNOUNCEMENTS

F. Stoss: Announced the establishment of a NYLA SRRT group

E. Harger: PLG program "Envisioning the 21st Century: Libraries and Society" for Chicago. Requested SRRT co-sponsorship. K. Edson moved, R. Litwin seconded MOTION for SRRT to co-sponsor program. APPROVED

A. Sparanese: ALA/AFL-CIO program on ALA and unionization. KE moved, AK seconded MOTION for SRRT to co-sponsor the program. APPROVED

BUDGET

Fred distributed guidelines, calendar, requests for meeting rooms, programs, etc. and forms for programming with ALA Conference Services for Chicago. He noted the budgetary implications of programming, costs of equipment rentals increase greatly the closer to the conference the equipment is requested. Also, try to find non-ALA venues for meetings and programs. For example, TFOE's Chicago program will be held at EPA offices.

Noted for the record: Fred Stoss turned off live-microphone that is in the room during AC meeting. SRRT should not be charged for a mike left from a previous meeting.

Claudia Sumler, ALA presidential candidate made a presentation.

FS raised a question about the issue of "who speaks for ALA," asking what Sumler would do to ensure that people who don't agree with ALA can still have a voice.

CS stated that this particular issue has been raised more as a clarification of policy than as a question about speaking with one voice. We must be able to discuss all issues, at the same time when we go into the public arena it is important to speak in one voice. She cited an example from New Jersey of an issue on one very divisive matter, noting that "we needed to be with one voice, because the legislature would see that the New Jersey Library Association was divided and no one would benefit." She added that we must ensure that voices are heard.

K. Edson raised the matter of the Poor people's policy passed by ALA several years ago, and asked how Sumler would implement the policy.

CS responded that with any policy that has never been fully implemented, it is the role of the roundtable, etc. to bring forward an implementation plan to president. The president could then take that proposal to Council for action.

H. Biblo observed that, if elected, Sumler would be one of 12 people on the ALA Executive Board. He noted that for the last several years the EB has operated unanimously on most issues, and asked if Sumler were in a minority on an issue how she would deal with it. CS answered that she hoped that if there was an issue with which she was in complete opposition with EB, that she'd do her best to argue her viewpoint and try to understand everyone else's view and work to develop consensus.

HB followed up asking whether or not she'd consider taking the issue to Council, noting that this has been done in the past.

CS responded that if a majority of council thought one way on an issue and the EB thought another, then we'd have to deal with the situation.

Sumler then departed.

Fred asked if AC wanted to endorse a candidate for ALA president.

MOTION: Ann Sparanese moved, Peter McDonald seconded: "SRRT does not endorse any candidate." APPROVED unanimously.

EXHIBIT & SRRT BOOTH

Cici will coordinate SRRT booth.

FS: SRRT booth now costs \$900, suggestion to share with other OLOS units.

(Several present – EH, CW, and AS – noted that the SRRT booth was always free. Fred will inquire. He did, and learned that, indeed, there is no charge.)

MOTION: Cici moved, Al seconded, "SRRT budgets 1/3 of the cost of a booth at annual, not to exceed \$500." APPROVED: Yes 6, No 0, Abs.0

LIBRARY SCHOOL CURRICULA

Fred reported that several library school students raised questions on the SRRT listserv about library school curriculum. Students expressed concern that SRRT is not giving attention to the issue. FS suggests that SRRT members respond to issues raised by students on the listserv, and also consider mentoring students, speaking at library schools, and generally making oneself available to students.

WHO SPEAKS FOR ALA?

A. Kagan reported that this matter was on the Council II agenda, and noted that at the Council Caucus Dee Conkling and he both spoke about the matter. Presidential candidate Berry expressed support of the EB position, and a couple other people said they'd think the matter over. Al added, however, that it seemed that only a couple people there really shared SRRT's concern on this issue.

SRRT LETTERHEAD

Elaine distributed samples of letterhead for comments, noting that SRRT's supply of letterhead is almost gone and there is need of something new.

BUDGET

N. Ward reported that the budget news is exciting: CSK made \$15000 and now SRRT is only \$2000 in the red. Last year, \$2000 was divided up among 4 task forces, and \$4000 went to the newsletter.

Fred added that it was important to acknowledge CSK's efforts for raising funds and applaud the task forces that have worked to keep within their budgets. Also, many thanks to Nel for getting SRRT through this debt situation.

Nel added that thanks must go to Satia for working out a deal on CSK award medallions that have brought in more revenue.

MOTION: C. Garnes moved, A. Kagan seconded – "Beginning FY 2000/2001, 10% of all net revenues from any task force will go to SRRT. The rest will be carried forward and reserved for the task force." Carolyn noted that when the CSK award first searched for a home that SRRT was the only unit of ALA that would give CSK a place within ALA. Therefore the taskforce feels a deep sense of gratitude toward SRRT. APPROVED: Yes: 6, No 0, Abs. 0

Fred noted that we need to issue a press release to announce the new CSK award.

Barbara Clark added that we need to clear up the end of FY charge for supplies and operating expenses that amounted to \$9748.

Fred said that Satia would bring OLOS chairs together for an hour to discuss budget questions on a regular basis, and so this and other matters will be easily addressed.

Nel noted that the new budgets are all within limits, and recommended that budgets be accepted. MOTION to accept budget. A. Kagan moved, A. Sparanese seconded. APPROVED: Yes 7, no 0, abs 0

NOMINATIONS

Fred noted that he had received no new nominations for SRRT councilor position.

At annual nominations for 2001 will be taken. There is one new nominee for SRRT AC: Pat Hollander.

AIP/COUNTERPOISE

Rory Litwin read the report from Byron Anderson (chair of AIP's Counterpoise Administrative Structure Committee) noting the committee's vote – 7 to 1 in favor – that Counterpoise be administered at the SRRT AC level instead of within AIP. Pat Hollander, secretary of the committee distributed copies. Discussion followed concerning the possibility of Counterpoise becoming a SRRT publication. Al Kagan said that SRRT AC has the theoretical capacity to take over Counterpoise. It would be possible for each task force to designate someone to participate in Counterpoise. That would be complete structural change. This proposal would be fine, but task forces would need to be involved. Elaine Harger agreed, but Kim Edson disagreed and questioned the logic of the necessity of task force involvement. Charles Willett stated that the scope of Counterpoise extends beyond AIP, noting that its appeal is very broad. He added that a new publishing board would set policy and budget, promote magazine, enlarge circulation, and generally guide magazine and evaluate the editor. He added that the publication has gotten bigger, and expressed his "need for a boss." Counterpoise has 200 subscribers, prints 300 copies; sub's grew 10% last year, 20 volunteers on editorial board, 50 reviewers. He concluded that Counterpoise is growing and needs help.

Fred Stoss noted that the report recommends that Counterpoise be moved out of AIP.

Several issues were raised. Lynn Anderson asked how SRRT has handled similar projects in the past. Cici Chapple said that as far as process is concerned, her main concern with the proposal was that it contained no guidelines in regard to funding. She noted that SRRT would need to know exactly how Counterpoise is supported financially. Charles stated that Counterpoise is self supporting financially through subscriptions, donations and advertising. Barbara Clark asked what SRRT's responsibility would be for the publication. Charles answered that he needs a board to tell him what to do, and said that the main question is whether he and the board should be answerable to AIP members or to SRRT members?

Ann Sparanese agreed that the financial component of the proposal was unclear, noted that it costs something to print, and asked if Charles could tell us what that cost is? Pat Hollander responded that before that could happen the ad hoc committee looking into the matter needs to know first that SRRT is in charge of Counterpoise.

Cici asked what would happen if SRRT decided there should be another editor. Rory pointed out that the proposal consists of two parts: administrative structure and separation from AIP. He noted that AIP doesn't have human resources to continue with Counterpoise. Peter McDonald said that from his experience with Progressive Librarian that money is very important, but added that it behooves AIP to line up people who are willing to do the work. Taking on a publication is a big task. He said that while Charles might take on lion's share of work, SRRT right now has a difficult time getting people to volunteer for routine SRRT tasks and offices.

Karen Venturella asked if a publisher could take Counterpoise over. Fred directed this question to Charles, who replied that he'd talked with Byron Anderson about who would be willing to be on the publishing board. He stated that some current editors would be willing to serve, as would some people present. He said that Sandy Berman, Jim Danky and Byron Anderson have volunteered to be members of the publishing board, but added that Byron suggested waiting on any change until it was determined who exactly would be in charge – AIP or SRRT. As for Karen's question, Charles said it seemed to him that "the strength of Counterpoise is that it is an ALA publication."

Pat Hollander asked if the publication is an AIP project, does everyone on the board have to be member of AIP?

Al Kagan asked if Charles' Crises Press could become the publisher. Charles said "I don't know how to answer that question. I'm a servant of SRRT. Crises Press has never made money, it's lost money. I'm not a commercial publisher. If Counterpoise is not supported by SRRT it can't function."

Barbara said that Counterpoise needs an administrative board to go on, whether it's in AIP or not. Carol Barta suggested that the matter might best be taken to SRRT membership to see if volunteers would come forward. Charles described his work on production, sending out books, editing reviews, managing the budget, doing promotional work. Nel Ward reminded everyone that in forming task forces, SRRT requires people to say they'd be willing to do the work. She added that it is not the job of SRRT AC to recruit a group of people to do this work for Counterpoise. Kim said that the next step seems to be to see if the current editors can recruit new volunteers.

Fred suggested that we might want to table action on the proposal for now. He added that we could publish an account of the matter in the newsletter, put the info on our website, seek volunteers, define roles, clarify budget, and come back to annual meeting with list of people who will work on the editorial board. He requested a financial report, and suggested that until further action is taken Counterpoise should continue to operate under AIP. He noted that SRRT has close to 1600 members, many who might not be aware of the opportunity to volunteer. Rory expressed concern that it wouldn't be fair to continue to burden AIP with the continuing administrative responsibilities of Counterpoise. He asked if AC wanted AIP to establish rules for what the administrative structure should be. Fred replied "that would be great, you, Charles, and whoever can flesh-out the administrative structure." Rory noted that SRRT AC has some responsibility in this matter because after midwinter AC members were supposed to assist in resolving the problems with Counterpoise and no one did.

Cici moved to extend the meeting to 4:30, Carol Barta seconded. Passed.

Cici expressed frustration that we've been talking in circles, and asked to be told exactly what kind of help Charles wants. She was concerned about why all these people who've apparently volunteered to work on Counterpoise haven't asked to establish a task force. Charles replied that there are several people on the editorial board who do not live in the US or who are not librarians or SRRT members.

Mark Rosenzweig expressed several concerns saying that when Counterpoise was first suggested (quite enthusiastically) by SRRT, it was conceived as a voluntary activity like all other SRRT activities. He said that Satia has shared the information that checks have been given to Charles and his wife paying them for services rendered. He noted that if this is the case, SRRT shouldn't be involved in Counterpoise. Charles responded by saying that the "only money I have ever received has been to reimburse me for copies, supplies and postage. I have recently submitted one request for Nancy for a small amount of time for her work. It's very difficult to do all the work myself." Mark said that was not acceptable. Charles said it was.

Kim noted that the whole reason the matter of Counterpoise has been brought to SRRT AC is that there were questions about some finances, some blurring of Counterpoise, SRRT and Crises Press. She held up a flyer distributed by Charles and noted that it documents the fact that the relationships between all three is still blurred. She noted that SRRT asked for clarification at midwinter, but there is still confusion. She suggested that perhaps ALA Publications should issue Counterpoise. Maybe a cost analysis is needed. Herb Biblo added that he hasn't seen any accounting of income and expenses, and doesn't see how any viable group can operate without providing such information.

MOTION: Peter McDonald moved, Carolyn Garnes seconded: SRRT tables action on the proposal, and asks AIP for an explanation of budget concerns, a description of the administrative structure of Counterpoise and a statement about whether or not the publication has grown too large to be produced by AIP.

Elaine reread the charge to the ad hoc committee from minutes of June 28, 1999 SRRT AC. Ann noted that she didn't understand why AC is continuing to roll the matter over when earlier questions haven't been answered. Herb said that neither proposal seemed acceptable, and suggested that maybe Counterpoise should go its own way as an independent publication. Al added that the brochure distributed by Charles raised more troubling questions.

MOTION withdrawn

MOTION Al Kagan moved ("very reluctantly, because I like working on CP very much"), Cici Chapple seconded. "CP be suspended until all questions raised have been answered to the satisfaction of SRRT AC."

Fred raised the issue of subscribers who have paid for their subscriptions, and suggested that maybe Al would accept friendly amendment that publication continue for the immediate future to give us time to resolve the issue. Kim stated that this is a very complicated issue and suggested that we need someone to really investigate, perhaps a neutral, 3rd party. She didn't think that suspending publication would solve the problem.

Mark noted that the issues he raised, were admitted by Charles to be the facts. Charles noted that he's already accepted thousands of dollars for the upcoming issue, and said that suspension would be fatal blow to CP. He does not have money to repay subscribers. Elaine noted that subscribers could be notified of a temporary suspension of Counterpoise via a postcard.

Cici noted that SRRT AC has asked for information regarding Counterpoise before. Carol asked if what we're saying now is that (1) the three questions asked at annual need to be resolved and (2) a business plan be developed for Counterpoise. Rory expressed frustration that no one from AC took part in the discussion that was to follow annual, but Fred corrected him by reminding all that he was involved as an AC member in all the discussions.

Peter noted that it is common that an outside manager be called in to assist resolution of difficult issues, and volunteered to assume that role now, guaranteeing that answers would be made available to SRRT AC. Al thanked Peter for doing what seems to be an impossible job, however he did not want to withdraw his motion. Kim expressed her opposition to the motion because AC members failed to assist AIP in resolving questions.

Herb called the question.

Vote on Al's motion to suspend publication: APPROVED: Yes 7, no 5, abstentions 2.

MOTION: Kim moved, Rory seconded: "Peter McDonald will serve as an arbitrator to facilitate the answering to questions concerning Counterpoise for SRRT AC, and will present a report at annual 2000."

APPROVED: Yes, 12, no 0, abs.0

Charles explained that the current issue of Counterpoise is ready for the printer and requested that it be allowed to be finished and mailed out. Permission granted.

RESOLUTIONS

A. Sparanese moved, M. Rosenzweig seconded "Resolution on Cuban Libraries." APPROVED: Yes 13, No 0, abs 0

A. Kagan moved, M. Rosenzweig seconded "Resolution on World Trade Organization Policies Affecting Libraries." APPROVED: Yes, 13, no 0 abs 0

M. Rosenzweig moved, A. Kagan seconded "Resolution on Socially Responsible Investment." APPROVED: Yes 14, no 0, abs 0

MOTION: A. Kagan moved, M. Rosenzweig seconded "Welcome NYLA SRRT to national body." APPROVED. Unanimously.

MOTION: A. Kagan moved, A. Sparanese seconded: "Resolutions should be moved to the top of AC's agenda, and time should be allotted to each item on the agenda." APPROVED: Yes 11, no 1, abs 2

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Elaine Harger, July 7, 2000