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as long as I am at it, I may as well send you AC I minutes as well. I already sent them to Jane.

I think once I get your input I should put them out on SRRTAC-L or NOT? Should I wait until closer to annual -- though of course I can always send them again.

You know I was wondering -- WHO is responsible for getting resolution to the appropriate persons, bodies, etc. I would guess, come to think of it, that it is ME, but I have NOT done this thus far. I have to admit that I have not EVEN written the letter regarding the visa denial to Marta Terry -- although it is still timely considering what happened at IFLA and also because since our meeting the bush administration has announced that it is going to strongly enforce ALL the regulations involving Cuba. So I will work on that.

SO should I prepare documents and send them?

Best, Ann

ALA SRRT Action Council I
Saturday, June 16, 2001
Draft Minutes

In attendance: Carol Barta; Juanita Benedicto; Sue Berlin; Mary Biblo; Cici Chapple; Yvonne Farley; Jen Ferro; Jenna Freedman; Roberta Frye; Julie Herrara; Nana Hyland; Jane Ingold; Maria Anna Jankowska; Marie Jones; Al Kagan; Rory Litwin; Dena Marger; Carole McCollough; Virginia B. Moore; Satia Orange; Melissa Riley; Mark Rosenzweig; Michael Santangelo; Ann Sparanese; Stephen J. Stillwell, Jr.; Fred Stoss; Dan Tsang; Nel Ward.

Meeting was called to order by Fred Stoss at 9:45 am.

Fred expressed SRRT's sympathy to Satia Orange on the deaths of her parents and thanked her for all her help.

Approval of minutes for AC I and II from Midwinter was tabled off to ACII.

Fred announced the location of the SRRT booth and SRRT bin for distribution of flyers and other materials.

Fred announced the results of AC elections: Mark Rosenzweig, Carolyn McCollough and Rory Litwin have each been elected for three-year terms, beginning at the close of Annual Conference, 2001.

Fred announced that SRRT has now been totally divested of Counterpoise journal.

Resolutions were moved to the top of the agenda. All resolutions follow the minutes.

Resolution # 1 Resolution on ALA and the SF Marriott Boycott, text attached.

Two resolutions on the Marriott situation will be put forward in Action council. The first is the resolution that will be sent to Council for passage

Moved by Al Kagan
Seconded by Steve Stillwell

Passed Unanimously

The second resolution is a SRRT resolution on policy relating to hotels in labor disputes.
This was deferred to Acton Council II

Order of the meeting was interrupted to greet Mitch Freedman, President-Elect, who arrived at 10:15am. Mitch, a founder of SRRT, thanked the Round Table and all the organizations and individuals that endorsed his candidacy. He discussed some issues surrounding the Marriott situation, including his input into the SRRT resolution, and his attempt to have Exec. Board meetings moved from the Marriott, which was defeated. The process and implications of moving the CSK Breakfast situation was also discussed.

Since the discussion with Mitch appeared to be evolving into a discussion of the CSK Breakfast situation, Nel moved that the CSK Task Force/Breakfast report be moved to the top of the agenda. Yvonne seconded, passed with one opposed.

CSK Task Force Report

Dr. Carole McCullough, CSK Task Force Chair, outlined the chronology of events, which began in January 2001, that led to the cancellation of the event. It was ultimately cancelled in response to the letter by Coretta Scott King, and in order to preserve the integrity of the award. The Task Force felt that the event, involving 800 people, could not be picked and moved on the short notice that was involved. The Task Force did feel pushed and pulled by various forces in the ALA, including SRRT, ALA headquarters, the needs of the Task Force and finally by Coretta Scott King and the King Center, whose requests could not be ignored.

The Task Force felt that both alternatives -- moving the event or canceling it -- were losing propositions, but chose to cancel.

BART recognizes the financial impact of the the decision and has committed to working with the CSK Task Force to get the resulting obligations paid off. Seven hundred tickets were sold at the time of cancellation. Cognotes will print an announcement with a tear off sheet that will allow ticket-holders who desire to do so to donate the cost of the ticket to the Task Force.

The Task Force also announced the titles of the CSK award-winning books;

There is also a new CSK web page:
<http://www.ala.org/srirt/csking>. The task force has used public awareness funds to make a video about the award. They have done two presentations about the public awareness campaign; there will also be a train the trainer program at Annual next year in Atlanta.

Carolyn also reported that there was some negative publicity on the award published in the Horn Book Magazine.

Discussion was entertained on the financial implications of the awards cancellation; the disagreements over the advisability and feasibility of moving the event; and the fact that the CSK Task Force itself had never directly received an offer by the S.F. Mayor's Office to host the event at City Hall. Opinion in SRRT Action council generally held the ALA headquarters responsible for the Breakfast cancellation and ensuing costs.

Resolution #2 on the Responsibility of ALA Headquarters to Meet all Cancellation Costs of CSK Breakfast, text attached.

Mark Rosenzweig proposed a resolution calling on ALA Headquarters to be responsible for the entire cost of canceling the event, because they were well aware of the intractable labor disputes.

Moved by Mark Rosenzweig
Seconded by Nel Ward
Passed unanimously
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Resolution #3 SRRT Resolution on Marriott and Labor Dispute

In the text of the resolution presented by Mark Rosenzweig is a clause that calls for ALA to not have a conference in any right-to-work state. This resolution was tabled to Action council II so that this clause could be reconsidered by the writer.

Resolution # 4, On Quorum for ALA Membership Meetings text attached

Moved by Al Kagan
Seconded by Ann Sparanese
Pass Unanimously

Resolution # 5 On ALA Partnerships

This resolution was withdrawn by the writer in order that the issue be studied more and a more comprehensive approach be formulated. Al suggested that it be discussed with the Progressive Caucus in council.

Treasurers Report

Nel would like to discuss next year's budget 2002-2003 at ACII

August 15 is the deadline for budget requests

Newsletter

Meeting congratulated Jane Ingold on the newsletter. WE still do not know who is on the editorial board for the newsletter, although Mark Rosenzweig and Teresa Tobin seem to be two members, Fred will bring the list of Editorial Board members to ACII.

Task Force Reports

AIP, changed its name to "Alternatives in Publication"

from ^ÓAlternative in Print.^Ó The new task force coordinator is Mary Jones. The AIP Task Force reported on two programs they are sponsoring this conference and passed out flyers for the annual Free Speech Buffet.

Nel Ward announced that the Feminist Task Force has several programs and meetings planned for this conference. One is on ^ÓLooksism^Ó (appearance bia) and the annual Women^Os Night Out. The ^ÓBloomers booklist^Ó is a proposed new list of recommended books for young readers ages birth- 18. The first edition is scheduled to come out in January 2002. Incoming co-chairs are Jennifer McClure Baltis and Sarah A. Dentan.

A motion was entertained and passed for the meeting to be extended for 10 minutes.

The Hunger Homeless and Poverty Task Force announced their program, taking place at 2:00pm Saturday, June 16, called ^ÓFeeding Hungry Eyes: Creating Ways to Serve Disadvantaged Children and Youth.^Ó

The International Responsibilities Task Force announced their program ^ÓCuba: Sovereignty, Development & Intellectual Freedom, Sunday, June 17 at 4:30 pm.

Fred gave the Task Force On the Environment report (since Maria Jankowska, chair, had to leave early.) TFOE is assisting the Libraries build sustainable Communities program by carrying on the theme of sustainable development in its two programs at Annual. It is the TFOE ^Ns desire to continue assisting the LBSC initiative after funding ends in September.

The Progressive Librarians Guild announced their program featuring Nicholas Baker, ^ÓBest Copy Available^Ó on Sunday, June 17 at 6:30 pm.

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Task Force announced plans for their first program, which involves ideas for library programming, bibliography, diversity Fair participation and a web page.

State Chapter reports were deferred to ACII

Fred announced that there are five vacancies for representatives to liaison committees and volunteers are needed.

Old Business

Action on AIS/HIV Information Task Force was deferred to ACII

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A possible resolution for ALA to provide group health insurance for those ALA members that do not have such coverage from their employers was tabled to midwinter.

Action Council I adjourned at 12:38 pm

OLOS web page has room to announce news of what round tables are doing, including photos.

On June 19, preliminary programs for 2002 programs are due.

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Here are ACII minues and the SRRT resolution on the Marriott. I am sending inthe body of the email. If you need them as word documents, let me know -- my computer is down this am and I sending through a public station, where it is hard for me to do an attachment.

FRED-- there are some items for which I have ??? on names, numbers, etc. Perhaps you can shed some light.

Ann

SRRT ACTION COUNCIL II
Monday, June 18, 2001
DRAFT MINUTES

Present:

Monika Antonelli, Jenny Balthes, Sue Berlin, Carol Chapple, Arliado Crossland, Jen Ferro, Jenna Freedman, Scott Goldy, Nan Hyland, Jane Ingold, Al Kagan, Rory Litwin, Dena Marger, Alan Mattlage, Carole McCollough, Peter McDonald, Virginia B. Moore, Eden Peart, Mark Rosenzweig, Michael Santangelo, Ann Sparanese, Fred Stoss, Rebecca Tolley-Stokes, Sam Trosow, Nel Ward.

1. Meeting was called to Order at 2:15pm.
2. Those at the table introduced themselves.
3. Treasurer^Òs Report

Nel reported that each task force would be given an automatic \$1000 budget in past practice. Since next budget year ends on August 31,2002, Nel raises the idea instead each task force receives an automatic \$500, except for CSK, which produces revenues.

Resolved that:

Each Task Force, except CSK, be tentatively allocated \$500 for fiscal year 2002-2003, a figure which can be changed with the state of SRRT finances.

Moved by Nel Ward

Seconded by Mark Rosenzweig

Carries Unanimously (only SRRT AC-At Large members may vote on budgetary item.)

- 4 .Denial of Marta Terry^Òs Visa for IRTF Program

Cuban Librarian Marta Terry did not arrive for IRTF program because her visa was either delayed or denied.

Resolved that:

A letter be sent to George W. Bush protesting the denial of the visa.

Moved by Nel Ward

Seconded by Peter McDonald

Discussion:

The letter will be copied to IRC, and ALA Executive Board with suggestions that they might want to write their own letters.

Question was raised on how this relates to one-voice policy. It was raised that when this was originally raised, SRRT decided that we would not change our past policy and practice.

Motion is carried unanimously.

5. SRRT Newsletter Report

Jane was congratulated on a fine issue of the newsletter.

It was requested that we be informed of deadlines in advance so that everyone may observe them.

There is still a question of who is on the Editorial Board. Fred will check, although we know that Mark Rosenzweig is a member, as is, Fred believes, Teresa Tobin. Rebecca Tolley-Stokes will be the new book review editor.

6. Round Table Coordinating Committee (RTCC) Report ^Ö Fred Stoss

Contact Fred who is on 2003 Conference Services Committee about the new conference track system. In Toronto in 2003, the ALA and the CLA (Canadian Library Association) will be holding their first joint conference. Anyone with a conference idea will not be denied the opportunity to do a program and any task force knowing in advance what they would like to do should fill out a preliminary form ASAP.

Satia Orange is hoping to initiate an all OLOS training event.

Nel Ward mentions that if you say you are going to attend the OLOS Breakfast you must follow-through and attend!

7. AC Elections

By February 2, 2002, we have to have a list of persons whose names will be considered for Action Council. Candidates are solicited.

New Action Council Members are :

Lynne Anderson
Rory Litwin
Carole McCullough

8. ALA Council Report from Al Kagan, SRRT Councilor

1) There were several issues of specific interest to SRRT at Council. One is the quorum for membership meetings. Although SRRT put forth a resolution, there was another one submitted first, also having to do with membership meetings and Council cannot have two resolutions on the same question on the floor. Al will move to amend by substitution, but this will probably not be successful.

SRRT should have a voice in any committee formed on Membership Meetings. Perhaps Satia Orange and Mary

Snikas can be enlisted to help make changes. Though Council had changed membership meeting from a no-conflict time, they are back to a conflict time. Ginny pointed out that there is a policy on how committees are formed.

2) There is a proposal to be considered about shortening midwinter meetings by one day. Action Council had discussion on this, with members speaking for and against.

Resolved that:
SRRT opposes shortening the Midwinter Meeting by one day.

Moved by ??????
Seconded by ??????
For: 5
Against: 1
Abstentions: 5
Motion carries.

3) There is discussion going on in Council about a External Accreditations Model, which involves ALA and other organizations creating a new accrediting body for library schools. It appears that Mitch Freedman has gotten action to be delayed pending further study. Youth librarians and school librarians are very concerned about this issue, which engendered a lot of discussion. Al will follow the issue and keep SRRT informed on any progress.

9. Old Business

1) Status of AIDS-HIV Information Task Force. Kristin may not be able to attend future conferences because of a new job. Fred proposed extending provisional status until midwinter, but that there was a likelihood that no chair or members existed for this task force at this time. Discussion followed.

Resolved that:
Funding for the provisional AIDS-HIV Task Force be rescinded.

Moved by Ann Sparanese
Seconded by Jenny Baltes

Motion carries Unanimously???

2) SRRT Ribbons

The question of acquiring ribbons was voted up at our last meeting. Sue Berlin volunteered to be the ribbon coordinator, to investigate prices and possibilities for presentation at Annual.

(Mark Rosenzweig moved that meeting be extended by 15 minutes, Al Kagan seconds, Motion carries)

3) Marriott Resolution

Mark introduces a SRRT Resolution on the Marriott situation, not to be confused with the SRRT resolution TO Council on this question. It is clear from the resolution that SRRT is speaking for itself, not for ALA. (resolution attached)

10 .New Business

1) SRRT needs members to volunteer for committees, especially the Public Relations & Membership Committee. Many offices will be empty, including the SRRT Action Council Coordinator and Secretary. Ann Sparanese mentions that the office of secretary is vacant immediately since she is no longer on Action Council and has a possible conflict for ACI at Annual. Fred did not think that the Secretary position had to be fill by an AC member. No nominations were made for either one of these offices, so current personnel were continued.

2) Fred announced that SRRT will create an "Announcements List" for SRRT members and others who want to subscribe. Those who can post will be OLOS Liaison, SRRT Coordinator, SRRT Treasurer, Newsletter Editor.

3) Cici Chapple raised that no postcard was sent to SRRT members during last Council election informing them of SRRT endorsements.

Resolved that:

For the next ALA Council election, SRRT will send a postcard to SRRT members with names of endorsed candidates.

Moved by Ann Sparanese
Seconded by Rory Litwin
Passed unanimously

Meeting was adjourned at 4:20 pm.

SRRT Resolution on ALA & the Marriott Boycott

WHEREAS, the American Library Association selected the San Francisco Marriott Hotel as its convention headquarters hotel for its annual conference held in San Francisco in June 2001; and

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Marriott Hotel had agreed it would not interfere with workers' right to unionize when it was given permission by the City to build on its land in 1980; and

WHEREAS, since 1996, when Local 2 was selected by a majority of Marriott employees to represent them, over 120 negotiating sessions have been held and still there is no labor agreement in place; and

WHEREAS, in September 2000, Local 2 called for a boycott of the San Francisco Marriott Hotel, which is supported by the Mayor, most of the Board of supervisors and other elected officials as well as many community and religious leaders; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that SRRT supports the cause of the restaurant workers of Local 2 and the organized boycotters of the San Francisco Marriott Hotel and that it carries ALA's indifference to the boycott to its choice of conference hotel and subsequent conference arrangements.

RESOLVED, that SRRT calls on the American Library Association to formally express its regret for having made the San Francisco Marriott the central conference hotel without taking heed of the well-publicized and

widely-supported boycott of the Marriott Hotel organized by the San Francisco labor movement and other supporters.

RESOLVED, that SRRT calls on ALA to alter its policy to provide for re-evaluation of contracts in light of labor conflicts, strikes and boycotts which arise, and which may form the basis for cancellation of arrangements.

RESOLVED that SRRT urges ALA to later its policy to exclude holding conferences in non-union hotels (i.e. ones where the majority of workers are unorganized) and to preclude locating any future conferences in so-called "right-to-work" states where workers rights to collective bargaining are not recognized.

RESOLVED that SRRT calls for an immediate resolution by Marriott of all outstanding issues and full recognition of the rights of all its workers and calls upon ALA to make it clear that bad labor practices in any unit of a chain will influence conference location decision choices with respect to hotels in the whole chain.

Moved by Mark Rosenzweig
Seconded by Al Kagan
Passed Unanimously by Action Council II
June 18, 2001

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