

SRRT Meeting Notes

10/28/2021

In attendance: April Sheppard, Al Kagan, Sherre Harrington, Monica Chapman, Charles Kratz, Wendy Stephens, Laura Koltutsky, Katelyn Browne, David Cooper, Mark Winston. LaJuan Pringle, Juli Winkelstein, Mary Gazdik, Olivia Scully, Gary Colmenar

Approved September minutes

Proposal for Library Juice Press sponsorship of a SRRT award (see below for more information) – Al proposes to keep award special and award to only one person. Add \$2000 to the \$2000 that's endowed. Al motion, Charles second. Question: Would they have input into criteria or winner selection? No, just want credit as a sponsor. Charles: Make sure don't lose SRRT as a sponsor, make sure it's clear in the wording. Next step will be to come up with wording and bring it back to Action Council. All voted in favor.

Proposal to extend funding for SRRT resolutions research – Al Kagan – We have found almost all original SRRT resolutions. Only missing 3. Would like her to keep working. Propose another \$2,000 to allow her to continue to work. Charles – looking at last budget, we have the money. Al motion, Wendy second. All in favor.

Update from the Travel Grant Committee (see below for more information) – Sherre Harrington – Charles: Ok with "travel" being removed, but title needs to be descriptive. i.e. Conference Support Grant. Grant committee will discuss naming. Wendy – What criteria used at end of three years to continue grant? Charles – Since didn't have sponsor, didn't want to permanently earmark SRRT funds when grant was originally proposed, but our budget can handle this being made permanent. Gary – Since we want the winner to be more involved in SRRT, maybe have them write something in the newsletter. Julie – newsletter team could come up with questions for winner.

Programs/discussions/meetings at Annual

- Meetings (2019 meeting schedule was All Task Forces meeting on Friday, 7:30pm; Action Council Saturday 8:30-11:30, Sunday 3-4). Everyone think of schedule. Should we have longer second meeting so can have time to complete business? Combine All Task Forces meeting with social?

- BDS discussion group – tile: Libraries, Free Speech, and Anti-Library Legislation. Want to get librarians, publishers, etc who have had to sign anti-BDS contracts.
- Potential co-sponsorships of a proposed GODORT program on Kerner Commission & a proposed RRT program on How to Be an Ally
- Coordinator's program - proposed so far are a talk by Trita Parsi; a talk by Alison Macrina co-founder of Abolitionist Library Association and Library Freedom Project; repeat of panel Gary Colmenar organized for ALISE conference (see below); Bayard Rustin – Panel will be up in week or two, but will have same original deadlines. Can use suggestions for afternoon of social justice too. Gary – Annual format? Monica – Currently planning for in-person in DC. May be planning for hybrid, but would hear anything until spring if they do. Gary – Panel would have more people whereas Alison Macrina is one person and she lives in Philly. Monica – there is also opportunity to team up with other round tables or divisions to do something special. Others wanting to learn more about Afternoon of Social Justice and wondered if SRRT would do session at their symposium. Go with Trita if available. Rest for Afternoon of Social Justice. Julie and April are also working on Homelessness Summit.
- Presentation of Biblo Award? Anything else? Give at social or action council meeting?

Gift memberships - Julie Winkelstein – Box on LibLearnX page now includes information on gift membership. Need to discuss how much SRRT is able to spend. Do we want to establish criteria for awarding gift memberships.

Report Round Table Assembling Report – Charles Kratz – Council passed resolution regarding standardize dues. That will be coming forward to RTAC. Casey Conlin elected convener, Charles elected co-convener.

Homelessness Summit – April got feedback on things people would like to see. Ready to set a date in February. Julie – Does SRRT have money for honorarium?

More information about #1: We have a generous offer from Rory Litwin for sponsorship of a SRRT award - here are the options we've identified in talks with Rory:

1. Sponsorship of the Herb Biblo Leadership Award. There is an endowment for this award that will fund an initial \$2,000 award in 2022 and that amount or more, depending on fundraising for the endowment, going forward. Possibilities for Biblo Award sponsorship would be:
 1. Keeping the single award, increasing the amount given. The award name would stay the same.
 2. Adding a second Biblo Leadership Award, with funding split between the endowment and Rory's contribution.
2. A new award, fully sponsored by Rory/Library Juice Press. This would require not only coming up with what the award would be, but shepherding the award through ALA's approval process, which can take an extended period of time.

Rory has committed to sponsorship funding of \$2,000 annually. Sponsorship of the SRRT Travel Grant is not an option he is interested in pursuing. We agree that Rory will have a say in how Library Juice Press is given credit for sponsorship in whichever option is selected. If we select one of the Biblo Award options, we would be aiming for the 2023 award.

More information about #3: The Travel Grant selection committee (Al Kagan, Wendy Stephens, Sherre Harrington + Monica Chapman) met 10/26/21 - here's our report/proposal:

- a. Change name to SRRT Conference Grant (removing the word "travel" to make it clear that we will fund virtual attendance).
- b. Tentatively extend this year's application deadline to Feb. 15, 2022, hoping for more certainty about options for attending the annual conference. Change the notification deadline to March 15. We may elect to further extend the deadline.
- c. Application can be for in-person or virtual conference attendance, depending on options available for the conference.
- d. Recipients are expected to apply the grant to conference participation, to attend one or more SRRT Action Council meetings at the conference and are encouraged to attend other SRRT meetings and programs.
- e. **We propose extending the three-year trial another year, to include funding for Annual 2023, with evaluation and recommendation about continuing the grant to follow.**

More information about #4: Here's the panel info:

- a. Is There a Social Worker in Your Public Library? Melissa Gross and Don Latham, Florida State University
- b. Exploring Civic Data Work in Libraries: An Opportunity for LIS Curriculum and Community Empowerment: Kahlila Chaar-Perez, Eleanor Mattern, Marcia Rapchak and Matt Burton, University of Pittsburgh

- c. Facilitating Ethical Enactment: A Survey of the Communication of Core Values in Alabama Public Library Online Policy Statements. John T. F. Burgessa, University of Alabama and Juliana M. Mestre, Rutgers University