

# SRRT Action Council Meeting

## Draft Minutes \* February 17, 2022

### Attending:

Al Kagan, Sherre Harrington, April Sheppard, Jane Cothron, Monica Chapman (ODLOS liaison), Claire Drone-Silvers (archivist intern), Lynne Lambdin, Tom Twiss, LaJuan Pringle, Mark Hudson, Charles Kratz, Tara Brady, Gary Colmenar, Mark Winston, Wendy Stephens, Katelyn Browne, Kevin King, Emily Drabinski, Julie Winkelstein (called in)

- I. Budget (Charles Kratz)
  - a. Round Table dues discussion: Council resolution collapsed dues into 4 categories for all Round Tables; Round Table Coordinating Assembly will meet in March 7, 2022 to determine what dues will be (April Sheppard will attend for SRRT)
  - b. To be included in the budget: funding for the Resolutions archivist intern and speaker expenses will need to be included. Discussion will address student dues fees. Budget amounts may be moved from one category to another as long as the budget balances at the end of the year. Going over budget can happen but would require a narrative explaining the situation to BARC.
  - c. 2023 fiscal year budget (from Monica Chapman, designed to match projected income with projected expenses). (Moved to approve budget, Charles Kratz, 2<sup>nd</sup> April Chapman).  
Approved.
- II. Emily Drabinski, candidate for ALA President.  
<https://www.emilydrabinski.com/>
- III. Membership recruitment. Mark Winston: recruitment problems have to do with lack of connection/disaffection of ALA members with the current situation. SRRT needs to be proactive in recruiting in this time of societal interest in social justice issues. Proposes a clear marketing campaign, working with related groups such as Sustainability RT and emphasizing the work of SRRT. SRRT has limited racial diversity; are we limiting our outreach? [Charles Kratz: contact Melissa Walling at ALA Membership Office [mwalling@ala.org](mailto:mwalling@ala.org)] [April Sheppard: Somewhat related, I've made a "What Would Herb Do" graphic that I've thought about making into a shirt to wear at ALA] Related round tables: Sustainability, NMRT, FMRT, SRRT. [Charles Kratz: if new dues structure charges students, then SRRT will need to have clear incentives for membership. Al Kagan: When student dues were charged, SRRT lost lots of student members.] [Gary Colmenar: Perhaps mentoring would be a good way to attract the younger colleagues. We can start a shadow program where a new member is paired with an SRRT officer, council member.] Need to set separate meeting to continue this discussion.

- IV. Gift memberships to ALA. Julie Winkelstein: ALA created a form, but it is hidden, requiring several clicks to find it. [Charles Kratz: we face unknown budget changes. April Sheppard: will have more information after the March 7 meeting. Continue discussion afterward?]
- V. Update on the free speech discussion group for the annual conference. Al Kagan. Suggestion to play trailer for film on loop during setup time.
- VI. Report on the resolutions archive. Resolutions Archive:  
<https://www.ala.org/rt/srrt/resolutionsarchive>  
Al Kagan moved to request for additional \$2000. Gary Colmenar 2<sup>nd</sup>. Charles Kratz not a problem in the current budget. Approved.
- VII. ALA/ACRL/ARL statements in support of HBCUs - I think we can consider the discussion on the AC list a recommendation that SRRT endorse, but Julie has expressed some concerns about language in the ALA/ACRL portion. We either need to finalize this discussion on the list or at Thursday's meeting. Julie Winkelstein: does not like the ALA language. Sherre Harrington moved to approve, Charles Kratz 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved.
- VIII. Recommendation to approve appointment of Jenny Rogers to the Editorial Board. Julie Winkelstein: Newsletter Editorial Board approved. Unanimously approved by Action Council vote.
- IX. Other issues that have been discussed on the Action Council Connect list:
  - a. The issue of speaker recommendations for FTRF's symposium is still unresolved. I believe Steven will be sending a new call for speakers soon. Sherre Harrington will send call for speakers this afternoon. Julie Winkelstein: it is important to proactively work to providing spaces for BIPOC voices. Tom Twiss: it is important to have the speaker put forth SRRT positions on free speech and not all SRRT AC members agree with SRRT positions. Sherre Harrington: possible Afternoon of Social Justice which would provide 3 panel times for discussion.
  - b. Thanks to April for volunteering to draft a resolution about student loan forgiveness.
  - c. TAG report. Al Kagan: TAG message sent to Council 2/15/2020 still recommends that Council become an advisory group to the Executive Board. There will be a Council meeting on March 10, 2022 where this discussion will probably come to a head.

III. Future meeting dates:

Thursday, March 17, 11am Central

Thursday, Apr 21, 11am Central

Thursday, May 19, 11am Central