

Social Responsibilities Round Table

Action Council I & II Meetings ALA Annual Conference 2022

Action Council I

Saturday, June 25, 2022, 8:30-10:00am, Washington Convention Center, 204C

In person: Sherre L. Harrington (Coordinator), April Sheppard (Coordinator-Elect), LaJuan Pringle (Martin Luther King, Jr. Task Force), Tara M. Brady (SRRT Councilor), Al Kagan (International Responsibilities Task Force), Wendy Stephens

Remote: Charles Kratz, Elaine Harger, Laura Koltutsky

- Welcome and Introductions Review of Agenda
- Additions to Agenda and Approval of Agenda
- Resolutions Q&A/Updates

Treasurer:

Ongoing digitization of Action Council minutes archive – Al Kagan

Call for additional \$2,000 to fund student researcher in ALA archives to digitize missing resolutions. Can be funded as one-time request if not in budget

April moves, Wendy seconds. Motion passes

Call for volunteers

- Web/Social Media Committee

Respondent has drupal experience

- Membership Committee

To increased inclusivity of RT, April will reach out to Ethnic Caucuses' and Loida's group (active this year especially) for collaborative opportunities

- Bylaws Committee
- Afternoon of Social Justice -- April

Possible dates discussed. Penciled in for Wednesday, August 3, 2022

- Feminist Task Force

From Katelyn Browne (Feminist Task Force)

Here's a brief report of FTF's activities for the year:

The Feminist Task Force celebrated the 20th anniversary of Rise: A Feminist Book Project this year! Current and former Rise committee members (including some who served when the committee was known as the Amelia Bloomer Project) contributed reflections, feedback, and historical information from their service. These thoughts were compiled and developed into a celebratory webinar in

January, hosted by Silvia Lin Hanick, Jean-Louise Zancanella, Melissa Nemitz, and Kelsey Keyes (who have all recently co-chaired the committee).

Rise also released their 2022 list of recommended feminist books for young people; this is the 21st such list the committee has released since 2002. As the Rise committee members continue to take on heavy reading, analysis, and deliberation work, FTF and SRRT do our best to support them with the resources we have, and to think together about how to make book committee work as sustainable as possible for library workers.

In December 2021, FTF joined COSWL and WGSS to present the webinar "Saying No: Harassment Invention at the Library."

International Responsibilities Task Force

AI:

Planned speaker Trita Parsi on US-Iran relations unable to attend. We will either have him speak as a part of Afternoon of Social Justice in August or rescheduled for next June.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Task Force

LaJuan:

Finding a home for the papers from Virginia Bradley Moore.

AI has notified ALA Archives these may be available; asks SRRT to hold tight while materials are identified, stored, assessed and whether we will need to hire a GA (UMaryland).

Unfortunately, no luxury of having Ginny here to explain

Presentation of the Herb Biblo Outstanding Leadership Award for Social Justice and Equality to Elaine Harger – Laura Koltutsky (9:45am)

Eloquent speech about SRRT as beloved community of professionals in this critical time.

Action Council II

Sunday, June 26, 2022, 2:30-3:30am, Washington Convention Center, 204C

In person: Tara Brady, Marna Clowney-Robinson, Mark Hudson, Tom Twiss, Al Kagan, Sherre L. Harrington, April Sheppard, Simon Healey

Remote: Laura Kolutsky, Charles Kratz, Mark Winston

ALA Executive Committee Report – Ana Elisa de Campos Salles (at 2:35) gives report on registration numbers for annual and also membership meeting

Numbers for ALA Annual registration: ~7000 in person, more than 13,000 total.

Roundtable Coordinating Committee Task Force hears concerns about membership and funding balances.

Questions for Ana Elisa about proposal about bodily autonomy.

Some statements could cause animosity against members or libraries in states where their opinions is in the minority. The association is working on bridge building to promote the work of the organization.

Information about abortion access can considered to be covered as an intellectual freedom issue under 1st Amendment. ALA has to be careful about political speech to preserve 501C-3 non-profit states. Running through the ALA-APA's shared board is way to work around this.

Election of Action Council officers for 2022-2023

Last meeting of Action Council at Annual Meeting involves Round Table elections.

Passing role of Coordinator to April, Sherre becomes Past-Coordinator and Nominations Committee Chair. Charles serves in the Nominations role this year.

Nominations Slate:

- Chair-elect: Mark Winston
- Treasurer: Wendy Stephens
- Secretary: Marna Clowney-Robinson

Al moves, Charles seconds.

Positions start at adjournment of Annual.

Membership committee elected its own chair.

Possible formation of a task force on disability issues - Simon Healey

At the conference, issues of accessibility within ALA have not made the association accessible to all. ASCLA was eliminated in the pandemic and in efforts for ALA to streamline; Accessibility committee now housed within RUSA. ASCLA was Simon's division home at ALA. Simon suggests creating a Round Table to help with issues of accessibility to help keep ALA from backsliding on accessibility issue. April notes that SRRT has had interest in this past, but no one wanted to be a point-person. This does fit in with the social justice mission of ALA. Mark Hudson suggestion to post a call on ALA Connect SRRT group, but Simon wants to wait to see if RUSA acts on this issue.

April points out that many of the items related to RRT (conference badge ribbons, board for Stonewall winners) are not here at conference, and there is concern that our sister RoundTable is being ignored or made invisible. AI suggests the coordinator be in charge of this and bring the ribbons immediately to registration.

ODLOS sent one person to conference, Director Kevin Strowder, who has only been there for six-seven months.

Where there ALA staff furlows this fiscal year"

We had a good year with SRRT resolution, notes Tom.

Anti-boycott resolution passed membership meeting but not OCouncil.

Laura thanks this group. Tom and Sherre were also recognized.