

SRRT Action Council  
Monday, September 18, 2023  
10:00 AM Central

Present: Mark Rosenzweig, Rebekah Black, Sherre Harrington, Tara Brady, April Sheppard, Ian Bogus, Olivia (Scully) Blake, Ann Murphy, Gary Colmenar, Rory Litwin, Derek Wilmott, Katelyn Browne, Marna Clowney-Robinson, Frieda Afary, Julie Winkelstein, Tina Gross, Charles Kratz

Meeting began at 10:03.

Minutes for the meeting at Annual are not available yet, so will be approved at the October meeting.

**Welcome and Introductions:** April Sheppard welcomed everyone and invited all attending to introduce themselves.

**Changes in SRRT Leadership & Action Council:** April and Charles Kratz shared that Mark Winston has stepped away from his role in SRRT, including serving as Coordinator this year. Charles (who had been elected coordinator-elect) and April (the past coordinator) have agreed to co-coordinate this year, with Olivia Blake stepping in as coordinator-elect, if Action Council approves.

Sherre Harrington moved approval of the new Co-Coordinators and the new Coordinator-Elect. Tara Brady seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Filling Vacant Action Council At-Large Line:** Mark had one full year left on his term as an at-large Action Council member. Charles and April received a recommendation from our Emerging Leader, Amanda He, to nominate Hale Polebaum-Freeman, another Emerging Leader from that project, to serve a one-year term as an introduction to Action Council. After one year, Hale would need to stand for election if they wished to serve a full term.

Olivia Blake moved, and Gary Colmenar seconded, naming Hale Polebaum-Freeman to the one-year vacant position. April confirmed that the SRRT bylaws are silent about vacated terms. Gary spoke about Mark's resignation, the business of Action Council, and the importance of bringing new voices into Action Council. Motion passed unanimously.

**Discussion of Feedback Regarding Action Council Meetings:** April discussed feedback received from Mark Winston and Nancy Funes upon their resignations from Action Council, as well as feedback from members when that was solicited last year. Mark Winston and April had been working to develop the community commitments, and April and Charles drafted the

proposed document that was shared for today's meeting. The group discussed the proposed document and made some changes. The updated document will be shared on Connect with Action Council for discussion, and then with the SRRT membership (also via Connect).

**SRRT Web & Social Media Committee Update** – Olivia Blake reported that she is looking for a new co-chair for the web & social media committee. Two possible candidates were identified.

**SRRT Programming Committee Update & Proposed Webinar Series** – Derek Wilmott & Frieda Afary reported on the recent book discussion of *Poverty by America* and the Afternoon of Social Justice. Both went well. Recordings of two sessions from the Afternoon of Social Justice are online. Upcoming plans:

- A program entitled “Intellectual Freedom, Social Responsibility, and Praxis in Librarianship and Education” is planned for November 13th.
- A full-day summit focusing on abolitionist frameworks with a keynote session and 7 panels—no date confirmed yet.
- Proposed today: current world events discussion series facilitated by programming committee members on Zoom, 1-2 Saturdays per month.

Gary asked how many people attended the recent programs and getting in touch with the Abolitionist Library Association; Derek shared attendance numbers and noted that there are already some connections in place with AbLA.