

SRRT Action Council Minutes

January 20, 2023

In attendance: Frieda Afary, Rebekah Black, Tara Brady, Katelyn Browne, Lyndsey Carney, Gary Colmenar, Jane Cothron, Jen Ferriss, Sherre Harrington, Al Kagan, Katherine Kelly, Charles Kratz, Mike Marlin, Morgan Perry, Rachel Rosekind, Olivia Scully, April Sheppard, Wendy Stephens, Julie Ann Winkelstein, and Mark Winston.

- Approval of November and December's Minutes: Al Kagan moved to approve the minutes. Wendy Stephens seconded. Motion passed.
- Proposed volunteer opportunities for SRRT members: April Sheppard stated that she would like to start two new committees to formalize work SRRT members are already doing. She also wanted to put out a call on Connect for volunteers for four committees.
 - New Proposed Committees: Programming Committee
 - New Proposed Committees: Web & Social Media Committee
 - Travel Grant Committee
 - Herb Biblo Leadership Award Committee
- Hosting *Boycott* film at ALA Annual: Al Kagan proposed showing the film *Boycott* at ALA Annual. It was noted that it was too late to get a speaker with the film, but could look at possibilities outside of Annual. Jane Cothron suggested talking to the distributor to see if the film can be showed twice and if virtual was an option. Al made the motion that if ALA doesn't pay to host the film, then SRRT would pay the \$299 fee. April seconded. Motion pass.
- HarperCollins Union Strike and SRRT/FTF Book List: Katelyn Browne brought forth a concern of the RISE Book List committee regarding positionality and the HarperCollins Union strike. She noted that the striking workers have generally requested that librarians and reviewers hold any book reviews in solidarity. The committee did include HarperCollins books on this year's list with a statement of solidarity, but would like guidance going forward when work begins again in March. Action Council agreed that the strike and request for solidarity should not be ignored and asked the committee for more concrete ideas/suggested wording for the February meeting. Possible suggestions included a SRRT statement of support, setting aside books until after the strike, contacting Emily Drabinski for support, and encouraging people to donate to the strike fund. Discussion will continue in February. Related documents:
 - [News Article](#)
 - [Linktree](#)

- [Support badges](#)
- RTCA Update: Charles Kratz gave a RTCA update, noting that the Membership Committee recommended \$15 for all personnel members, \$5 students, \$30 corporate/organization. This proposal does mean some membership types (international, retirees, etc) will be folded into general membership. The recommendation will be discussed at BARC and ALA Council next. Al Kagan suggested having Tara Brady make an amendment by substitution to move student membership to free as suggestion in Scenario 5. Rebekah Black added that the \$5 is affordable as a student, but that the process to join SRRT itself was strange.
- [Round Table Dues Structure](#): Al Kagan moved to have Tara at Council II have Tara make amend by substitution. Tara asked for details in writing. Charles Kratz seconded. Motion approved.
- Bylaws [Final 4th Draft](#), Convention, and [Proposed Amendment](#): Al Kagan noted that the final draft bylaws proposal still listed 18 at-large members, stating that we should ask Tara to suggest an amendment to substitute 18 for 50. It was also suggested to amend the section on virtual meetings from “may hold meetings virtually” to “will hold meetings virtually or hybrid.” Mike Marlin stated that Bylaws Committee tried not to be prescriptive, so there may be some resistance to that amendment. As for the number of at-large members, he believed there would be a mixture of support and resistance. Tara asked if there was a way to add wording that only business and voting meeting need to be hybrid, not others. Mike stated that could potentially be added in the Procedure Manual. Al Kagan made a motion to endorse 50 at-large counselors. Wendy Stephens seconded. Motion passed. Al Kagan made a motion that all ALA meetings of the Association will be held virtually or hybrid. Jane Cothron seconded. She encouraged the addition of “to encourage full engagement of membership.” Motion passed. Tara Brady will make amends at the Bylaws Convention and Wendy Stephens will second.
- Tara Brady made a motion to adjourn. Wendy Stephens seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10pm

Minutes prepared by April Sheppard.