

## **SRRT Meetings at 2023 ALA Annual Conference**

### **SRRT All Task Force Meeting & Annual Membership Meeting**

**Friday, June 23**

**2:30pm - 3:30pm, McCormick Place, W183c**

Agenda:

- Welcome from Action Council Coordinator
- Introductions
- Task Force Introductions and Descriptions
- Task Force Meetings (Note: task forces did not separate into separate groups, discussions happened with entire group in attendance)
  - Feminist Task Force - Katelyn Browne gave her coordinator report (also found in the [SRRT Newsletter](#)) and volunteered to remain chair of the FTF. There were no other nominations. Katelyn was elected by acclamation.
  - It was noted that all task forces are open to new members and SRRT members who were not involved with a task force were encouraged to join one.
- Other Discussion: Meeting attendees participated in an open discussion. Topics included maintaining virtual access to ALA membership and governance meetings and the value of ALA membership.

### **SRRT Action Council I**

**Saturday, June 24**

**4:00pm - 5:30pm, McCormick Place, W475 and via Zoom**

In attendance: Ian Bogus, Tara Brady, Gary Colmenar, Jane Cothron, Sherre Harrington, Mark Hudson, Al Kagan, Laura Koltutsky, Kathleen McElhinney, Katharine Phenix, Mark Rosenzweig, Olivia Scully, April Sheppard, Wendy Stephens, Derek Wilmott, and Mark Winston

Agenda:

- Approval of [May Minutes](#) – Al Kagan moved to approve the May minutes, Sherre Harrington seconded. Minutes approved.
- Announcement of Winner of Herb Biblo Outstanding Leadership Award for Social Justice & Equality – Laura Koltutsky announced that Dr. Michele Villagran, assistant professor at San José State University (SJSU) School of Information, was the winner of the 2023

Herb Biblo Outstanding Leadership Award for Social Justice & Equality. It was noted that the committee received seven nominations but that two of the nominees were not considered due to disqualification or lack of information. The committee will work on a press release that will go out to everyone once published. Laura then played a short acceptance speech from Dr. Villagran.

- Programming Committee Update – Derek Wilmott thanked Action Council for approving a budget for the Programming Committee to use on honorariums. He then gave a brief update on upcoming programming:
  - *Poverty, By America* book talk - scheduled for July 13, 2023. Over 130 people have signed up to participate.
  - [Afternoon of Social Justice](#) - scheduled for August 9, 2023 12pm - 4:30pm Central. Three sessions scheduled (see link). It was noted that final details were still being determined and that a Sudanese speaker was still being finalized.
- [Memorial Resolution for Daniel Ellsberg](#) – Al Kagan introduced the Memorial Resolution for Daniel Ellsberg and noted that while memorial resolutions usually are voted in block and go through, this resolution might be controversial for ALA due to Ellsberg’s support for whistleblowers and his own leaking of the Pentagon Papers. Al asked Action Council to adopt the resolution. Mark Hudson moved to approve it and Gary Colmenar seconded. Motion passed.
- [Resolution on Maintaining Equitable In-Person Participation for All at ALA Membership Meetings](#) – Al Kagan stated that he was pleased at how well the resolution fared at that morning’s ALA Membership Meeting. The resolution passed 110-56-5. While there was some concern on price, most spoke in favor of the resolution. Al noted that someone asked for a raise of hands of people who could not vote due to not having voting credentials and several hands were raised. It was noted at the Membership Meeting that the resolution would require a bylaws change, so it may take additional time to put into effect. Tara Brady added that the resolution had already passed Council, 100+ to 14.
- [Resolution Against the “New Cold War”](#) (SRRT Resolution) – Mark Hudson introduced the resolution and noted that he is currently not asking the resolution be brought to Council. Al Kagan suggested that Action Council send the resolution to the International Relations Committee (IRC) and ask them to respond to it. Sherre Harrington asked for clarification on when to send the resolution to Council. Mark H. responded after IRC has responded, potentially sending it to Council at LLX. Mark Hudson moved to adopt the resolution, Al Kagan seconded. Resolution passed 8-0-1. Al Kagan then moved to send the resolution to IRC and Mark H. seconded. Resolution passed 8-0-1. April Sheppard offered to send the resolution to IRC Chair Julius C. Jefferson, Jr.
- Membership Committee Update - Mark Winston noted that the Committee will restart sending letters out to lapsed SRRT members and then gave a brief update on the LIS Student Survey. Currently, there are over 200 responses. The committee will share the

report once analysis is complete. Al Kagan noted he was surprised by how old many students were. April Sheppard noted that many responses indicated that they were not aware of SRRT and other round tables.

Sherre Harrington made a motion to adjourn, Mark Winston seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 4:41pm.

## **SRRT Action Council II**

**Sunday, June 25**

**2:30pm - 3:30pm, McCormick Place, W475 and via Zoom**

In attendance: Tara Brady, Gary Colmenar, Charles Kratz, Sherre Harrington, Mark Hudson, Al Kagan, Laura Koltutsky, Mike Marlin, LaJuan Pringle, Mark Rosenzweig, Olivia Scully, April Sheppard, Wendy Stephens, and Mark Winston

Agenda:

- International Responsibilities Task Force Update – Al Kagan stated that Trita Parsi gave an excellent talk on the rundown of US-Iran relations and talked some about other countries. He noted that attendance was small (about 20 people). Attendance to the *Boycott* film showing was also small with about 12 people in attendance. He added that the film is available on Prime and will be included as part of the 2023 Afternoon of Social Justice.
- [Discussion of 2024 IFLA World Library and Information Congress Location](#) – April Sheppard stated that it appears like ALA will make a statement regarding IFLA picking Dubai as their 2024 Congress location. LaJuan Pringle said that the Rainbow Round Table is waiting to see the ALA statement and is ready to write a resolution. He also noted concern regarding the pressure for incoming ALA President, Emily Drabinski, to attend the Congress in person. Al Kagan stated that we should inform Emily of our concerns. April Sheppard offered to reach out to her. Sherre Harrington added that we could include Sara Dallas in the communications with Emily. Tara Brady said that SRRT should be on standby to sign onto what RRT prepares.
- Scheduling of Next Action Council Meeting? – April Sheppard moved to skip a July Action Council meeting to give members a break and to resume in August. Tara Brady seconded. Motion passed by acclamation.
- Nomination and Election of New Action Council Officers
  - Secretary - Katelyn Browne. Katelyn agreed to be nominated as Secretary in absentia. April Sheppard moved to elect Katelyn as Secretary, Charles Kratz seconded. Motion passed by acclamation.

- Treasurer - Sherre Harrington. April Sheppard moved to elect Sherre as Treasurer. Sherre accepted the nomination, Wendy Stephens seconded. Motion passed by acclamation.
- Coordinator-Elect - Charles Kratz. April Sheppard moved to elect Charles as Coordinator-Elect. Charles accepted the nomination, Laura Koltutsky seconded. Motion passed by acclamation
- Councilor Report - Tara Brady gave an update:
  - 2023 ALA [Standards for Library Services for the Incarcerated or Detained](#) - passed 144/0/1
  - 'Housekeeping' change to remove the extensively argued-over list of standing committees from the bylaws - passed 139/4/4
  - [Resolution on Actions by the Executive Board](#) - passed 115/28/6
  - [Reaffirmation on freedom to read](#) - passed 148/1/0
  - [Policy monitoring](#) - put membership meeting access resolution from LLX into policy manual including 'shall' language - passed 141/1/2
  - Core Values Task Force has identified five core values: Access, Equity, Intellectual Freedom, Public Good, and Sustainability. They requested extension until LLX to draft definitions of ALA Core Values - passed 147/0/0
  - Virtual governance - referred to bylaws - 139/8/1
  - [Discrimination against LGBTQIA+ library workers](#) - passed 145/2/2
  - Memorial resolutions adopted by consent
  - [IFLA in Dubai](#) - IFLA is doing a member survey, there's going to be discussion at their meeting in August, in addition to this resolution Jim Neal wants to come back at LLX and discuss again.
    - Amendment from Peter Coyl and Erin Berman with much stronger more specific language about how Dubai *could* make this right - passed 139/5/5
    - Amendment adding support for a location in the region where all members are able to fully participate - passed 140/3/4
    - Amendment putting this on council I agenda for LLX - adopted by acclamation
    - Final vote 141/3/5
- Adjournment and Beginning of Coordinator-Elect's Term – April Sheppard thanked Action Council for their support during the last year and introduced Mark Winston as the new Action Council Coordinator.

Wendy Stephens made a motion to adjourn, LaJuan Pringle seconded.

Meeting adjourned 3:13pm.

Minutes prepared by April Sheppard.