

ALA Social Responsibilities CONFERENCE Round Table Newsletter

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FIRST COUNCIL MEETING

The Executive Board report to Council included the victory for the membership of ALA in the struggle over the 5% amendment. Another victory for ALA members was in the report from COPEL: when it was announced that the money allocated to on-going programs but previously budgeted under ACONDA would remain budgeted and an additional \$50,000 would be allocated, in accord with Council's Midwinter recommendation, to support membership's recommendations. In addition, at the meeting the Ashelm report was approved and the resolution asking ALA to take a stand on the 18-year-old vote was tabled.

BLACK CAUCUS

E. J. Jesey was re-elected unanimously as Chairman at the meeting Tuesday night.

An award plaque was given to Mrs. Clara Jones, Director of the Detroit Public Library, in recognition of her years of devoted professional library service. Scarecrow Press contributed the plaque to the Black Caucus.

SRRT BUSINESS MEETING

In brief (minutes will be out later): "Organization and Action" was discussed at length. It was pointed out that action and participation are the basis of SRRT philosophy and organization. SRRT members agreed and passed the "O-A."

Newly elected Action Council members were introduced. Pat Schuman is Coordinator; Dick Akereyd is Recording Secretary; Tom Shaughnessey is Treasurer. Jean Ann South resigned (SRRT's approved O-A limits ALA committee involvement to two and Jean Ann set her priority with the Task Force on Intellectual Freedom); she is replaced by Dave Weill. Marilyn Gell is another new member since the new O-A calls for 10 people on Action Council.

Resolutions written at the Philadelphia Affiliates meeting were discussed and accepted. They will be presented at the ALA membership meeting for action.

The Treasurer's report was read; Clearinghouse and Task Forces also reported. The TF on Library Outreach Programs, which has voted to disband, reported that their study, based on a survey of 119 New England libraries, has come up with some interesting and surprising facts; for instance, do librarians know what an outreach program is? Full details will be published; for more information now, contact Michelina Vaccaro.

The Intellectual Freedom TF met on Monday to discuss their past year's action; they have decided to reform: anyone interested in working with this TF can make contact with Jean Ann South at the SRRT suite.

The TF on Recruitment of Minorities to the Library Profession has decided to reform; anyone interested in working them contact Jim Wright, SRRT suite. One of their activities this past year was to prepare a budget and proposal for a pre-conference in 1971 on the recruitment of minorities and present it to Action Council. AC forwarded the proposal to the Dallas Conference Committee which will take action on it at this conference; if it is approved, the pre-conference will be co-sponsored with the Recruitment Advisory Committee.

SRRT Suite
Sheraton Cadillac
Room 2620

New Task Forces

TF on Women's Liberation met Monday night. A resolution demanding the end of discrimination against women in the profession was approved and will be presented to ALA membership. A TF Coordinator and several regional organizers volunteered and were accepted. People ready to work, please leave your name in the SRRT suite.

TF on Gay Liberation: fifty librarians attended the first meeting Tuesday night. Major concerns discussed were the need to protect librarians' opportunities for, and security of, employment regardless of their sexual orientation. Programs of action within ALA were discussed. An organizational meeting and social will be held tonight, Wednesday, 10:30, SRRT suite.

Two other TF's have formed: TF on Bibliography on the Peace Movement; TF on an Alternative Books in Print. Anyone interested in working in either of these areas can make contact with Coordinators at the SRRT suite.

Note: The Philadelphia SRRT Affiliates meeting considered the Subcommittee Report on Intellectual Freedom of ACONDA which was prepared by Arthur Curly and George Alfred. The membership there voted to support the report with one change. The report printed in the SRRT Newsletter (copies of which have been circulated at the Conference) is the report as amended at Philadelphia. Editorial apologies for not making this clear in the Newsletter.

Was the expenditure of \$17,000+ for the First General Session last Sunday evening socially responsible?