
Those present were Dick Akeroyd, Gay Detlefsen, Jackie Eubanks, Pat Schuman, Tom Shaughnessy and David Weill; George Hathaway was also present during the last half hour of the meeting.

1. Pat opened the meeting at 8:30 PM with a report of her conversation with Gerry Shields:
   - Gerry Shields will be official ALA liaison to SRRT.
   - Now that we are an official ALA Round Table we will need to get permission from the Publishing Board to publish the Newsletter. We should have this by January 1, 1971. All it entails is writing to William Rutter, Publishing Board Secretary, telling him how the Newsletter is financed (by dues money), that we are printing it ourselves, and send a few old issues as examples.
   - PRESS RELEASES: must be cleared by ALA Public Relations Office if we put any out, but in general we should avoid putting them out; best way around this is simply not to call any information we put out a "press release" and especially avoid using the phrase "for immediate release."
   - Question arose as to who should originate and release information about SRRT anyway, Action Council or Clearinghouse? Jackie felt this should be done by Clearinghouse since they were responsible for press. Pat stated that Clearinghouse was not responsible for press, but only for publishing the Newsletter and that in any event, since Gay and David were handling public relations for SRRT, there should at least be some coordination on this so that Action Council would at least be aware of what kind of information was being released and when. Among other things, this would avoid the possibility of duplication and/or contradictory information being released (!!).
   - Have SRRT's Constitution and By-Laws been approved by ALA Constitution and By-Laws Committee? Yes. Copy of new By-Laws should be sent to Alex Ladenson, Chairman of Constitution and By-Laws Committee, if this hasn't already been done.
   - Committee on Organization (COO) will probably ask us for a self-evaluation, which we should be prepared to have ready to give them at Mid-Winter.
   - SRRT NAME CHANGE: we probably will not bother to go through the formality of doing this, as was suggested at Detroit, but Jackie will contact Agnes Griffin, our by-laws resource person this year, to have her look into what it would involve, etc.
   - INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE INTERVENTION IN ATLANTA LIBRARY
     - Executive Board feels that library records should be considered as confidential and not be released unless there is a court-order to do so. At that point ALA is very anxious to provide legal help to fight it. A definite statement on this will be released soon.
     - Jackie reported that she had sent a telegram to David Clift, in the name of Action Council, commending him for his statement in response to the Atlanta situation.
     - Executive Board is also urging individual libraries to come out with their own policy statements.
- Pat said that she had talked to Bob Croneberger, who would be in touch with someone from the Michigan ACLU for a legal opinion on what would happen if this incident came to court. Bob should be sending that information out.

2. CLEARINGHOUSE MEMBERSHIP
- There are eight members now, which is against the by-laws. This should not be a problem as long as only six are named as actual members; anyone can work on Clearinghouse activity without being named an actual member.
- We probably should make some definite policy on Clearinghouse membership at the next meeting, however, and at least get a report from George on who is doing what for Clearinghouse.

3. TREASURY
- No one was exactly sure how much was in the treasury (there were two conflicting reports given out at Detroit), but it is probably about $1,800.00. Tom said he would have an up to date report for Pat the next day.

4. NEWSLETTER: REPRODUCTION, POSTAGE, MAILING LIST
- Our largest expenditure is for the Newsletter, especially postage. The main problem here is that 1st class postage costs us about $200.00 for a six page newsletter, but this is the fastest means of delivery; use of bulk rate would not guarantee delivery in less than six weeks. The question is, are we willing to sacrifice the quick delivery time in order to save money? Probably not but we should think about some alternatives.
- David said he would check into the possibility of use of his library's bulk rate mailing permit.
- Pat suggested that perhaps SRRT should buy a bulk rate permit, which would be available to all Task Forces and Affiliates. Problem here is that all mail must be sent from the place where the permit is purchased.
- David suggested the possibility of batching mail according to the locations of the various Affiliate Groups, sending it to them parcel post, and having them take responsibility for mailing in their area. After some thought it was decided that this probably would not be very efficient.
- Pat asked if anyone had access to multilith and other printing facilities. In general the response was either negative or tentative. David said that commercial (A.B. Dick) stencil cutting, etc. was not that expensive anyway (about $2.00 per stencil). He said that he would send George a complete price list.
- Mailing List: Who should be on it? In general, only those who filled out the cards sent out in the June Newsletter. What about people who are not SRRT or ALA members, but on it simply by having contributed the cost of postage (cf. decision made on this at Chicago Mid-Winter)? Those already on can stay, but we should not go out of our way to publicize this, since we are already having problems with expenses.

5. CONFERENCE ETIQUETTE FOR ACTION COUNCIL MEMBERS & NEW DIRECTIONS FOR SRRT ACTION
- In general we should be out of the public eye; especially avoid emoting over the microphones, or otherwise tying them up, at membership meetings; and avoid sitting in large groups, rather we ought to spread ourselves out and talk to "other" people.
- We should make better use of the hospitality suite for talking to people about SRRT.
- SRRT has to begin providing more things or places where people can get
involved in doing something, e.g. the Alternative Books In Print, investigation of State Library Associations.

-More structure is needed at Mid-Winter meetings. Suggestions:
  - Large, open Action Council meetings. With Task Forces meeting simultaneously.
  - Task Forces should all meet simultaneously so that only those directly interested would be able to attend, thus allowing for them to get their work done.
  - Meetings should be open, but perhaps the first hour could be closed so that work can be accomplished.
  - Action Council members should be getting to more ALA Committee meetings so we can find out what is going on; we should divide it up so that we all don't end up at the same meeting at the same time, etc.
  - A special problem is going to arise at Los Angeles, since there will be lots of new SRRT people there from the West, and we should be organized to get them together for some kind of "orientation" sessions, perhaps run just by Action Council, with the idea of a large meeting which would eventually break up into small groups to talk about what SRRT is, what we have been doing, etc.

6. SRRT AND THE PRESS
- More needs to be written about SRRT by SRRT people.
- We should consider writing letters in response to articles about SRRT, or other matters of concern to us, either individually or as a group depending on the situation.
- We should also consider writing "anticipatory" letters and articles, that is not always writing something in response to things written about SRRT.
- Articles should be written soon on the politics of confrontation as related to SRRT; participatory democracy and exemplary action and how SRRT uses these concepts in its action; and possibly one disabusing people of their idea that SRRT is a "youth movement" within ALA.
- Affiliate Groups should be urged to write more about the things that they are doing.
- Action Council members should clear articles about SRRT with the rest of Action Council and these should be signed as "Action Council" not by the individual or individuals writing the article, letter, etc.
- If articles about non-SRRT activity are written by Action Council members we should not identify ourselves with SRRT or Action Council when signing the article.

7. DALLAS
- David asked if we shouldn't begin now to plan our activity for Dallas, but most felt it was too soon and that we should not do anything with this until after Mid-Winter.

8. SRRT ELECTIONS
- Dick said that he would run the elections and not bother to do it through ALA. This would give us more time to run the election, and give volunteers more time with their statements, and so forth.
- A reminder about the elections will be put in the September Newsletter with full details and a call for statements in the post-Mid-Winter one.
- Statements would probably be due in early April, so that ballots could be sent out later that month and due by the end of May and winners announced early in June.
9. Jackie reported on her conversation with Anne Sweat:
   - Anne is apparently getting a lot of bad reaction from her administration due to her involvement with the Marshall Woodruff Defense Fund. They are not allowing her to attend any conferences, etc. She is looking for another job.
   - Her inability to attend meetings is recognized as unavoidable by Action Council, therefore there is no problem as far as the by-laws are concerned.
   - Question: should we make her situation public? Jackie will ask her what she wishes to do about this.

10. Pat will write letters to the administrations of members of Action Council for official notification of their election.

The next meeting of Action Council will be on October 3 at Gay Detlefsen's. Everyone should send in suggestions for topics to be discussed at that meeting so an agenda can be made up.

Dick Akeroyd
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