The meeting was called to order by John Hostage. Those present introduced themselves.

The Minutes of Annual Conference 1987 were approved with the following change:

Under the "announcements" section, discussing the debate to be held in New Orleans, one sentence was corrected to read, "the loser will take the winner out to dinner."

Announcements

Noel Peattie will be visiting the People's Republic of China in June and asks for any advice, names of people to contact, etc.

ALA Council Document #8 will be discussed at an open hearing during midwinter. This document is the ALA Planning Document on Goals and Strategies. For more information, see below.

Budgets

Jody Bush reminded the Task Forces that they need to submit their budgets as soon as possible because SRRT would be acting on them at a subsequent meeting.

Polly Thistlethwaite, Chair of the Feminist Task Force, asked SRRT to help support the conference within a conference which is being planned for Annual in New Orleans. The working title of the conference is "Librarians as Colleagues: Strategies Across Racial Lines" and is already being sponsored by a number of groups, including ACRL, PLA, Feminist Task Force, and others.

Newsletter

Jeanne Kocsis noted that the deadline for the March issue is January 20. She also apologized for the fact that this date comes so soon after midwinter, but noted that ALA sets the deadlines, so we are basically stuck with them.
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Newsletter (continued)

A question was asked about submitting material for the newsletter in a diskette format. Jeanne said that the newsletter is currently compiled on an IBM-PC using Multi-mate word processing, but that she would not be comfortable accepting other formats (even in ASCII).

After the September 1988 edition of the newsletter, Jeanne is stepping down as editor. If anyone is interested in this position, please let John Hostage know. You must be able to meet 4 deadlines and also attend both midwinter and annual ALA conferences. The new editor will be appointed at the ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans.

Freedom to Read Foundation

Noel Peattie gave the report on the Freedom to Read Foundation which met on January 8. Among items discussed were: current bills to change the label of "political propaganda" to "advocacy materials"; trying to create some sort of endowment for continuing legal work; the naming of two persons to the "honor roll" (Sidney Sheldon and Everett T. Moore); and a number of different cases currently being legislated.

Noel reported that he will complete his assignment as liaison to the Freedom to Read Foundation in 1988. He has enjoyed the assignment and encourages anyone who is interested to volunteer. John Hostage (who has also had this role as liaison to the Freedom to Read Foundation) seconded the opinion that this position can be interesting and fulfilling.

Resolution for Clara O. Jackson

Gail Warner reported that COSWL has a resolution for a memorial for Clara O. Jackson and asks for any comments. Also, Jeanne Kocsis asked for a brief tribute to Ms. Jackson that could be included in the SRRT Newsletter.

Council Document #6

This is the document that shows the composition of the ALA Headquarters staff (from a resolution/request sent through Council last year). The statistics are basically what were expected; for example, of the people at the base-line clerical and administrative positions, 84% are women and 43.2% are Black. The document also includes the AA policy and hiring guidelines. It was suggested that SRRT needs to ensure that this document is attended to when it comes up in Council, and is not just passed through without a second thought.

Herb Biblo reported that he has tried many times to find out how many times ALA has been sued for discrimination. He noted that he was unable to find the answer to his question, but he knows that they have indeed been sued. Herb will repeat his question to Council.
Council Document #6 (continued)

There was a good deal of discussion about this issue, primarily focusing on encouraging ALA Headquarters to have an active program of affirmative action, not just a policy. This program might include a minority internship program as well as closer attention to accountability to see if the affirmative action policy is resulting in any changes. It was stressed that this is an issue that must be brought before the entire membership of ALA at the Annual Conference in New Orleans.

SRRT Constitution

John Hostage noted that it is about time for the Constitution to be reviewed and updated. The last full Constitution was printed in the Spring 1981 SRRT newsletter. We need to review the Constitution and determine if the priorities match the organizations' current priorities.

Jackie Eubanks voiced concern that the Clearinghouse is not independent (for example, having a voting seat on SRRT Action Council). This triggered a brief history of the Clearinghouse, a separate body which no longer exists.

Midwinter 1988 Preconference on Racism

Miriam Crawford reported on the preconference sponsored by the Feminist Task Force. Under the leadership of Francine Kendall, a group of about 20 white women met to discuss their own racism and to target strategies for long-range actions to combat racism. One suggestion that was proposed included setting up a large meeting of groups which are interested in this issue (including SRRT, Reforma, Black Caucus, Asian-American Librarians, and others) with the purpose of increasing communication back and forth between groups and to create joint projects (from their inception) with other groups rather than asking for their support for projects already planned.

Jody Bush addressed the issue of white women getting together to work on their own racism and noted that some people had questioned whether this approach is exclusionary.

SRRT will continue to be at the forefront of this issue and the general consensus was that after the New Orleans conference more projects will grow and we will continue building coalitions.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10am.
Sunday, January 10, 1988 2:00pm


The meeting was called to order by John Hostage. John then introduced the two candidates for ALA President, Ms. Patricia Berger and Ms. Rebecca Bingham.

Each candidate gave an opening statement and then addressed specific questions which SRRT had mailed to them ahead of time. There were also questions taken from the floor.

John Hostage then introduced the three candidates for ALA Treasurer, Ms. Mary Ghikus, Ms. Carla Stoffle, and Mr. Bill Roberts. Each of these three candidates also gave an opening statement and then addressed the specific questions that SRRT had mailed to them. There were also questions taken from the floor.

The SRRT meeting was adjourned at 4:10pm.

Monday, January 11, 1988 4:30pm


Handouts: Task Force on Alternatives in Print - Annual Report 1987

SRRT Tentative 1987/88 Budget and 1986/87 Final Budget

The meeting was called to order by John Hostage. John introduced Sibyl Moses and welcomed her to the meeting. Those present then introduced themselves.

Budget

Susan Vaughn explained the 1986/87 budget and noted that we actually spent less money than was allotted to us. Jody Bush reviewed the task force budget requests for 1988/89.

1987/88 Budget: There was a call for any adjustments needing to be made, a discussion of carryover money from last year, and a discussion of other effects that the ALA change in budgeting may create.
**Budget (Continued)**

Dee Conkling from the Feminist Task Force asked for more help from SRRT for the New Orleans Conference-Within-A-Conference on Racism, stressing that this program goes way beyond the purview of the Feminist Task Force and really should be sponsored by SRRT more heavily than at present. The Feminist Task Force asked for an additional $1500.

John Hostage reminded Task Forces that all requests for money should include detailed information about exactly what the money will be spent for.

Linda Pierce voiced concern that this type of request (the Feminist Task Force asking for additional funds) shouldn't continue and suggested that the Feminist Task Force should perhaps seek other sources of funding.

A motion to approve the additional $1500. for the Feminist Task Force was passed.

A motion to approve an additional $250. for the newsletter was passed.

The 1987/88 Budget was approved with the above two changes. Linda Pierce noted that with ALA’s new budgetary system, task forces will have to get budgets in earlier.

**Candidate Endorsements**

A discussion was held to decide if SRRT should be endorsing a candidate for ALA president and, if so, which candidate should be endorsed.

A motion was passed that SRRT Action Council endorse a candidate for 1988/89 ALA President-Elect.

A motion was defeated that SRRT Action Council endorse Patricia Berger for 1988/89 ALA President-Elect.

A motion was defeated that SRRT Action Council endorse Rebecca Bingham for 1988/89 ALA President-Elect.

A motion was defeated that SRRT Action Council endorse Bill Roberts for ALA Treasurer.

A motion was passed that SRRT Action Council endorse Carla Stoffle for ALA Treasurer.

**Nominees for SRRT Action Council 1988 - 1991 Term**

There will be three positions opening on SRRT Action Council. Nominees so far for these three positions are: Denise Botto, Dee Conkling, Jackie Eubanks, Beth Sibley, and Stephanie Warner.
SRRT Booth in New Orleans (Annual Conference, 1988)

Jackie Eubanks volunteered to coordinate the SRRT Booth in New Orleans, with the condition that she be allowed a budget of $50. to conduct mailings, etc. The booth will be set-up by Friday, July 8 at 5pm and is not necessarily limited to SRRT materials. A motion to provide the $50. for the SRRT Booth in New Orleans was passed.

Strategic Long-Range Planning (affectionately known as "slu[re]ping")

In continuing discussion of the ALA Strategic Long-Range Planning Document (Council Document #8), an additional priority was suggested. This addition addresses the broad social responsibilities of ALA. A motion to approve and endorse this addition, at least in principle (the final wording may be altered slightly), was passed.

"Ballots, Boycotts, & Bigots" Debate in New Orleans

Noel Peattie noted that they are looking for a moderator for this debate. The Intellectual Freedom Round Table will be hosting the debate. A number of suggestions for moderator were generated: Clara Jones, David Searcy, John Sheridan, Dick Buck, and Alix Allain.

International Human Rights Task Force

Corinne Nyquist presented a report. The original agenda item ("Discussion of future role of International Human Rights Task Force in relation to other ALA units") was not addressed due to lack of time.

Revision and Reprinting of SRRT Brochure

Postponed until Annual, at which point a new committee will be formed to tackle this project. Bethany Lawton volunteered to create a one-sheet "stop-gap" brochure to be used until the new official brochure can be completed.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:00pm.

Minutes submitted by Bethany Lawton.

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