SRRT
ACTION COUNCIL
JUNE 29, 1980
MINUTES

The meeting took place at the O'Henry Room of the New York Hilton
between 2-4 p.m.
It began with a discussion culminating in an unanimous condemnation
of the "Survey of the Priorities of Members of ALA," Betty Turock said
she had been hearing a lot of talk about ALA being better off if there were
less diversity of opinion within the membership, Herb Biblo felt the survey observed

that this was an insult to the ALA membership who had ~reated SRRT in the first place, Jim Dwyer suggested that the seemingly low priority assigned by members responding to issues of social responsibility in the survey resulted from an erroneous classification of what does and does not constitute "social responsi-bility." Herb asked, "Who determined what social responsibility i s?" Jackie further commented that the result of the survey findings, if accepted as valid, would subvert democratic processes within the ALA. Michael Diodati suggested
that an ALA resolution be drawn up criticizing the survey findings, and Mary
Biblo proposed that a questionnaire be distributed at an ALA membership meeting asking for interpretations of "social responsibility," An Ad Hoc Committee con-sisting of Betty Turock, Jim Dwyer and Brad Chambers was then set up to prepare
an analysis of the survey and survey findings and to develop implementing strategy,

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The next issue discussed was ALA conference streamlining and new schedules,
A number of objections to the streamlining plan were raised, and the concensus was that the plan would be self-defeating, How to keep SRRT's flexibility in the face of this plan was a special concern. Brad Chambers commented that the stream-lining proposal and the Survey of Priorities were part of the same manipulative package, of a right-wing tightening up process within ALA to give more control. to headquarters.
Jim Dwyer presented the text of the SRRT brochure that had been assigned to
him. Betty Turock, in revealing a balance in the SRRT treasury of over $10,000, suggested that SRRT could afford a professional layout and printing job for the bro chure.

The proposal for a promotional campaign to increase SRRT membership is to
be presented at the coming combined SRRT Action Council and SRRT membership meeting to be held June 30, and members will be asked for suggestions on implementing it. Since Marjorie Joramo is unable to attend the joint Action Council and member-ship meeting scheduled for July 30, Brad will serve as chairperson.