



IV. Governance discussion on transforming ALA governance, Tara Brady: Two resolutions to be considered. Discussion today is convoluted, with multiple committees that reset each time. After 5 years, people on Council are fed up. Will vote on resolution to invest policy making authority in Executive Board. It's an undemocratic approach to reformatting our democratic decision making.

[Mark Hudson: As Al Kagan has pointed out, the ALA constitution states that Council is the policy setting, governing body. Is anyone in council pointing this out?]

[Tara: the problem is that we have both a Constitution and bylaws, one will go.]

[Julie Winkelstein: the trend toward a small group making all the decisions is just wrong.]

VI. Discussion to increase SRRT membership, Mark Winston: wants to begin discussion on getting members into SRRT. ALA members express a large degree of membership disconnection, especially given the mood and the ALA reorganization move. How do we proactively seek students' involvement in SRRT?

[Al Kagan: it would be great if Mark Winston volunteers to be on the membership committee.]

[Tara Brady: the all-task force meeting is a great place for people to enter SRRT, especially for LIS students. It would be great to reach out to local LIS students and ask for assistance from them to do specific work, meet members, do something cool, come to the conference. Can SRRT offer a weekend scholarship to LIS students? For new professionals this would be a good way to enter ALA.]

[Jane Cothron: perhaps ask LIS students to attend conference programs and write program description from the point of view of SRRT, then have a conference section in the newsletter.]

[Julie Winkelstein: newsletter has 2 people working on it, so it needs more people; as editor, she already reaches out to people who mention interesting topics to ask for articles.]

[Kevin King: social work task force, wonder if other parts of the association have similar task forces that align with SRRT. Whatever city in-person conference with nearby students, SRRT could offer scholarship. Perhaps SRRT could sponsor new professional, student programs to conference committee.]

[Sherre Harrington: we need a further conversation on this and will reach out to Mark Winston on the topic.]

VII. IRRT free speech discussion at ALA Annual, Al Kagan: IRRT is doing a free speech discussion group at Annual (at request of COL). Alan Leveret has a lawsuit against a state law in Arkansas which prevents state contractors from advocating for BDS. Other presenters not yet final. Requesting a budget of \$1000 to bring presenters. [Sherre Harrington: still waiting for information on the budget. Monica Chapman: IRRT has funds, should be fine.]

VIII. Freedom to Read Foundation, Steven Phalen: Freedom to Read Foundation is open to including outside voices in the planning stages to online symposium. Has been passing along notes on BDS and free speech issue to the Freedom to Read group. Check out the free webinars, including managing challenges in your community. Encourages SRRT folk to get involved in the symposium.

IX. Gift memberships, Julie Winkelstein:

