Minutes
SRRT Action Council
Midwinter Conference
San Antonio, Texas
25, 27 January 1992

Presiding: Action Council Co-Ordinator - Sherre Dryden

Attendance {25th): At Large Members - Denise Botto, Sherre Dryden, Carolyn Garnes, Deb Gilchrist, Carol Greenholz, Al Kagan, Steve Murden, Mark Rosenzweig, Theresa Tobin, Dan Tsang.
Task Force Representatives - Sylvia Curtis & Jackie Eubanks (Alternatives in Print TF) , Roland Hansen {Gay & Lesbian TF) , Elaine Harge r {Library Union TF), Terry Link {TF on the Environment), Stephen Stillwell {Peace Information Exchange TF), Madeleine Tainton {Feminist TF), David Williams (International
Human Rights TF).
Affiliates & Liaisons - Chris Dodge {MSRRT), Sherry Kelley
(CCDA Representative).
SRRT Members and Guests - Don Boyden, Bill Delzell, Dotty
Granger, Doug Rippey, Bill Stack, Celeste Tibbets.

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Stephen Stillwell. Accepted his resignation from these two posts.

Items Discussed/Decisions Made, not necessarily in the order in which they were reviewed (27th):

1) Endorsed the REFORMA resolution to support the United Farm Workers of America. (Resolution attached.)

2) Accepted the final wording of a resolution on the Mark Rosenzweig case. (Resolution attached.)

3) Asked the Co-Ordinator and Secretary to seek a different time slot for the annual membership meeting.

4) Appointed Steve Murden to the position of Membership /
Recruitment Chair.

5) Accepted Nancy Gruber's offer to handle the Exhibits for the
San Francisco Conference.

6) Endorsed a proposed tour by librarians of Israel

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available before the annual conference. A fuller budget discussion will be held in San Francisco.

14) Noted, with some sadness, the apparent demise of the Task Force on Migration, Refugees, and the Homeless.

15) Considered 18 revisions to the June 1981 Constitution of SRRT. Those revisions accepted will be brought before the SRRT membership in San Francisco for final approval. (See attached copy of constitution with changes in boldface.)

date: 31 January 1992 f
submitted: Stephen J. Stillwell, jr., Secretar}'.' ·,,.)C---
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ISRAELI CENSORSHIP:

A 1992 DRAFT RESOLUTION

Note: This Is a first draft, to which we Invite friendly recommendations and other feedback.

*Whereas there is sufficient documentation provided by Article 19 and other reputable human rights organizations describing a regime of tight censorship and frequent closings of libraries and otr,er research and educational institutions in the Israeli-Occupied West Bank and GcJ.Z2,

*Whereas these violations of the freedom of information and expression are part of a mi!itc:::-y occupation which for 25 years has also been depriving the Palestinian people of basic hum2n rights along with their land and water resources,

*Whereas the large amounts of U.S. aid provided to Israel help to offset the cos,s of this inc:eiin;tely-prolonged occupation, thus making the U.S. and its citizens a party to this tragedy,

*Whereas we also strenuously deplore censorship and human rights violations in the Arab and Islamic countries of the Middle East, but

Resolution: The Action Council of SRRT endorses the International Human Rights Task Force proposal for a tour by librarians of Israel and the Occupied Territories.

Resolution to Support the California Table Grape Boycott of the United Farm Workers of America, AFL-CIO

Whereas, the United Farm Workers of America, AFL-CIO, has maintained a consistent struggle for the rights of thousands of farm worker families they represent;
and

Whereas, the United Farm Workers of America has undertaken its "Wrath of Grapes" campaign to alert consumers about pesticides which are used on grapes, about the pesticide residue which remains on the grapes which consumers buy, and about the ways in which these pesticides harm farm workers; and

Whereas, the World Resources Institute reports that over 300,000 farm workers are poisoned every year by pesticides; and

Whereas, California administration bias toward growers' interests and the unwillingness of the Agricultural Labor Relations Board to enforce the law has made free and fair elections impossible; and

Whereas, since the 1960's the United Farm Workers of America, under the leadership of Cesar Chavez, have called for a new boycott of California fresh table grapes; and

Whereas, REFORMA, in its concern over the plight of farm workers and their families, stands with the farm workers in their resolve to improve their lives and assure their rights to safe working conditions and decent living wages and benefits;

Now therefore, be it resolved, that REFORMA the National Association to Promote Library Services to the Spanish Speaking supports the boycott of California fresh table grapes by the United Farm Workers of America; and

Be it further resolved, that REFORMA endorses and supports the boycott of grapes until California grape growers guarantee that farm workers will have fair and free elections, that contracts will be negotiated in good faith, and that growers will voluntarily stop using five "restricted use" chemicals on fresh table grape crops-- parathion, dinosab, captan, phosdren, and methyl bromide; and

Be it further resolved that REFORMA directs that grapes not be served at any of our functions and calls upon its members to support the boycott.

Adopted by REFORMA The National Association to Promote Library Services to the Spanish Speaking June 29, 1991