

Conkling: there's a large rural community that still doesn't have any access.

Kagan: We should recommend to LITA that item #1 in the brochure specify free access to everyone through their local libraries.

Tobin: Core of resolution is encouraging grassroots organizing. If we encourage funding for access through all publicly funded libraries individuals will then become empowered.

Moved and seconded a substitute motion: That SRRT appoint an ad-hoc project group to 1.) talk to drafters of the LITA brochure and encourage them to include publicly funded libraries as free outlets and 2.) redraft a shorter version of the resolution. Project group members: Williams, Riley, Morrisset, Harger. Passed unanimously.

ROLE OF ACTION COUNCIL

Submitted by Kagan. Seconded by Hansen.

Kagan addressed SRRT's decentralization and the balance between Action Council and the Task Forces. The Task Forces determine the agenda without coordination. Resolution would help us focus on priorities and set an agenda. Action Council was recently consumed with Israeli censorship without setting it as a priority.

Botto: Our responses are so reactive because of short time frames.

Morrissett: SRRT's historical role was to open up ALA so there was a voice from below. Large focus on young energy. SRRT has suffered in past times because our talent goes to council, SRRT is dependent on new people through the task forces. That is how new issues reach us.

Williams: The resolution is a fine idea, but how would we establish priorities? Taskforce work usually falls to one or two members. Williams felt he was not given help from other Task Forces last year and felt he was left to pursue it on his own. Can't see how SRRT could have helped unless they provided collective leadership. It would be helpful for us to coordinate but unsure how we would implement.

Kagan: Orientation of Action council could be the focus of the Coordinator.

Tsang: No time to discuss priorities in each conference. but could pick themes and focus on them. Top issues could be addressed.

Stillwell: Membership survey was done a number of years ago and membership was fairly non-committal.

Harger: Resolution should include a proposal. Confused as to what happens as a result of this resolution.

Unknown: Our priority should be that SRRT is a place for radical action.

Botto: Trying to do too many steps in one resolution; should keep only first resolve.

Tobin: SRRT's major strengths are the philosophies of the Task Forces and centralizing it may

