SRRT Action Council
Saturday June 25, 1994
Annual Conference - Miami Beach

In attendance: Stephen J. Stillwell, Jr., Debra Gilchrist, Denise Botto, Herb Biblo, Al Kagan, David Williams, Dotty Granger, Chris Dodge, Andrew Lee, Elaine Harger, Mark Rosenzweig, Elizabeth Morrissett, Carol Barta, Roland Hansen, Jessamyn West, Ray Markey, Theresa Tobin, Diedre Conkling, Maria Jankowska, Marge Loch-Wouters, Steve Murden, Beth Sibley, Adam Chandler, Steven Harris, Philip Tramdack, Chip Stewart, Mary Biblo, Andrew Lee, Bill Defell, Michael Nit.

Announcements:

OLOS and OLPR are showing the recruitment video.

There is an open hearing on ALA self study - Stephen encourages all to attend. The self-study could have some negative impacts for SRRT.

Election Results: :ble

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Minutes: Approved the Los Angeles minutes. Approved the following revisions to the New Orleans minutes: Boy Scout resolution passe~ but was not forwarded to ALA Council. Action Council instead requested Stephen to meet with ALSC to work out a compromise.

Self Study: Herb Biblo encouraged SRRT to drop all other activities to organize against the self-study. If it passes, we will not have the kind of ALA we could ever hope to influence.

Motion by Kagan, second by Harger to create a project group to oppose the self-study. Passes unanimously. Will be comprised of Elizabeth, Mark, Herb and Al.

Additions to the Agenda: The chair requested that Action Council go into executive session to discuss the next 2 proposed resolutions on member behavior. Williams objected, stating it was not necessary but was overruled.

Executive Session:
Agreed that all discussion would be limited to 2 minutes per person with a maximum of 30 minutes.

Motion by Kagan, second by Rosenzweig: Resolution on the Restatement of Certain Ideals of ALA's Social Responsibilities Round Table. Amendment moved by Stillwell and second by Botto to amend the phrase in the final paragraph to read " ... may be considered by a 2/3 roll call vote of Action Council. .. " Amendment and Resolution passed 18 Yes, 1 No.

Motion by Stillwell, second by Botto: A Resolution on David Langlois Williams and his Position Within the Social Responsibilities Round Table of ALA. After lengthy discussion, the resolution passed 17 Yes, 1 No, 1 Abstention.

This marked the end of the Executive Session.

Action Council Election:
Due to the resolutions passed in executive session, Stephen announced the following changes in Action Council: Tainton, who received the 4th highest votes to Action Council, will now assume a 3 year slot, Carol Barta moved to the 2 year slot.

Task Force Issues:
1. Request from Donnarae McCann to disband the Civil Rights Task Force. She can no longer come to ALA and there is no one else to assume the responsibility. Passed unanimously. Letter to be sent to Donnarae to thank her for her work.

2. Homeless Task Force: Elizabeth Morrissett would like to pursue the task force for one more year. PLA does have a task force but is dealing strictly with public library issues and there are bigger issues with refugees and migration. Asked for full Task Force status. Passed unanimously.

3. International Relations Task Force: The task force is interested in taking on the responsibility of the Israeli Censorship and Palestinian libraries Task force. They will set up a subcommittee to handle this issue. Harger will chair it. Resolution to dissolve the Task Force and move its charge into IRTF. Passed unanimously.

Newsletter:

Wilding's last issue as editor is September, 1994. Action Council voted unanimously to thank him for his excellent work and contributions to the Round Table and to appoint Carol Reid (New York) as editor, and Carolynne Myall (Washington) and Mark Rosenzweig (New York) to the Editorial Board.

Submitted by Debra Gilchrist
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