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SRRT Action Council
Tuesday June 28, 1994
Annual Conference - Miami Beach

In attendance: Stephen J. Stillwell, Jr., Debra Gilchrist, Roland Hansen, Denise Botto, Al Kagan, Dotty Granger, Chris Dodge, Elaine Harger, Mark Rosenzweig, Elizabeth Morrissett, Carol Barta, Jessamyn West, Theresa Tobin, Maria Jankowska, Beth Sibley, Steven Harris, Andrew Lee, Peter McDonald, Charles Willet, Linda Kimsey, Robert Ridinger, Wendy Thomas, Tom Wilding, Mark E. Martin, Michael J. Miller.

Israeli Censorship and Palestinian Libraries Task Force:
Stephen chaired the ICPL program. There were 14 attendees. He informed them as to the Action Council resolutions of tRe ffiOFRiR~ pertaining to the Task Force.

ALA Membership Meeting: There were 2 membership "chats" because a quorum couldn't be reached.

Self-Study Committee: SRRT will mail out the questionnaire developed by the ALA Self-Study committee along with a cover letter and analysis of the self-study document. Several Action council members attended the Saturday meeting and noted that it was held in a handicapped inaccessible room and there were no copies of the self-study document available. They urged the committee to print it in American Libraries.

Gay-Lesbian Task Force: Name changed to Gay Lesbian Bisexual Task Force by unanimous approval.

SRRT Finances: SRRT budget is not as lucrative as it once was. Because of that, Action Council considered several concepts and proposals:

Affiliate Membership: Discussed issues such as requiring a certain % of affiliate chapter members to also be ALA members in order for the affiliate to have voting privileges.
New dues structure proposed by Kagan, 2nd by Botto:
$15. per year dues for each affiliate chapter
Plus $1.00 peF member of tRe affiliate ~
New structure to become effective September 1, 1994.

Passed 9 Yes, 8 No, 1 Abstention

Awards: We currently give 4 awards:
Coretta Scott King Award is self-sustaining
Gay Lesbian Book Award comes from their general operating budget. Alternatives in Print Award comes from their general operating budget. Peace Information Exchange Award is corporately sponsored.

Stillwell proposed (second Botto) that Action Council require all new

period for any new award before it must be self-sustaining. Stillwell accepted this as a friendly amendment.

Resolution passed unanimously: Be it resolved that any SRRT cash award must be financially self-sustaining after a 5 year period whether through 1) the backing of a sponsor, 2) an endowment, or 3) directly related fund-raising activities.
Be it further resolved that no funding for a SRRT cash award may come from the general operating accounts of SRRT; and that those awards that are currently funded in that manner have a 5 year grace period from the passage of this resolution for compliance. Any new awards subsequently established will have the same grace period.

Newsletter: Current subscription costs are $10. for non-members and $5.00 for a single copy. Stillwell proposed (second Harger) increasing the subscription to $15.00. Passed 16 Yes, 1 No.
West suggested the editorial board explore electronic access to the newsletter. Wilding agreed and also suggested putting it on the ALA gopher.

Dues: Stillwell proposed a new dues structure (second Gilchrist) and a Life membership category for $1,000.
Personal: $12.
Organization: $25.00 for 1995 to increase to $30. in 1998
Student: Free
Unemployed/Retired: $5.
Sustaining: $100.
Passed unanimously.
NOTE: ALA has since said that this dues structure did not fit with their processes and vetoed/\ it. It will be discussed further at midwinter.
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National Information Infrastructure Project Group: Harger proposed retaining it as a project group instead of creating a new Task Force. It could serve as a tryout for a new way of operating where each Task Force could send a representative and contribute to the formation of appropriate resolutions. Rosenzweig commented that there is a lot of room for project groups
with key professional issues that cut across all Task Force lines. Project Group approved 20
Yes, 1 No. The group is charged with generating a policy statement and recommending actions to
be taken by SRRT by midwinter.

Several Action Council members will work on a program related to the NII for annual 1995: Tobin, Harger, Harris, Kagan, Rosenzweig, Ridinger.

New SRRT Officers:
Coordinator: Stephen J. Stillwell, Jr.
Treasurer: Roland Hansen
Secretary: Carol Barta

Gilchrist was thanked for her 2 years of service as secretary. New Action Council members were welcomed: Martin, Barta, Tainton and Hansen.

Submitted by Debra Gilchrist
Action Council Secretary