SRRT Action Council Minutes
February 17, 2023
 11am Central

In attendance: Frieda Afary, Rebekah Black, Tara Brady, Katelyn Browne, Gary Colmenar, Jane Cothron,
Sara Dallas, Sherre Harrington, Al Kagan, Katherine Kelly, Charles Kratz, Rachel Rosekind, April Sheppard,
Wendy Stephens, Derek Wilmott, Julie Ann Winkelstein, and Mark Winston. Guest: Cindy Hohl.

Approval of January's Minutes: Wendy Stephens moved to approve the minutes. Charles Kratz
seconded. Katelyn noted a suggee eniALA President. She took questions related to ALA’s role, social justice issues, and her platform.

RTCA Update: Charles Kratz provided an RTCA update. The RTCA meets twice a year. There was mostly
information sharing during yesterday’s meeting and a report on ALA finances from Peter Hepburn. ALA
is moving to quarterly reporting of finances going forward. That committee that is looking at the
operating agreement involving roundtables, divisions, etc., is working. The 10% overhead is not likely to
change. Also, Patty Wong reported on LibLearn X and her sense that the conference was successful. She
encouraged completion of the conference survey and summarized ALA’s efforts related to book
banning—ALA is filling positions in the Office of Intellectual Freedom, to assis the RT for
difference. All of these items are part of the ALA bylaws ballot measure. If approved, the dues
nges will go into a

Sherre asked about ODLOS engagement during SRRT Action Council meetings. April will look into this.
HarperCollins Strike and ALA Response: Katelyn Browne & April Sheppard. Katelyn provided an update,
indicating that the union has ratified an agreement and will be returning to work. We do not need to do
any further work. Sara indicated that any support for a labor action would jeopardize the Association’s
nonprofit status. There was some question because this has happened in the past. Al referred to the
distinction between political and economic boycotts.
Sara Dallas said that she was taking notes on this discussion to share with the EB. She reported that ALA
legal counsel has determined that, as a 501c3, ALA (and its divisions, etc.) cannot use its platform to
endorse a labor issue or activity carried out by any other entity. https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-tege/eotopicj85.pdf. SRRT’s statement on the strike speaks to values and ideals, without naming a
specific issue. The Executive Board must approve all official statements. Sara will research and provide
us with a reference to the ALA policy that applies in this case.
LibLearn X Update: Tara Brady, SRRT Chapter Councilor, April summarized the amendment related to
at-large councilors. SRRT proposed 50. 36 were approved. The amendment related to virtual
virtual/hybrid meeting options “didn’t go anywhere.”

Wendy made a motion to adjourn. Al seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10pm
Minutes prepared by Mark Winston.