

Midwinter 1970

Conference hotel accommodations next Spring.

A suggestion in Jet that "next year should be the time leaders of major national organizations come up with exciting plans to patronize the businesses that blacks own in convention cities" was the impetus to the formation by Jackie Eubanks of an SRRT Task Force which has arranged Midwinter accommodations at the black owned Roberts Motel #2, 3756 South Michigan Avenue.

In the interest of fostering student attendance and participation in ALA conferences, the SRRT urges that those librarians attending Midwinter who are able to do so pay for a roommate at the Roberts. A reservation postcard is enclosed in the newsletter

The SRRT has taken this action at ALA Midwinter with the expectation—hope— that ALA will react by including black owned facilities in the Detroit

ATTENDANCE AT ALA MIDWINTER MEETINGS

The September ALA Bulletin (p.1164) included a reminder to ALA members of the Associations Midwinter Meeting Policy: "Meetings of committees and boards of the ALA ... are intended to be closed working sessions." However, a chairman may invite specific individuals and may admit "as passive observers, ALA members officially attending the Midwinter Meeting who have written in advance to the chairman for permission to attend that chairman's session." Consult the November ALA Bulletin for names of chairman to whom you may wish to write.

An invitation to SRRT meetings is enclosed in the newsletter; you must return the post card to Bill Dejohn.

SRRT MIDWINTER MEETING SCHEDULE

Sunday	1/18	8:30-10:30pm	Task Force on Intellectual Freedom
Monday	1/19	8s00- 9:30am	Action Council
		8s00- 9:30am	Clearinghouse
		10:00-12:00am	Action Council/Clearinghouse
		2:00- 4:00pm	Task Force on ALA Reorganization
Tuesday	1/20	7:00-10:00pm	Task Force on Recruitment of Minorities
		2:00- 4:00pm	Task Force to Evaluate Reprinting of Negro Literature
		8:30-10:30pm	Task Force on ALA Reorganization
Wednesday	1/20	8:00-12:00am	Task Force on Evaluating Outreach Programs
		4:30- 6:00pm	Task Force on Intellectual Freedom
		4:30- 6:00pm	SRRT Affiliate Groups Coordination
Friday	1/23	8:00-10:30am	Task Force on ALA Reorganization
		2:00- 4:00pm	Action Council

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ALA MIDWINTER CONFERENCE JANUARY 1970

Leave: Saturday, January 17, 1970 7:30pm LaGuardia Airport, N.Y.C.
Return: Anytime within one year.
Price: \$75.60 round trip.

For reservation, send check and this form BY DECEMBER 12 to:
Nancy Hanssen, 275 Clinton Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11205.

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ADDRESS _____

HOME PHONE _____ BUSINESS PHONE _____

RETURN FLIGHT: Date _____ Time _____ (indicate morning, afternoon, or evening)

You may omit the return information if you prefer to make your own return reservation.

ENCLOSE CHECK FOR \$75*60 payable to Nancy Hanssen by DECEMBER 12

Related Groups' Activities

The NATIONAL FREEDOM FUND FOR LIBRARIANS, which has been well publicized in recent issues of Library-Journal, has been endorsed by a number of state library associations and has collected from individuals and various state library associations to date \$2,600,00.

The PITTSBURGH REFORM MEETING, October 3-5. and the actions which resulted from it, particularly in relation to Council platform statements and an alternative Council slate, have been, and will continue to be, covered in the Library Journal and the Wilson Library Bulletin. Please see these publications for information.

LIBRARIANS FOR PEACE

Librarians representing the CFC, National Call for a Library Reform, National Freedom Fund for Librarians, SRRT and local affiliates (there is an overlap) participated in red is

National Task Forces

REPORT FROM THE SRRT TASK FORCE ON ALA REORGANIZATION

Based upon information supplied by our members, and our own investigations into ALA organization, we recommend that the following long-range project be undertaken to improve the functioning of ALA:

Outside management consulting firms should be engaged to: (a) study the current operation of ALA from a cost-effectiveness viewpoint as well as from the goal-achievement point of view, (b) develop models based upon input from a wide range of professional and managerial sources to test how ALA should be altered to make it more effective and more effective and more responsive to the needs of librarians.

Until this study can be completed and its recommendations implemented, the following short-term steps are recommended to improve ALA's effectiveness:

1. Change the status of all committees from starting to ad hoc. No committee shall operate without a specific charge and a deadline for the completion of its assignment not to exceed two years from the time it was established. The emphasis in all committees should be on problem-solving or task-completion, not perpetuation of membership.
2. Shift the priorities established for ALA activities to the following: (a) intellectual freedom, (b) recruitment for the profession, (c) research and evaluation, and (d) enforcement of professional standards through sanctions, etc. Too much of the budget has been spent on: (a) ALA membership drives, (b) international librarianship, and (c) publishing, particularly the proliferation of divisional journals which duplicate Library Journal and Wilson Library Bulletin. Could not ALA survive with only one newsletter replacing ALA Bulletin and the divisional journals?
3. Reorient the organization to make it the American Librarians Association instead of what it now really is, the American Libraries Association. Given excellent librarians, excellent libraries will follow.

Since the new dues structure will virtually eliminate institutional memberships, this reorientation becomes all the more desirable.

When unnecessary programs have been eliminated, dues may be reduced accordingly. Both actions are needed to enlarge membership in ALA.

With regard to election procedures, we recommend the following:

1. Eliminate the Nominations Committee.
2. All candidates for election (including Council) should place themselves in nomination, with supportive nominating petitions signed by ALA members. The number of signatures and the number of candidates for each position shall initially be a matter of Council decision, with subsequent membership ratification. The self-elimination procedure of SRRT should be considered.
3. In Council, all past presidents should be eliminated as voting members, except for the last three. Their voting seats should be filled from the ranks of members-at-large. Past presidents should be eligible to run for Council as at-large members. At-large members should no longer represent divisions, which are already represented by divisional presidents.
4. Every candidate for ALA office should prepare a platform statement supporting his candidacy, to be distributed to members along with ballots.

dule of activities. It was the view of the Committee that for the Association as a whole the most important current priorities for action are the following broad areas:

1. The Association's social responsibilities, its relevance to social concerns and its commitment to the fundamental values of our society. This category obviously includes library service to the disadvantaged and the international interests of the Association.

2. Manpower, including recruitment generally but specifically with emphasis on recruitment of people oriented toward service to disadvantaged minority groups. This category also includes the improvement of library education and efforts to better the welfare of members of the profession.

3. Intellectual freedom, including both development of improved procedures for responding to the need for support and assistance of members when under attack or illiberal pressures and of positive community educational programs to forestall such pressures.

. Further democratization of the Association, including: more meaningful involvement of a greater number of members; more participation by younger members; greater responsiveness of the Association to the concerns of the membership; broader participation in the decision-making

The Task Force on Community Participation, in their attempt to define community participation in relation to libraries, kept stumbling across the often repeated need for an evaluation of existing outreach programs. They decided to take on this task. A

brary administrators have a duty to respect the conscientious dedication of those staff members who feel constrained to observe the moratorium on the war in Vietnam."

At the Illinois Library Association Conference at Peoria, Gordon McShean, RT Coordinator, and Ruthanne Boyer, RT Public Relations, held an open house to publicize ALA SRRT and ISRRT. Approximately one hundred persons (1/10 of the conference registrants) attended; half of the registrants were reached with brochures. Ruthanne Boyer, after the conference, spoke to an informal gathering of University of Chicago Library Science Graduate School students and faculty about SRRT's. This publicity campaign has stimulated interest in forming RT's in Champaign-Urbana, Rock Island, DeKalb, and Chicago South Side-Gary. New members were also gained for the ISRRT. They are now planning on publishing a newsletter. For information contact Gordon McShean, Dundee Township Library, Main and Third Streets, Dundee, Illinois 60118, 428-3661.

INDIANA

An Indiana SRRT is forming. For information contact Kathy Weibel, c/o Metro Corps, 1100 Massachusetts Street, Gary, Indiana.

MICHIGAN

At the Michigan Library Association conference, October 22-24, the 321.8 statement was distributed. A summary of the statement was read at the General Sessions Business Meeting and at the JMRT membership meeting. The statement generated much interest and sympathetic support.

A meeting to organize a Metropolitan Detroit SRRT was held October 26. Twenty people attended; an action project was not decided upon at this first meeting, but two future meetings are scheduled. For information contact Skip Rosenthal, Henry Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn, Michigan 48128,

Mr. Rosenthal arranged a meeting, around mid-September, with Michigan's ALA Councilors to discuss the June ALA Conference and ways of making Council more effective and more re-

sponsive to the membership. Many of the Councilors, while expressing opposition to the actions at the Conference of the Congress for Change and the SRRT, expressed eagerness to hear from the membership. While the turnout at the meeting, only thirty, was discouraging, it was generally felt that the meeting was worthwhile.

sponsibility and how it can best be practices in the KG area. The coordinator of the MLA SRRT is Bernadine Hoduski, Serials Gataloger, UMKC Library, 51st and Rockhill Rd., Kansas City, Missouri 64110.

NEW JERSEY

At the business meeting of the New Jersey Library Association a resolution was passed commending the October 15 Vietnam Moratorium to the NJLA and to the entire library profession of New Jersey; the resolution further supported the right of librarians to participate in the Moritorium, within the limits of maintaining public service in a given institution, without fear of reprisal.

The NJSRRT held a program meeting during the NJLA Conference; New Jerseyans confront their libraries;

The NYSRRT was active at the NYLA meeting in late October. At the membership meeting informational notices were distributed by NYSRRT representatives concerning the National Freedom Fund, 321.8, and NYSRRT. Of eight NYSRRT sponsored resolutions, unanimous affirmation was given to those on intellectual freedom, election reform in NYLA, reform in library school curriculum, and to a position resolution on student intellectual freedom. Dissent on a resolution to increase the contribution to the National Freedom Fund from \$100 to \$250, in addition to the Childrens and Young Adults Services Section's \$100 pledge, was overcome. A resolution supporting faculty status for academic librarians was defeated by the membership in favor of a projected stronger resolution of the College and Universities Section.

The last two NYSRRT sponsored resolutions--concerning the Vietnam War and the Moritorium-- were declared out of order by President Gosnell who thereupon adjourned the meeting. Dr. Gosnell later apologized for his hasty adjournment to the speaker for the resolution, but he reaffirmed his belief that the resolutions were out of order. Also later, the official gavel disappeared creating a minor turmoil.

The next meeting of the NYSRRT is December 18. Non-members who wish to be placed on the mailing list are asked to contribute \$5.00; the RT does publish a newsletter from time to time. For information contact Valerie Rankow, NYCSRRT, Box 2688, N. Y., N. Y. 10011.

OHIO

The Ohio SRRT met October 17 during the joint Ohio/Indiana Library Associations meeting in Cincinnati. There was not time at that meeting to discuss specific projects and to start action groups, but Judith Mowery, University of Akron, intends to publish a newsletter which will list problems, projects, and people interested in working on them. The group also hopes to publicize its activities in the OLA Bulletin.

During the conference, the SRRT distributed 321.8 buttons and their statement and the National Freedom Fund statement. At the membership

meeting, the SRRT presented two motions requiring platform statements from library association candidates for office (state and national), and a motion on intellectual freedom. The motions were passed by a large majority.

The NATIONAL GALL FOR A LIBRARY REFORM will sponsor, independently of ALA, various activities during Midwinter on issues of social concern to librarians. Activities are being planned by members of SRRT, CFG, Librarians for Peace, 321.8, etcj they will include several large open meetings, applied workshops, films, etc. Special materials and resource people will be available. For further information contact National Call for a Library Reform, P. O. Box 10150, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15232.

BROTHER, GOULD YOU SPARE A DOLLAR?

The SRRT is broke! One dollar from each of you would repair our finances until we begin to collect duns. Send to Bill DeJohn, Missouri State Library, 308 East High Street, Jefferson City, Missouri 65101.

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A SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Dr. Russell E. Bidlack, Dean of the University of Michigan's newly designated Library School (Ann Arbor 98101), has appointed a Curriculum Committee which is charged with a review of the entire present library science curriculum at both the master's and the doctoral level.

Rose Vainstein, Chairman Curriculum Committee, wrote to the SRRT because of the Committee's desire and need for feedback on recommendations for specific change in library education. The Committee— five faculty members and four students — is interested in suggestions on the length of the master's program, core and elective courses, generalization vs. specialization, innovative approaches to teaching and learning, interdisciplinary needs and cognate courses, pros and cons of internships and/or field experience as an official part of the master's degree program, etc.

Does anyone have ideas for this Committee?

JOIN or START an **Olili I** and get involved

ALA SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES
ROUND TABLE- MIDWINTER 1970

The Action Council of the SRRT
invites the following ALA member,

to the meetings of the SRRT.

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Action Council

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If you intend to use the invitation opposite
at ALA Midwinter, you MUST return this card
to Bill DeJohn.

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be held atCHHugz-CHHusHuszJLsHuszJAzf dlddllmed tttt.

