

The labor unrest at the San Francisco Marriott led to the cancellation of the 2001 Coretta Scott King awards dinner originally scheduled for June 19.

The action was, at first, resisted by SRRT leaders who did not wish for the popular event to become politicized. The decision was "based on the leadership's concern that the event was becoming a pawn in a larger, more complex political agenda," said CSK Carole McCollough in a press release.

In the end the CSK committee called off the celebration when Mrs. King requested that a move be made to honor her husband's pro-labor spirit. In her letter Mrs. King stated: "I have always been proud of the Coretta Scott King Book Awards, which affirm the values of compassion, social justice, and humanitarian concerns.

However, I also have long supported the struggles of working people for union representation, decent wages and working conditions, and the thought of recipients of the Awards having to cross a picket line of working people to receive their honors is very disturbing to me." Martin Luther King was killed in 1968 in Memphis where he was supporting striking trash collectors.

The contract to have the breakfast at the Marriott had been in place since 1997 and the decision to call it off led to a large cancellation fee.

This annual event honors Coretta Scott King Award winners, who are authors and illustrators of African descent whose distinguished books promote an understanding and appreciation of the "American Dream."

*Miracle's Boys* by Jacqueline Woodson

Honor Book

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WHEREAS, ALA was responsible for knowingly contracting a conference hotel engaged in an unresolved and intense labor conflict and bears responsibility for units being scheduled in that facility;

Be it resolved that ALA headquarters cover the cost of reimbursement of the Coretta Scott King Breakfast which was scheduled at the Marriott.

Moved by Mark Rosenzweig  
Seconded by Nel Ward

Last year SRRT Action Council was made aware of some email features and services available through ALA. At the suggestion of OLOS Director, Satia Orange, and members of the SRRT Action Council, we have established a new email list, SRRTMEM, as a means to convey important messages and announcements concerning or of critical importance to all SRRT Members.

As discussed at the Midwinter and Annual SRRT Action Council Meetings in 2001 there are some stringent guidelines for this new list.

All SRRT members providing a correct email address to ALA will be listed on this list. At present only 110 SRRT members have chosen to subscribe to the SRRTAC discussion list. As of July 2001, SRRT has 1556 members. Announcements to SRRT from SRRT AC, OLOS, or other ALA bodies do not reach a majority of SRRT Members. This new list alleviates this communication problem.

Only bona fide members in good standing of SRRT will be subscribed to this new SRRTMEM list. This is an email announcement list created only for the benefit of SRRT Members.

Only four individuals are allowed to send messages to this new SRRTMEM list: The SRRT Coordinator, SRRT Treasurer, SRRT Newsletter Editor, and OLOS Director are the only persons authorized to send messages to this list. This limits the number of persons submitting messages to the list.

There can be no reply or discussion on the list. The SRRTMEM list is to be used to post critical announcements concerning SRRT. It is anticipated that more messages will be posted before Midwinter and Annual Meetings, Newsletter schedules, and other times when we need to circulate to a larger SRRT list important news or announcements or scheduling information. Discussions take place on the SRRTAC list, so if you want to discuss an item posted to the SRRTMEM list, subscribe to SRRTAC and join the dialogues there.

Only announcements concerning SRRT business (e.g., calls for nomination, SRRT or ALA committee vacancies, budgets) scheduling (e.g., SRRT meetings at Midwinter or Annual Conferences), announcements from ALA (e.g., grant availability, policy or issue statements, ALA actions) that have a major importance to SRRT will be posted to this new SRRTMEM list. Task Force Chairs can send the SRRT Coordinator a message to be posted on the SRRTMEM list providing it meet the requirements.

Our test messages last week revealed a number of email addresses no longer functional. For whatever reason these incorrect email addresses will be examined, the person contacted to determine the correct email address, and that correct address put on to the SRRTMEM list.

We ask that all of the SRRT Members on this list not send a message asking to be taken off of this list. Give this list a chance to

At the ALA Annual meeting in San Francisco, The Alternatives in Print Task Force voted unanimously to change its name to the Alternatives in Publication Task Force. This name change reflects the Task Force's interest in alternative material published in non-print formats as well as traditional print media.

Also in San Francisco, at AIP's annual Free Speech Buffet, the task force presented the 2001 Jackie Eubanks Memorial Award to Franklin Rosemont, Penelope Rosemont and Carlos Cortez for their work in rescuing and re-charging the alternative publisher of American letters, the Charles H. Kerr Publishing Company of Chicago, Illinois. Founded in 1886, the Kerr Company is the oldest ongoing publisher of socialist books and pamphlets in the United States. The press exists to publish the

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**ALA Presid**

Here is my report on the activities of the ALA Council in San Francisco. I would be happy to try to answer any questions that you may have. SRRT endorsed two resolutions for ALA Council, the first was on adding a boycott clause for ALA hotel contracts, and the second was on reducing the quorum for ALA Membership Meetings. The Government Documents Round Table also endorsed our hotel contracts resolution. Although neither resolution was adopted, they are both still under consideration. The hotel contracts resolution would make it possible to nullify contracts in situations such as we faced with the Marriott Hotel in San Francisco. The Resolutions Committee sent the proposed resolution for review by the Budget Analysis and Review Committee (BARC), and BARC supplied a Q & A response. That Committee recommended a full review and a response back in the next meeting.

The two-year project "Deciding Tomorrow Today: Libraries Build Sustainable Communities" inaugurated by the American Library Association (ALA) and Global Learning Inc., and funded by the United States Agency for International Development, reached its end. Hopefully the main goal of the project, which was to educate the members of the ALA about the connection between sustainability issues for local and global communities, was reached.

ALA members participated in training workshop in Chicago in 2000. During 2000 and 2001 they organized state-based workshops throughout the country and trained the public about the three components of sustainai



I have enjoyed my last three years as the SRRT Representative to the Literacy Assembly. I hope the new representative does so as well. OLOS Literacy Officer, Dale Lipshultz, says that I have made a big difference in the Assembly.

Three years ago, the Assembly was a mess. It was not functioning the way that it should in accord with its charge from ALA Council. Most divisions and round tables ignored the Assembly, usually fewer than five official representatives showed up.

At Midwinter, the Assembly hopes to complete a series of projects designed to get it back on track. First, policy issues have been removed from the Assembly and placed firmly in the hands of a new Standing C5e6epa-ttethe5-3.1(f)-2-6( )-6(AL)5.1

SRRT ACTION COUNCIL I

Saturday, June 16, 2001

Draft Minutes

In attendance: Carol Barta; Juanita Benedicto; Sue Belin; Mary Biblo; Cici Chapple; Yvonne Farley; Jen Ferro; Jenna Freedman; Roberta Frye; Julie Herrara; Nana Hyland; Jane Ingold; Maria Anna Jankowska; Marie Jones; Al Kagan; Rory Litwin; Dena Marger; Carole McCollough; Virginia B. Moore; Satia Orange; Melissa Riley; Mark Rosenzweig; Michael Santangelo; Ann Sparanese; Stephen J. Stillwell, Jr.; Fred Stoss; Dan Tsang; Nel Ward.

Meeting was called to order by Fred Stoss at 9:45 am.

Fred expressed SRRT's sympathy to Satia Orange on the deaths of her parents and thanked her for all her help.

Approval of minutes for AC I and II from Midwinter was tabled off to ACII.

Fred announced the location of the SRRT booth and SRRT bin for distribution of flyers and other materials.

Fred announced the results of AC elections: Mark Rosenzweig, Carolyn McCollough and Rory Litwin have each been elected for three-year terms, beginning at the close of Annual Conference, 2001.

Fred announced that SRRT has now been totally divested of Counterpoise journal.

Resolutions were move to the top of the agenda. All resolution follow the minutes.

*Resolution # 1 Resolution on ALA and the SF Marriott Boycott*

Two resolutions on the Marriott situation will be put forward in Action council. The first is the resolution that will be sent to Council for passage

Moved by Al Kagan

Seconded by Steve Stillwell

Passed Unanimously

The second resolution is a SRRT resolution on policy relating to hotels in labor disputes. This was deferred to Acton Council II.

Order of the meeting was interrupted to greet Mitch Freedman, President-Elect , who arrived at 10:15am. Mitch, a founder of SRRT, thanked the Round Table and all the organizations and

disputes.

SRRT ACTION COUNCIL II  
Monday, June 18, 2001  
Draft Minutes

In attendance: Monika Antonelli, Jenny Baltes, Sue Berlin, Ceci Chapple, Arliado Crossland, Jen Ferro, Jenna Freedman, Scott Goldy, Nan Hyland, Jane Ingold, Al Kagan, Rory Litwin, Dena Marger, Alan Mattlage, Carole McCollough, Peter McDonald, Virginia B. Moore, Eden Peart, Mark Rosenzweig, Michael Santangelo, Ann Sparanese, Fred Stoss, Rebecca Tolley-Stokes, Sam Trosow, Nel Ward.

Meeting was called to Order at 2:15 pm.

Those at the table introduced themselves.

*Treasurer's Report*

Nel reported that each task force would be given an automatic \$1000 budget in past practice. Since next budget year ends on August 31, 2002, Nel raises the idea instead each task force receives an automatic \$500, except for CSK, which produces revenues.

Resolved that:

Each Task Force, except CSK, be tentatively allocated \$500 for fiscal year 2002-2003, a figure which can be changed with the state of SRRT finances.

Moved by Nel Ward

Seconded by Mark Rosenzweig

Carries Unanimously (only SRRT AC-At-Large members may vote on budgetary item.)

*Denial of Marta Terry's Visa for IRTF Program*

Cuban Librarian Marta Terry did not arrive for IRTF program because her visa was either delayed or denied.

Resolved that: A letter be sent to George W. Bush protesting the denial of the visa.

Moved by Nel Ward

Seconded by Peter McDonald

Discussion:

The letter will be copied to IRC, and ALA Executive Board with suggestions that they might want to write their own letters.

Question was raised on how this relates to one-voice policy. It was raised that when this was originally raised, SRRT decided that we would not change our past policy and

practice.

Motion is carried unanimously.

*SRRT Newsletter Report*

Jane was congratulated on a fine issue of the newsletter.

ful.

SRRT should have a voice in any committee formed on Membership Meetings. Perhaps Satia Orange and Mary Ghikas can be enlisted to help make changes. Though Council had changed membership meeting from a no-conflict time, they are back to a conflict time. Ginny pointed out that there is a policy on how committees are formed.

- 2) There is a proposal to be considered about shortening midwinter meetings by one day. Action Council had discussion on this, with members speaking for and against.

Task Force Chairs will be receiving their packets of information concerning the upcoming ALA Midwinter and Annual Conference for 2002. Please pay close attention to the deadlines and especially your designation of the tracks into which you would like to have your events placed. If individual members of SRRT have any suggestions for Annual Conference activities please contact me directly. If you idea for a program is for a task force consideration, contact the appropriate chair of that task force. Should you have any problems with your conference planning, you can always contact SRRT's ALA Liaison, Satia Orange, Director of the Office of Literacy and Outreach Services [sorange@ala.org](mailto:sorange@ala.org) or ALA's Office for Conference Services (800) 545-2433 or (312) 280-3224.

## Coordinator's Message

I'd like to open by saying how incredibly proud I am of SRRT--VERY VERY proud.

There were several SRRT Members that made an early assessment of the labor situation at the Marriott Hotel in San Francisco, and gave some rather serious and as it turned out correct warnings. I don't think that anyone would have thought even as recent as 10 months ago that things would be as monumental as they turned out. There were a lot of individual SRRT

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