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Report on ALA Council to SRRT, January 2002

By Al Kagan, SRRT Councilor

There was a sense of normalcy at the January 2002 ALA Council meetings. The events of 9/11 influenced discussion and actions, but were very much in the background. The point is that there was no sense of urgency in the need to vigorously oppose the current repressive legislative and executive actions coming out of Washington. Luckily for ALA, there is a new group of activist members of the Intellectual Freedom Round Table who were able to get their resolution endorsed by Council's Intellectual Freedom Committee (IFC), and then approved by the ALA Council. Their resolution puts ALA on record in opposing government censorship of the news

Committee (IRC) resolutions on establishing a cooperation agreement with the Association Mexicana de Bibliotecarios and on welcoming the opening of the Bibliotheca Alexandrina in Egypt. The IRC took no actions on the WTO, but is trying to get a written statement from the US Trade Representative saying that libraries will be taken off the negotiating table. We need to continue to carefully monitor this situation.

SRRT endorsed a resolution last summer that would require ALA to insert a boycott clause in all future hotel contracts. This was in response to the union boycott of the conference headquarters hotel, the San Francisco Marriott, which so disrupted the Annual Meeting. The boycott clause would give

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ALA units are already beginning to violate ALA open meeting policy. COO has developed procedures to legally hold electronic meetings, and to authorize "virtual members" of committees who will be advisory or consulting members.

Finally, two members of the Progressive Council Caucus were candidates for the Executive

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Sofia 2002: Libraries, Civil Society, and Social Development
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On-going social, political and economic changes in western, central and eastern Europe call for a dialog between stakeholders in the information professions on development of library and information services in the context of the communication revolution. Issues of democratic and economic reforms, digital technology, information access and use, social change and democracy will constitute the core themes of the conference. Organized by the School of Library and Information Management, Emporia State University, Kansas, USA and the Department of Library and Information Sciences, "St Kliment Ohridski," University of Sofia, Bulgaria, Sofia 2002 will bring together a wide range of experts in library and information science; infrastructure, technology, international development and policy from the U.S.A., Canada, Western Europe as well as Central and Eastern Europe.

Visit the website at:
<http://slim.emporia.edu/globenet/sofia/sofia2002.html> for more information and a call for papers.

It is always good news when we have the opportunity to add to our ranks. Please welcome these new SRRT Members. If you work or live near by them, drop them a line and welcome them to SRRT. If their areas of interest are related to yours, again thank them for joining SRRT and ask if they need any assistance.

Task Force Chairs, please note the Task Force(s) in which they have indicated an interest. If you live or work nearby, drop them a line to give a friendly, "Hello! and Welcome to SRRT." Be sure to add them to your Task Force eMail discussion lists.

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The Women's National Book Association--Nashville Chapter acquired art from this year's Coretta Scott King Award--Illustrator winner (*Goin' Somewhere Special*), Jerry Pinkney, and gave it to the Nashville

Public Library in a formal presentation on Tuesday, February 12th. Patricia McKissack, author of the book was present and made remarks. The art given was the spread where Tricia Ann is looking up at the library where the words "Public Library All Are Welcome" are emblazoned above the entrance. Mr. Pinkney also gave a piece entirely unique that read: Nashville Public Library: All Are Welcome that he had originally done for the book but ended up being altered to be more universal in the final book. An interesting sidenote: the huge new Nashville Public Library is on the site of the sit-down strikes that began in Nashville.

The Special Task Force on the Status of Librarians, which was appointed last spring by Nancy Kranich during her ALA presidency, has created a website, with the help of the staff of the

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