Student Round Table 05/03/2021 Meeting

Present: Megan D., Ari, Debbie, Erin, Maggie, Maria, Steve, Tiffany, Claire

MLA Website Group Page (https://www.mnlibraryassociation.org/page/SRT) •
Instructions for joining SRT: go under profile to “groups” and then add the group. •
Stacy is working on getting everyone with a student MLA membership added, so we
don’t need to focus that much on recruitment.
• In addition, SRT members are encouraged to go join other MLA groups they are
interested in
• There are social networking aspects to the page as well—which can help students network
with professionals and potential future employers in the field
• Eventually meeting minutes will be posted on the page and leadership will be able to
email the whole membership

MLA Conference 2021
• The presentation submission deadline is May 21st and the theme of the 2021 Conference
is “Join the Movement.”
• Options include giving a 50-minute presentation, hosting a panel, or doing a group
discussion
• The annual SRT meeting will take place during the Conference, Thursday, October 7th
from 3-5pm.
• The group discussion format may best suit the SRT’s mission right now. It is important to
hold a discussion people will want to attend and participate in
• Different discussion options could include…
  o Coursework within LIS programs, as there are so many different courses and they
each impact career paths in unique ways.
  o How to enter certain fields, and the different paths to careers, as this information
is not made easily available to LIS students.
  o The barriers to entry into the profession. This discussion could be an opportunity
for students to advocate for themselves.
• Due to no consensus on the topic, Maggie will create a google doc with the application
and share so that everyone can add their input. Additional details will be discussed at
the June 7th meeting.
    Ari motioned to approve the submission of an application for an SRT group discussion at the
2021 Conference and Erin seconded. The motion was approved unanimously

Recruiting Other Schools
• All St. Kate’s students have an MLA membership, Maggie and Megan are working on
collaborating with St. Cloud and Minneapolis College to recruit additional students.

Summer/Fall Get-together
• Megan and Maggie are working with Stacy to plan a late summer/early fall get together
for SRT members.

Meeting adjourned by Megan, 5:46pm