

ALA Council I
Sunday, June 30, 2013
8:30am-11:00am
McCormick Place Convention Center, S100C
Chicago, IL

By **CONSENT**, Approved CD#2.1, the 2013 Midwinter Council Minutes.

By **CONSENT**, Approved the following slate of candidates for the 2013-2014 Committee on Committees Election: Roberto Carlos Delgadillo; John C. DeSantis; Vicki M. Emery; Barbara L. Flynn; Carey D. Hartmann; Eboni M. Henry; Julius C. Jefferson, Jr.; and Wendy Steadman Stephens. There were no floor nominations. (ALA CD#12)

By **CONSENT**, Approved the following slate of candidates for the 2013-2014 Planning and Budget Assembly Election: *Councilors-at-Large*: Nancy L. Baumann; Nicolas (Nick) H. Buron; Sue Polanka; Alexandra P. Rivera; Karen G. Schneider; and Carolyn J. Starkey. *Chapter Councilors*: Walter Betts; Hadi S. Dudley; Pamela J. Hickson-Stevenson; Majed J. Khader; Vickie Mix; and Elena Rosenfeld. There were no floor nominations. (ALA CD#12.1)

By **CONSENT**, Approved CD#12.2, Appointment of Tellers for the Council COC and PBA Elections. Tellers were: Dennis J. LeLoup; John C. Sandstrom; and Marianne Fues, chair. (ALA CD#12.3)

ADOPTED, ALA CD#39 (6/29/13), Resolution in Support of Whistleblower Edward Snowden, which read: "That that the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members:

1. recognizes Edward Snowden as a whistleblower who, in releasing information that documents government attacks on privacy, free speech, and freedom of association, has performed a valuable service in launching a national dialogue about transparency, domestic surveillance, and overclassification."

Note: The above resolution was reconsidered and referred to the Committee on Legislation and the Intellectual Freedom Committee for a report at Council III.

ADOPTED, ALA CD#37 (rev. 6/28/13), Resolution Reaffirming ALA's Commitment to Basic Literacy, which read: "That the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members:

1. reaffirms and supports the principle that lifelong literacy is a basic right for all individuals in our society and is essential to the welfare of the nation;
2. reaffirms the core value of basic literacy in its purest form must be reaffirmed as foundational to lifelong learning and is the building block for developing other literacies;
3. urges all ALA units and libraries of all types to actively seek and develop partnerships with other literacy providers; and

4. urges all ALA units and libraries of all types to make learning to read a high priority by incorporating literacy initiatives into programs and services for all users.”

ADOPTED, ALA CD#40, Declaration for the Right to Libraries Resolution, as amended to read: “That the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members:

1. endorses the Declaration for the Right to Libraries; and
2. urges that the American Library Association work to support and engage libraries and communities across the country in signing the Declaration for the Right to Libraries.”

By **CONSENT**, Postponed consideration of ALA CD#41, Resolution on Library Service to the Community in a Natural Disaster until Council II, so that the authors can take into account all of the suggestions made about resolution at Council I.

ADOPTED, ALA CD#47, Resolution Commending the Freedom to Read Foundation (FTRF) for Defending Videogames, which read: “That the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members:

1. commends the FTRF for recognizing videogames as a non-print medium in libraries worthy of First Amendment protections;
2. continues to support the Freedom to Read Foundation (FTRF) in defense of libraries when presented with challenges to videogames included in gaming collections;
3. continues to support the Freedom to Read Foundation (FTRF) and supports Game-RT so that it may be a ‘force for initiating and supporting game programming in libraries’; and
4. continues to stand by the Freedom to Read Foundation (FTRF) in alignment with the researchers, politicians and institutions that challenge unscientific studies attributing violent behavior to videogames.”

REFERRED, To the Committee on Legislation ALA CD#49, Draft Resolution on Digitization of U.S. Government Documents, which read: “That the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members:

1. supports and encourages the preservation of Federal Depository Libraries’ (FDL) paper collections;
2. opposes policies that would result in the destruction of FDL paper collections;
3. supports technologies that guarantee long-term, robust, verifiable, complete, accurate, authentic, preservable, and usable digital formats; and
4. works with the Government Printing Office (GPO) and the FDL community on developing procedures to authenticate and ingest digital content into FDsys digitizations that come from FDL libraries and federal agencies; and

5. supports the creation of an inventory of digitized government publications with records that include information on quality, completeness, accuracy, features, availability, limitations, costs, utility, and trusted preservation, and provide links to records in OCLC and GPO's *Catalog of U.S. Government Publications* so that libraries can download batch MARC metadata.”

ALA Council II
Monday, July 1, 2013
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VOTED, That all members of the ALA Scholarships and Study Grants Committee (SSCG) be appointed by the president-elect and the size of the committee be reduced from 11 members to 7 members, including the chair. (ALA CD#27.1, Item#1)

VOTED, To retire the current Committee Information Update form, to be replaced by a semi-annual report by each ALA committee and each Council committee that, as appropriate, addresses:

- Accomplishments
- Planned activities
- Issues that affect the committee’s work and their implications for the future
- Interactions with other units within ALA
- Relationship of the committee’s work to the ALA strategic plan
- Current level of committee members’ involvement (more substantive than an attendance roll)
- Committee self-check on its value and viability (update charge, discontinue committee, consolidate with another, change structure, other observations)
- Other issues of each committee’s own devising (ALA CD#27.1, Item #2)

VOTED, That the following text be incorporated into the *ALA Policy Manual* as Policy B.8.5.2.1:

B.8.5.2.1. Protect Library User Confidentiality in Self-Service Hold Practices.

ALA urges all libraries that implement self-service holds to protect patron identity by adopting practices and procedures that conceal the library user’s personally identifiable information in connection with the materials being borrowed; and, urges libraries, librarians, and the responsible bodies of ALA to work with vendors to incorporate applications into integrated library systems that enable libraries to conceal a library user’s identity in a cost-effective manner. (ALA CD#17.1, Item #1)

VOTED, That the revised text of the Guidelines for Preparation of Council Resolutions, as outlined in ALA CD#17.1, Item #2, be incorporated into Policy A.4.2.3 of the *ALA Policy Manual*.

VOTED, That the revised text of Guidelines for Preparation of Resolution for Membership Meetings, as outlined in ALA CD#17.1, Item #3, be incorporated into Policy A.7.4.10 of the *ALA Policy Manual*.

VOTED, To approve the application for affiliate status for the Library and Information Association of New Zealand Aotearoa (LIANZA). (ALA CD#25, Item #1)

VOTED, To approve the following two editorial changes to the ALA Bylaws, pursuant to Article XI, Section 2 of the ALA Bylaws.

Under Article I, Membership, Section 5: “The category to which any personal member belongs, except Honorary and Life Members, shall not be specified in the Directory and shall be regarded as confidential.” Since ALA no longer has a directory, C&B proposes that the phrase: “shall not be specified in the Directory” be removed. The section will now read:

“The category to which any personal member belongs, except Honorary and Life Members, shall be regarded as confidential.”

Under Article IV, Council, Section 6: “A vacancy in the membership of Council representing a state, provincial or territorial chapter, division or round table of the Association may be filled by the chapter or division on an interim basis.” For consistency the C&B proposes inserting the words, “or round table” in the last portion of the sentence. The section will now read: “A vacancy in the membership of Council representing a state, provincial or territorial chapter, division or round table of the Association may be filled by the chapter, division or round table on an interim basis.” (ALA CD#25, Item #2)

ADOPTED, ALA CD#44 (REV. 7/1/13), Resolution on Prayer in ALA Meetings, as amended to read:

“The American Library Association, as a secular institution in a country that is increasingly diverse religiously, refrains from having public prayers during its meetings. Moments of silence may be observed during meetings.”

REFERRED, To the Committee on Legislation and the Intellectual Freedom Committee, ALA CD#38, Resolution in Support of Whistleblower Bradley Manning, as amended to add three (3) new “Whereas” clauses, and a revised “Resolved” clause, which read:

“Whereas in 2013 ALA recognized "Edward Snowden as a whistleblower who, in releasing information that documents government attacks on privacy, free speech, and freedom of association, has performed a valuable service in launching a national dialogue about transparency, domestic surveillance, and overclassification" (CD#39, 2013); and

Whereas West's defines whistleblowing as "the disclosure by a person, usually an employee, in a government agency or private enterprise; to the public or to those in authority, of mismanagement, corruption, illegality, or some other wrongdoing" (West's Encyclopedia of Law, 2005); and

Whereas Bradley Manning had an obligation under US Army Subject Schedule No. 27-1 based on the Geneva Conventions to report war crimes; and

Resolved, that the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members: recognizes Bradley Manning as a whistleblower who fulfilled his duty to report war crimes under U.S. law and the Geneva Conventions.”

ADOPTED, ALA CD#41, Rev. 7/1/13, Resolution on Library Service to the Community in a Natural Disaster, as amended to revise resolution heading; add a new “Whereas” clause; and revise the “Resolved” clause to read:

“Whereas the American Library Association has recognized and encouraged library service to local communities during disasters in the past;

Resolved, that the American Library Association (ALA) on behalf of its members.

1. acknowledges that many libraries across the country have provided library and emergency services in disasters including storms, fires, earthquakes and floods and applauds those actions;
2. recognizes the significant contributions of libraries and library staff who have provided effective emergency response/recovery services, and responded to the needs of their communities following hurricanes Sandy and Irene in ways that go above and beyond the regular call of duty; and
3. sends a letter acknowledging the work and contributions of libraries and library staff to the State Chapters in the affected states to be passed on to the appropriate parties and ensure that such a letter is sent whenever libraries lead community recovery.”

DEFEATED, ALA CD#42, Resolution on Divestment of Holdings in Fossil Fuel Companies and Libraries’ Role in a Peaceful Transition to a Fossil-Free Economy, as amended to read: “The American Library Association, on behalf of its members:

1. begins divesting in the fossil fuel industry by excluding our three holdings in the “Filthy Fifteen” named in the Endowment Trustees’ Information Report to BARC that have ‘little or no significant negative impact’ in the short term on ALA.”

VOTED, To reconsider and refer ALA CD#39 (6/29/13), Resolution in Support of Whistleblower Edward Snowden, to the Intellectual Freedom Committee and the Committee on Legislation for a report back at Council III.

ALA Council III
Tuesday, July 2, 2013, 7:45am-9:15am
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ADOPTED, The following memorials: Brooke E. Sheldon, M-#12; Lillian Miles Lewis, M-#13; Jack C. Gerts, II, M-#14; Herb Davis, M-#15; Carolyn Forsman, M-#16; Russell Shank, M-#17; Connie Van Fleet, M-#18; Jacqueline Mancall, M-#19; Eva Efron, M-#20; Ed Johnson, M-#21; Margaret “Peg” Hallisey, M-#22; Robert O. Ellett, Jr., M-#23; and Fredrick McKissack, M-#24.

ADOPTED, The following tributes: 40th Anniversary of the Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA), T-#2; Abba Al Hadi, T-#3; and 15th Anniversary of the Spectrum Scholarship Program, T-#4 .

APPROVED, The Annual Estimates of Income FY2014 ALA Budgetary Ceiling of \$63,944,617 (ALA CD#13.2, ALA Treasurer's Report)

ELECTED, To the 2013-2014 Council Committee on Committees (COC) for One-Year Terms: Roberto Carlos Delgadillo; John D. DeSantis; Eboni M. Henry; and Julius C. Jefferson, Jr. (ALA CD#12.3, Council Tellers Report) **NOTE**: COC will be chaired by 2013-2014 ALA President-Elect Courtney L. Young.

ELECTED, To the 2013-2014 Planning and Budget Assembly (PBA). Chapter Representatives for Two-Year Terms (2013-2015): Hadi S. Dudley; Pamela J. Hickson-Stevenson; and Elena Rosenfeld. (ALA CD#12.3, Council Tellers Report)

ELECTED, To the 2013-2014 Planning and Budget Assembly (PBA). Councilors-at-Large Representatives for Two-Year Terms (2013-2015): Nicolas (Nick) H. Buron; and Karen G. Schneider. Councilor-at-Large Representative for One-Year Term (2013-2014): Sue Polanka. (ALA CD#12.3, Council Tellers Report)

ADOPTED, ALA CD# 20.4 (COL) and ALA CD#19.2 (IFC), Resolution on the Need for Reforms for the Intelligence Community to Support Privacy, Open Government, Government Transparency, and Accountability, as amended to read: "That the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members:

1. reaffirms its unwavering support for the fundamental principles that are the foundation of our free and democratic society, including a system of public accountability, government transparency, and oversight that supports people's right to know about and participate in our government;
2. calls upon the U.S. Congress, President Obama, and the Courts, in light of present revelations related to NSA's surveillance activities conducted pursuant to orders issued by the Foreign Intelligent Surveillance Court (FISC) under Sections 215 and 702 of the USA PATRIOT Act, to reform our nation's climate of secrecy, overclassification, and secret law regarding national security and surveillance, to align with these democratic principles;
3. urges the U.S. Congress and President Obama to provide authentic protections that prevent government intimidation and criminal prosecution of government employees and private contractors who make lawful disclosures of wrong doing in the intelligence community;
4. calls upon the public to engage in and our members to lead public dialogues discussing the right to privacy, open government and balancing civil liberties and national security;
5. encourages the public to support bills and other proposals that both secure and protect our rights to privacy, free expression and free association and promote a more open, transparent government; and
6. expresses its thanks and appreciation to the members of Congress who work to protect our privacy and civil liberties."

NOTE: The above resolution was adopted as a substitute resolution for the following resolutions referred to the Committee on Legislation (COL) and the Intellectual Freedom Committee (IFC): 2013 MW CD#36, Resolution Reaffirming ALA Support for Whistleblowers; 2013 AC CD#38, Resolution in Support of Whistleblower Bradley Manning; and 2013 AC CD# 39, Resolution in Support of Whistleblower Edward Snowden.

ADOPTED, ALA CD# 20.5, Resolution Urging Congress to Designate the Government Printing Office as the Lead Agency to Manage the Lifecycle of Digital United States Government Information, which read: “That the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members:

1. urges Congress designate the Government Printing Office the lead agency to develop a United States federal government-wide strategy for managing the lifecycle of digital government publications, documents, information, and web sites;
2. urges Congress authorize the Government Printing Office to develop and administer standards and procedures for the United States federal government which include rules for dismantling sites and archiving web content, including the preservation of all pertinent data protocols, documentation, and software programs for evaluating and manipulating the content for permanent public access;
3. urges Congress require that the Government Printing Office consult with the United States federal publishing agencies, the National Libraries, and professional library and archiving groups in the development of these standards and procedures;
4. urges Congress provide the Government Printing Office sufficient funding to handle the archiving of web content, to perform its duties on an ongoing basis and additional funding as necessary to fully assist agencies when they are forced to decommission a web site.”

ADOPTED, CD#19.3, Resolution Supporting Librarians Sued for Doing Their Professional Duty, which read: “That the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members:

1. most strongly urges publishers to refrain from actions such as filing libel suits when in disagreement with librarians who have publically shared their professional opinions and instead to rely upon the free exchange of views in the marketplace of ideas to defend their interests as publishers.”

ADOPTED, ALA CD#50, A Resolution to Decrease Printing for Council Meetings, which read: “That the American Library Association (ALA) Council, on behalf of its members:

1. requests the Executive Director to develop and implement an opt-in program for Councilors to elect to receive electronic-only Council documents and reduce the number of regularly printed copies of documents.”