Council Forum I

Topic 1 – Resolution condemning police violence (IFRT)

BIPOC – Resolve #1 just mentions Black, suggested to change to BIPOC, Martin wasn’t sure, but will bring back to the movers for consistency

Suggested for 2 Actions – Systemic Racism & Treatment of Journalist – splitting the resolution in to 2

Others agreed

Was originally sent to EB to make a statement – they suggested it be brought before council

One member mentioned another resolution to specifically speak to police in libraries

One member spoke to the resolution speaking more to police violence so makes sense to include both BIPOC and journalist on one resolution

*[It was brought up that the deadline for resolutions has come and gone*

*Question if memorials are included in the hard and fast deadline, the understanding was that it was, but could try*

*Decision regarding deadline was decided some time ago, governance office needed more time to prepare everything and wouldn’t have time for last minute resolutions] - Procedural and not related to topic*

Security policy resolution doesn’t deal with IF, so different from this resolution

Topic 2 – Resolution protecting privacy and safety with Corona virus

Most resolutions don’t just affirm, but want to have action taken

Contact tracking software? Is it that we shouldn’t send information from tracking software? What about patrons who come into the library ID as testing positive

Response was don’t want libraries to be tracking who was where when and then have to provide that information to the authorities

Is there an ability for patrons to opt in?

Some may feel pressured to give consent

Concern regarding this life & death situation, not an IF concern because not giving information regarding what is being viewed/checked out, just who was in the library

Responded that some libraries do not give information when called regarding if someone is in the library

What about staff who contract the virus?

Concern that resolve clauses being too vague

Some attendees reported on what was happening at their libraries

Safety during pandemic. How are libraries putting staff at risk? Should it be considered from this perspective?

Resolve clause 3, what was the expected action? Answer – what should we be doing to protect peoples safety. Agreed that it is a little vague

Again, all resolves should have an action item

Be mindful that libraries have been given directives that they have to participate in contact tracing

Perhaps some language from the Patriot Act resolutions

Question regarding resolve clauses giving direction to ALA to create guidance

Response regarding how to make changes

Membership wants ALA to be more “outspoken” in regards to safety for library staff

Some discussion regarding ALA acting as a union and a reminder that our tax status keeps us from taking some actions

Susan reminded everyone that they can contact the movers of resolutions with suggestions