

Although Council generally commended the task force and the ALA staff for its efforts in providing electronic information access, several Councilors said they wanted to continue receiving printed Council documents. President-Elect Somerville acknowledged the request and said distribution of paper copies would continue.

Councilors Mary Elizabeth Wendt and Bernard Margolis moved and Council

*VOTED*, To approve CD#41.1, Resolution A, in principle and refer to BARC all matters with fiscal implications with a report back to Council by the 1997 Midwinter Meeting.

Councilor Liz Bishoff, chair, moved and by *CONSENT*, Council approved in principle CD#41.1, Resolution B, Council Listserve, and referred it to BARC for review.

Councilor Liz Bishoff, chair, then moved and by *CONSENT*, Council voted that the Executive Director should report annually to Council on the application of technology to the conduct of Association affairs.

In closing Bishoff recognized and acknowledged committee members and ALA staff who assisted the committee.

*ALA SUNSET POLICY, CD#32.1B, Exhibit 44.* Substituting for Marva DeLoach, COO chair, Councilor Diedre Conkling, COO member, moved the adoption of CD#32.1, ALA Sunset Policy. Councilor Judith Adams said she felt the document was premature. She pointed out that there was no indication that the document had received formal endorsement from the Committee on Organization and asked that the motion be withdrawn. President-Elect Somerville indicated that only the maker of the motion could withdraw it. Hearing that, Councilors Judith Adams and Alex Bloss moved that CD#32.1 be tabled. Council then *DEFEATED* the motion to table and proceeded with the discussion. Councilors Sheila Intner and Alex Bloss moved that CD#32.1, Sunset Policy, be referred back to the Committee on Organization to be recast by adding a policy statement so that the document would include both the policy and the procedures by which it should be carried out.

After a brief discussion, Councilor Martin Gomez and seconder moved to amend the motion by referring CD#32.1, Sunset Policy to the Policy Monitoring Committee instead of to the Committee on Organization. The amendment was *DEFEATED*. Council then returned to the discussion to refer CD#32.1 to COO and

*VOTED*, That CD#32.1, Sunset Policy, be referred back to the Committee on Organization to be recast by adding a policy statement and recasting the document in those terms, i.e., that of a policy and a procedure.

*MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT, CD#55, Exhibit 55.* Sally Reed, chair, said that the Membership Committee was concerned that Membership Meetings, which in the past have been scheduled at no-conflict times, had been scheduled at the same time as other meetings and programs at this conference. Reed noted that according to a member of the American Institute of Parliamentarians, a long-standing custom like the no-conflict Membership Meetings, had the status of a standing rule. Reed said that the Executive Board had suggested that the Membership Committee propose a bylaws amendment concerning no-conflict Membership Meetings so that there would be no question about the no-conflict issue in the future. Reed then moved that Council approve the proposed changes to Bylaws Article II, Sec. 4, as outlined in CD#55. [Suggested changes underlined] "Membership Meetings. A membership meeting consists of the voting members of the Association with authority to act as set out in Article VI, Sections 4(a) and 4(c) of the Constitution. A membership meeting will be held at a no-conflict time during the annual conference and at such other times as may be set by the Executive Board, Council or by membership petition as provided for in Article II, Section 2, of the Bylaws. All membership meetings will be scheduled at times that will permit the largest number of members to attend the meetings."

Councilor Judy Arteag and seconder moved that CD#55 be referred to the ALA Conference Committee. Councilor Robert Holley proposed an editorial amendment to add the word *places* after the words *scheduled at times*. The amendment was accepted by Sally Reed. Councilor Judith Adams proposed another editorial amendment to add an *s* to the word *Meeting*. Reed also agreed to this amendment.

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That we move to approve in principle and refer to BARC for review the statement on the use of the Council listserv. (Consent.)

PRES.-ELECT SOMERVILLE: Is there objection? Hearing no objection, the motion passes. (Applause.)

LIZ BISHOFF: Sometimes I'm a slow learner, but I do get it.

And then resolution C., that we --

We move that the Executive Director shall report annually to Council on The application of technology to the conduct of the association's affairs. (Consent.)

PRES.-ELECT SOMERVILLE: Is there objection? The motion passes.

LIZ BISHOFF: Thank you all. Oh, wait, wait, wait. I've got to say the nice things. (Laughter.)

LIZ BISHOFF: I'm sorry, it's so late. I want to take this opportunity to recognize and acknowledge the work of my committee, Judy Arteaga, Charles Beard, Wilfred Fong, Peter Graham, Charles Harmon, and Mary Moore. We worked very quickly. We didn't get started until the fall. We used our telecommunications capabilities and we were able to move this through at probably almost record speed. I'd also like to thank the ALA headquarter's staff and management for their support and assistance including Filippa Genovese, Lois Ann Gregory-Wood, Emily Melton, Mary Ghikas, and Elizabeth Martinez. Thank you all.

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PRES.-ELECT SOMERVILLE: Thank you, Liz. As directed by Council during Council II, we will now take up a discussion of Council document 32.1, the sunset policy. And I call upon Councilor Sarah Pritchard to move the document. And I see her at Microphone number 7 with a colleague.

DIEDRE CONKLING: Sarah just won't talk today. We'd like to move the passage of the ALA sunset policy submitted by the ALA Committee on Organization. This was introduced yesterday. It was introduced yesterday and COO is responding to a charge from Council of two years ago. We looked at a lot of the options and we think it uses accountability and flexibility. So we'd like to move the passage of this.

PRES.-ELECT SOMERVILLE: Is there a discussion? Microphone number 4.

JUDITH ADAMS: Councilor for Lama. I'd like to suggest that this document is premature at this time. There is no indication in the document that there is formal endorsement by the Council --

Committee on Organization. I think that we need to withdraw it because it indicates that this is policy. There's no indication of where it fits into the policy manual. And it also is somewhat in draft form. The sentence at the end of the second paragraph at the top says, "COO shall make recommendations to the body and/or to Council as to continuance, discontinue answer, or reorganization of bodies."

I'd like to move that the document be withdrawn.

PRES.-ELECT SOMERVILLE: Only the maker of the motion may draw it. I've been --

I've just been informed. Does the maker wish to withdraw?

DIEDRE CONKLING: No. I will then move to table the document.

PRES.-ELECT SOMERVILLE: Is there --

There is a motion to table which is in effect a motion to kill. It requires --

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Is there a second? (Seconded. (

PRES.-ELECT SOMERVILLE: All right. It has been moved and seconded to table which the chair interprets the wording as a motion to kill. Since this would cut off discussion, a two-thirds vote is required. And there is no debate.

Those in favor of tabling the motion, please rise. (Standing.)

PRES.-ELECT SOMERVILLE: Please be seated. Those opposed, please rise. (Standing.)

PRES.-ELECT SOMERVILLE: The motion is defeated. Division of the house has been called for. I will ask the tellers to come forward. We will ask for a rising vote again.

All those in favor of tabling, please rise. A two-thirds vote in the affirmative is required. (Standing.)

PRES.-ELECT SOMERVILLE: You may be seated.

All those opposed, please rise. (Standing.)

PRES.-ELECT SOMERVILLE: Thank you. You may be seated. And we will await the results. The vote was 50 for and 80 against. The motion is defeated. We will proceed with the prior discussion.

Microphone number 8.

SHEILA INTNER: Councilor-at-Large. I would like to move that we refer this back to COO for recasting it in the terms of a policy with an attached procedure. This appears to be a procedure without a policy.

PRES.-ELECT SOMERVILLE: Is there a second? (Seconded.)

PRES.-ELECT SOMERVILLE: It has been moved and seconded to refer the matter to COO. Is there a discussion on this motion? Microphone number 4.

PAMELA SPENCER: Councilor for YALSA. I will support this because I haven't had a chance to say anything to my YALSA board about this. Our meeting was moved so I thank you for letting us have a shot at it.

PRES.-ELECT SOMERVILLE: Microphone number 4?

ALEXANDER BLOSS: Councilor from ALCTS. We can't support it in its current form because it's not a real policy statement but more an implementation statement. Thank you.

PRES.-ELECT SOMERVILLE: Microphone number 8?

JULIE CUMMINS: Councilor-at-Large. I speak against the motion to refer. We have been asking for COO to bring us exactly this kind of procedure and policy. Let's give this a shot. It places back in the hands of the units and the bodies the ability to do the initial work which then comes back to COO. Please do not refer.

PRES.-ELECT SOMERVILLE: Microphone number 3?

CAROL PARKHURST: LITA Councilor. We support the reviews of bodies in order to support ALA goals and eliminate unnecessary duplication. In fact, LITA has placed a renewal process for our internal bodies which we call interest groups that has resulted in the discontinuance of a number of interest groups.

However, we cannot support this draft policy as written. While we don't assume that a division will never be discontinued, we feel a complex review of this nature on such a frequent basis, which is essentially every 12 meetings of the association, is not likely to

be a productive use of staff or members' time. For this reason, I would support the motion to refer this back to COO and allow for further dialogue on the matter.

PRES.-ELECT SOMERVILLE: Microphone number 4.

>> Janet Swanhill: Councilor-at-Large. I support the motion to refer primarily on the basis that this is not a policy. COO was directed to produce a policy. This is a statement of process only. We are not told what this is in aid of, what good we are supposed to be accomplishing by means of this. And this is not a lot of time to consider it.

PRES.-ELECT SOMERVILLE: Microphone number 7.

>> We think that the principles are clearly stated in this document. If Council approves the process as outlined, COO will work with the policy monitoring committee to put it into a more policy-like format. We --

There are many instances in the policy manual where this kind of procedure occurs.

PRES.-ELECT SOMERVILLE: Microphone 4?

ALEXANDER BLOSS: Councilor from ALCTS. I'd just like to quote from STURGIS which defines a policy says an adopted statement belief or practice of an organization. The majority of this document refers to process, lines of inquiry, and definitions, and I do not think that this is a statement of policy. Thank you.

BETH BINGHAM: I want to speak on this as a former member of COO. We worked for two years getting this language to be able to bring to this body. I've been off the committee for a year. And to send it back is going to make us go retrospectively back to rehashed information. The whole purpose of COO is to look at committee structure, to do what we're charged to do to try and get in line and to streamline the organization, and to have units police themselves so that we don't have all the redundancy in the organization. So I'm against referring it back because we're just adding at least two or three more years to the process.

PRES.-ELECT SOMERVILLE: Microphone 3?

PETER GRAHAM: Councilor-at-Large. I think it's possible to get in our own way with excessive formalism. I think there are two issues about this document. One is the question is it a policy or is it not a policy? The other is there are some substantive issues people have raised and do want to talk about that I think are important. To move to refer, I hope that you do not do so because it is not a policy. If you are uncomfortable with that, I suggest we amend it and call it ALA sunset procedures and be done with it and ask COO to come up with a policy statement which I suspect ten of you could write in ten minutes and I can predict what the sentences would be. We're not unfamiliar with sunset is and what its purpose is in an organization. There are substantive issues we should be talking about and I urge we continue with those and not the issue of whether it's a policy or not.

DIEDRE CONKLING: We'd like to refer you to the policy manual which we believe overrides STURGIS which says the guiding principles that provide the framework --

Policies are providing principles that provide the framework for the relationship between ALA and its membership divisions. Policies reflect the views and thinking of the membership and provide a guide to action to achieve the goals of the American Library Association.



PRES.-ELECT SOMERVILLE: Microphone 3.

MARY BIBLO: Councilor-at-Large. I wish to agree with Peter Graham. I believe that's who he is. And his previous statements in relation to a sunset policy. I think we should be a little more cure a just and a little more bold and take a stab at this and not refer it to COO. We heard yesterday that COO could not get a quorum together to conduct some of their business. I'm afraid --

I'm afraid if we send it to COO, we might not ever get it back again. Thank you.

PRES.-ELECT SOMERVILLE: Microphone 3.

SUSAN STROYAN: Councilor-at-Large and member of the self-study committee who brought this to the floor a year or so ago and we were very supportive of the concept and I want to go on record as supportive of the concept but I am going to vote for the motion to defer --

To refer because I think it's very important that we have consensus of our different units and it seems to me it's clear this morning that we don't. So not only would I like to see us refer but I'd like to encourage COO to bring together members from the different units and to discuss this and to come up with something that they can be satisfied with and be a party to. (Applause.)

PRES.-ELECT SOMERVILLE: Microphone 8?

JUDY ARTEAGA: Chapter Councilor from Alaska and also I sit on the ASL board and I'd like to endorse the move to refer. Our board needs to have an opportunity to review this and I support the previous speaker in calling for units to be working with COO. Thank you.

PRES.-ELECT SOMERVILLE: Microphone 4?

MARTIN GOMEZ: Councilor-at-Large. I'd like to suggest a substitute motion which I have a second to as well. I want to thank COO for doing the work. I think they put a lot of time into this. And perhaps the more appropriate place to refer this to would be to the policy monitoring committee which as I read in the manual is to prepare additions or changes to ALA policy. I think there's enough substance here for the policy monitoring committee to come back to us perhaps at mid-winter in a policy format and a recommendation where this might actually fit into the policy manual.

PRES.-ELECT SOMERVILLE: I've been told that this is an amendment to the motion to refer and you do have a second? (Seconded.)

PRES.-ELECT SOMERVILLE: All right. The amendment to the motion to refer is to refer instead to the policy monitoring committee.

Is there discussion on --

Further discussion on that motion? Microphone number 7.

ROBERT FRANKLIN: Councilor-at-Large. I'm shortly about to be out of order so I'll speak fast. Let's not refer this to anything. Everybody's behaved quite properly. Council is not giving up any of its prerogatives. No policy is being set behind our backs. We need to move ahead. COO has done their job. The other people have done their job. Let's not refer this to anybody at all. Let's just vote it. I'm not calling the question. I'm against referring it to the policy monitoring and I'm against also before you call me out of order to refer it on the basis of the previous amendment.

PRES.-ELECT SOMERVILLE: Microphone 8?

SHEILA INTNER: Councilor-at-Large. I'd like to vote --

I'd like to speak against the amendment to change the referral to another committee. I think this is --

I think COO has worked on it long and hard and like anything you work on long and hard sometimes you can't deal with it in an objective way. And I think if they stepped back for a very short time and came back to the document having heard this body's discussion, we will get a wonderful document from COO at mid-winter. And I would like to speak against the amendment.

PRES.-ELECT SOMERVILLE: Microphone 3?

HERBERT BIBLO: Councilor-at-Large. I may be off the mark. But I'm not certain that the policy monitoring committee can establish policy. They only incorporate policy into our manual. And for us to forward something to them it would be out of order, I think.

PRES.-ELECT SOMERVILLE: Microphone 4?

BERNARD MARGOLIS: Councilor-at-Large. I believe that there is a misinterpretation of the role of policy monitoring. I don't think that is the proper body for referral. I think referral back to COO is appropriate. My one distress, though, is that it's nice when we were first coming to a committee to give them guidance in terms of our thinking and concerns and I'm not sure that the debate today has informed anyone with regard to that. If the issues are that a review every six years is too often, then we need to articulate that. If there are other elements about the policy or the procedure as articulated by the committee so far, I think we need to give them better guidance in terms of the direction of changes that we desire from them. So I'm hoping we can have a little bit of focus on that before referring it back to COO.

PRES.-ELECT SOMERVILLE: Microphone 4? Microphone 4?

JACK FORMAN: Councilor-at-Large. I just want to say this motion affects divisions and other units of ALA. And if they haven't had time to consider this motion, it is premature for us to be discussing it. We need their input. So anything that works to refer is better than anything to vote prematurely. Thank you.

PRES.-ELECT SOMERVILLE: Microphone 3.

MARY ANDERSON: Councilor-at-Large. I truly think the divisions need time to look at the document. They are --

They are the units, major units. Most things that come to us as policy have gone through that process. I'm very much in favor of what COO has done. I like the proposal. But I really think we need to hear from our divisions first. So I speak in opposition to this referral. I think letting it go back to COO and letting them send it out to the divisions is the way to go.

PRES.-ELECT SOMERVILLE: Microphone 4?

HERBERT BIBLO: Point of order. Point of order.

PRES.-ELECT SOMERVILLE: State your point of order.

HERBERT BIBLO: We're supposed to be discussing the amendment on the board. Either it's out of order or we have to vote it up or down. But we're talking about referring to COO when that's not the motion on the board. I think the parliamentarian will agree with me.

PRES.-ELECT SOMERVILLE: No, the actual wording is an amendment to strike the word "COO" and insert, "Policy monitoring committee" in the motion to refer. So that's what it should state. Thank you. Microphone number 4.

PAMELA SPENCER: YALSA Councilor and I'm going to beg everyone's indulgence since this is still new to me. I think what we're hearing is we want our divisions to have a chance to respond. All I want to know is what's the easiest way to do this. Can't I just say wouldn't it be nice to say couldn't we talk about this at mid-winter as a whole document instead of referring back and forth? But I don't know all the proper little terms I'm supposed to be using right now.

PRES.-ELECT SOMERVILLE: Microphone 4?

MARTIN GOMEZ: That was part of my intent, I think, in making the substitution. But given the discussion I've had with several Councilors, I would be willing to withdraw my amendment to strike what's up on the board. (Applause.)

PRES.-ELECT SOMERVILLE: The immediate --

Immediately-pending motion with a withdrawal of that motion, the immediately-pending motion is to refer the matter to COO. We will now go back to discussion of that.

Microphone 7.

DIEDRE CONKLING: Councilor-at-Large. We'd like to point out that the substance of the sunset policy that is here was in Council document 32 at mid-winter. And we've just added the applicability section. But as far as having had the chance to take this to your divisions and all, it has been there.

PRES.-ELECT SOMERVILLE: Microphone 4?

WILLIAM ROBERTS: ALA Councilor. I'd like to move the question. Call for the question. Whatever you want to label it.

PRES.-ELECT SOMERVILLE: Okay. A two-thirds vote is required to close debate because the motion --

Is there a second? (Seconded.)

PRES.-ELECT SOMERVILLE: All right. It's been moved and seconded that debate be closed. Those in favor, please rise. (Standing.)

PRES.-ELECT SOMERVILLE: Thank you. You may be seated. All those opposed, please rise. (Standing.)

PRES.-ELECT SOMERVILLE: The motion carries. Clearly.

We will now move to the vote to refer --

Refer the matter to COO. Council document 32.1 to COO. That is the motion before us.

All those in favor, please rise. (Standing.)

PRES.-ELECT SOMERVILLE: Thank you. You may be seated.

All those opposed, please rise. (Standing.)

PRES.-ELECT SOMERVILLE: The motion carries.

I now call upon Sally Reed, chair of the membership committee, to present her report. Microphone 3.

SALLY REED: Councilor-at-Large and chair of the membership committee. As most of you are aware, our Membership Meetings this year were scheduled in conflict