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RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH AN ALA COMMITTEE ON
LIBRARY STATISTICS

WHEREAS,

ALA's Strategic Long Range Plan emphasizes information tools and technologies which assist librarians in providing services responsive to the changing needs of society; and

WHEREAS,

Regular collection and distribution of reliable and timely national statistics related to U.S. libraries, and about all sources of library funding, are essential in order for library managers, policy planners, and researchers to support responsible library programming and planning; and

WHEREAS,

The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) in April, 1988, was assigned expanded statutory authority relating to library statistics as a result of passage of PL 100-297 Hawkins-Stafford Elementary and Secondary School Improvement Amendment of 1988; and

WHEREAS,

The multiple ALA units involved with library statistics require a single Association locus to coordinate and communicate with NCES and other concerns involved with U.S. library statistics in order to present coherent and consistent policies; and

WHEREAS,

LAMA's Statistics Section is not authorized to represent the profession's multi-faceted perspectives related to library statistics to NCES and other national statistical concerns; and

WHEREAS,

The current charge of the National Data Collection and Use Committee of the Statistics Section of LAMA does not include serving as liaison to NCES for recommendations concerning library statistics at the national level; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED,

That a new ALA standing Committee on Statistics be established to coordinate the Association's policy and activities in this area to provide high visibility for ALA's concern about the importance of a national statistics program for libraries; and be it further
RESOLVED,

That the charge for such an ALA Committee on Statistics incorporate the charge to the LAMA Statistics Section National Data Collection and Use Committee, revising this charge to incorporate library statistics policy issues at the national level; and be it further
RESOLVED,

That the proposed ALA Statistics Committee establish linkages between the LAMA Statistics Section Committees, the Office for Research, the Washington Office, and all other ALA groups concerned with library statistics (e.g., ACRL, PLA, GODORT, MAGERT, etc.) to facilitate communications and coordinate efforts related to the improvement of our national system for library statistics.

SPONSOR:

- Executive Committee
- Statistics Section
- Library Administration and Management Association

POLICY:

ALA Policy Manual Sect. I, 1.3B(3) and 1.3F, Sect. 51, par. 5.

ENDORSED BY:

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