

Item #4
(PM, p. 136)

ALA Policy 6.5 Units: Add new paragraphs:

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If divisions, round tables, other ALA membership units, or committees are thought to have violated the ALA Constitution, Bylaws, or Policies, the Council is empowered to take actions to ensure compliance with established ALA policy. The Council, ALA Executive Board, or other designated body may investigate the actions of the unit or committee and recommend a course of action. Actions that may be taken include, but are not limited to, internal sanction, limiting communication and/or spending by the unit or committee, or disestablishment of the unit or committee.

If violations are found to be the result of an individual member presuming to act in the name of the Association without the approval of the parent body, the ALA Executive Board may, under the authority of the Constitution (Article III, Section I), suspend that individual's membership in the American Library Association.

[This is to accomplish the intent of 1993-94 CD#22.1, which Council adopted.]

American Library Association

1993-94 CD#22.1

Committee on Organization

1994 Annual Conference, Miami Beach

Report to Council

I. Action Items:

A. Units which violate ALA policy.

As reported to Council at Midwinter, the Executive Board asked COO to recommend a course of action to be taken when an ALA unit violates existing policy. In response to this request, COO has developed the following language which we recommend Council approve as policy:

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B. Coordinating Committee on Access to Information.

In response to a request from the Coordinating Committee on Access to Information, COO is recommending that the Committee be disestablished.

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