

CD # 71

(Reinstated)

**RESOLUTION: FEE CHARGES FOR INFORMATION AND REFERENCE**

**WHEREAS**

THE LIBRARY BILL OF RIGHTS STATES THAT LIBRARIES ARE "INSTITUTIONS OF EDUCATION FOR DEMOCRATIC LIVING", AND

**WHEREAS**

OUR NATIONAL INTEREST REQUIRES ASSURED AND READY ACCESS TO INFORMATION BY ALL CITIZENS, AND ACCESS TO INFORMATION SHOULD NOT BE A FUNCTION OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S ABILITY TO PAY FOR IT, AND

**WHEREAS**

THE BURGEONING OF EXPENSIVE COMPUTERIZED BIBLIOGRAPHIC DATA FILES HAS RESULTED IN INCREASING AMOUNT OF FEE CHARGING THAT EFFECTIVELY DISCRIMINATES AGAINST THOSE WHO CANNOT AFFORD TO PAY FOR INFORMATION, AND

**WHEREAS**

THE LIBRARY BILL OF RIGHTS CANNOT BE IMPLEMENTED WHEN INFORMATION IS SUPPRESSED AT ANY POINT IN THE TRANSFER TO THE USER, AND

**WHEREAS**

INSUFFICIENT DATA IS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE ON THE EXTENT OF FEE-CHARGING IN LIBRARIES,

**WHEREAS**

AN INCREASING NUMBER OF TAX-SUPPORTED LIBRARIES HAVE BEGUN TO CHARGE FOR INTERLIBRARY LOAN AND REFERENCE SERVICES, AND

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**

THAT AN AD HOC COMMITTEE BE SET UP TO DISCOVER THE VARIETY OF FEES CURRENTLY BEING CHARGED FOR REFERENCE AND INFORMATION SERVICES BY TAX-SUPPORTED LIBRARIES, AND

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**

THAT THE AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT TO COUNCIL AT MIDWINTER (1977) ON THEIR FINDINGS AND ALSO PROVIDE SUGGESTIONS OF ALTERNATIVES TO THE CHARGING OF FEES.

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GUIDELINES  
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