

## 7.1.3

At the 2009 Midwinter Meeting, Council approved, CD #38, Resolution on Access for Physical Mobility Impaired Conference Attendees, which added a paragraph to Policy 7.1.3, and CD #39, which contained instructions regarding accessible computer workstations, also to be added at the end of Policy 7.1.3, which are the last two paragraphs of the following policy:

### 7.1.3 Conference Arrangements for Participants with Disabilities

Local arrangements committees, headquarters staff, exhibitors, and others involved in the planning and execution of conferences and meetings of the Association shall be aware of and sensitive to the problems of conference participants with disabilities, in the selection, planning, and layout of all conference facilities, especially meeting rooms and exhibit areas.

The Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies Library Service to the Deaf Forum is responsible for coordinating interpretive services to the deaf. This includes determining meetings to be interpreted with assistance from all units, in identifying programs of particular interest to the deaf, engaging interpreters, and publicizing the schedule of interpretive meetings. The Conference Services Office will work with a liaison from the ASCLA Library Service to the Deaf Forum to assure that a minimum of 35 hours of interpretive service shall be provided for from the general fund at both Midwinter Meeting and Annual Conference. ALA also encourages all units to provide interpreters for unit programs that can be shown to be of particular interest to deaf conferees.

Assistive devices for attendees with physical mobility impairments shall be made available by reservation. Devices not reserved in advance shall be made available on a first-come, first-served basis. Using whatever means necessary, these devices shall be located adjacent to the conference center's main entrance or to the primary registration area for pick-up and delivery.

Accessible workstations shall be identified by raised identifier flags extending from the monitors of those workstations, and that in clusters of computer workstations made available to event attendees, accessible workstations shall always be placed at the first seat(s) of the first row(s) of the cluster.

## Resolution on Access for Physical Mobility Impaired

### Conference Attendees

Whereas, access is one of ALA's core values (#40.1); and

Whereas, ALA prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in the "use of any facilities" during conferences and includes this policy as "a part of ALA contracts for the use of space" (7.1.1); and

Whereas, the current arrangements for providing assistive devices (i.e., electric scooters and wheelchairs) for people with physical mobility impairments constitutes an unnecessary barrier to equal participation in the association and its conferences;

#### **Now, therefore, be it resolved by ALA Council that**

1. ALA adds the following paragraph to the end of policy #7.1.3, Conference Arrangements for Participants with Disabilities:

"Assistive devices for attendees with physical mobility impairments shall be made available by reservation. Devices not reserved in advanced shall be made available on a first-come, first-served basis. Using whatever means necessary, these devices shall be located adjacent to the conference center's main entrance or to the primary registration area for pick-up and delivery."

2. ALA implements this policy in time for the July 2009 Annual Conference.

Endorsed by ASCLA Board of Directors, 1/26/2009

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# ALA RESOLUTION FORM

This Form *must* be filled out and attached to all resolutions submitted to Council by voting Council members. (See sample on next page.)

1. TITLE OF RESOLUTION *Resolution on Access for Physical Mobility Impaired Conference Attendees*
2. ALA UNITS AND/OR COMMITTEE CONSULTED (IF ANY):  
*ASCLA*
3. ENDORSEMENTS BY ALA UNITS AND/OR COMMITTEES (IF ANY):  
*ASCLA*
4. FISCAL IMPLICATIONS (specify the resources needed to carry out the resolution's directive(s))  
*Only a re-allocation of resources*
5. LIST ALL PARTIES TO WHOM RESOLUTION SHOULD BE SENT:  
*Membership*
6. IMPACT ON ALA POLICIES AND POSITIONS
  - If the resolution sets forth a general policy or an ALA viewpoint, describe.
  - If this resolution necessitates a change in existing policy, state the policy number and the change
  - If this resolution establishes new policy, describe. *Adds one paragraph at the end of #2.1.3*
  - If this resolution conflicts with existing policy, state provisions for resolving the conflict.
7. INITIATING COMMITTEE OR UNIT (IF ANY):
8. INCLUDE ANY PERTINENT BACKGROUND INFORMATION (e.g. bibliography, citations, supportive quotes, URLs, etc.):
9. MOVER/SECONDER INFORMATION:  
Mover's Name and Local Telephone Number *June Pinnell-Stephens 907-388-0530*  
Secunder's Name and Local Telephone Number: *Janet Swan Hill 436-1234*



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1. TITLE OF RESOLUTION

Resolution on Accessible Computer Workstations at ALA Annual Conferences and Midwinter Meetings

2. ALA UNITS AND/OR COMMITTEE CONSULTED (IF ANY)

ASCLA Board

3. ENDORSEMENTS BY ALA UNITS AND/OR COMMITTEES (IF ANY)

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4. FISCAL IMPLICATIONS (specify the resources needed to carry out the resolution's directive(s))

Signage accessible to persons with visual disabilities

5. LIST ALL PARTIES TO WHOM RESOLUTION SHOULD BE SENT

6. IMPACT ON ALA POLICIES AND POSITIONS:

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It is a clarification of existing policy

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### 7. INITIATING COMMITTEE OR UNIT (IF ANY)

ASCLA Board

### 8. INCLUDE ANY PERTINENT BACKGROUND INFORMATION (e.g. bibliography, citations, supportive quotes, URLs, etc.)

At an ASCLA Board meeting, Barbara Mates reported that members of the LSSPS section for the blind and visually impaired were struggling with the arrangements that had been made for computer workstation accessibility. She requested that June Pinnell-Stevens add the contents of this resolution to her proposed resolution on Physical Mobility Impaired Conference Attendees. Since June and some other councilors indicated a preference to see this dealt with separately, I am submitting this resolution in response to the request of Barbara Mates of the ASCLA Board and LSSPS.

### 9. MOVER/SECONDER INFORMATION:

Mover's Name and Local Telephone Number

Melora Ranney Norman, 207-458-4299

Secunder's Name and Local Telephone Number

Diedre Conkling, 541-961-3117

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