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REPORT TO COUNCIL POLICY MONITORING COMMITTEE JULY 2000

In accordance with policy 5.6 of the *ALA Policy Handbook*, the Policy/Handbook Monitoring Committee (PMC) has reviewed all actions taken by the ALA Council during the 2000 Midwinter meeting for possible incorporation into, addition to, or changes to the *ALA Policy Handbook*. Based on Council action during the aforesaid meeting, the following additions and changes are recommended:

ACTION ITEMS

Item 1. Based on CD#40, approved by consent of Council, the PMC recommends addition of a subsection to Policy 5.3 (Council Resolutions: Guidelines for Preparation of Resolutions to Council):

Council members may submit a resolution or resolutions prior to the Annual Conference of Midwinter Council meetings by communicating the resolution to the chair of the Council Committee on Resolutions through electronic mail or other means of information transfer.

Item 2. Based on CD#48, submitted by the ALA Task Force on Foreign Credentialing, and approved by Council, the PMC recommends Policy 54.2 (Librarians: Appropriate Degrees) be amended to read:

The master's degree from a program accredited by the American Library Association (or from a master's level program in library and information studies accredited or recognized by the appropriate national body of another country) is the appropriate professional degree for librarians.

Item 3. Based on CD#27, Item #1, approved by consent of Council, the PMC recommends revision of Policy 9.4.1 (Formal Relationships) to read:

Official representatives to outside organizations serve either at the request of Council or at the direct request of an ALA unit whose approved budget includes membership dues and whose representative plays an active role in the governance or affairs of the outside organization. Official representatives participate in meetings or in the establishment of Councils, joint committees and other groups, which work together in activities of mutual interest.

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~~Should an outside organization request an official representative from the Association, or should an outside organization submit a request to send an official representative to the Association, the request goes to the Executive Board and Council. If approved by Council, the Committee on Organization identifies the appropriate ALA unit and makes a unit recommendation to the Executive Board.~~

~~An official representative to an outside organization is an ALA member who is appointed to an outside organization at the request of Council or an ALA unit. An official representative from an outside organization must be a personal member of the ALA.~~

~~A representative to another ALA unit is an appointed member of an ALA unit whose duties include attending meetings of other ALA units for such purposes as communication or information dissemination.~~

Item 4. Correction to Policy 7.3.2 (Admission to Exhibits). The PMC has determined that an error was made in updating the *ALA 1996-97 Handbook of Organization*, which has been repeated in subsequent editions. The original policy provided that "Complimentary exhibit passes may be issued to those not attending the conference..." BARC and the Exhibits Round Table recommended that a fee be established sufficient to recover costs, and this policy was subsequently approved by Council. (1995-1996 CD#17.1). During 1996, the PMC observed that this section of the *Handbook* had not been revised to reflect practice, and the Committee recommended that either the sentence should be omitted or changed to reflect the current practice. Unfortunately, the policy was revised to read "Ten-dollar exhibit passes may be issued to those not attending the conference or meeting under rules developed by the Conference Services Office." Because expenses associated with exhibit admission have continued to rise, a specific fee should not have been included in the *Handbook*. The PMC recommends that the second sentence in Policy 7.3.2 be revised to read:

Exhibit passes may be issued to those not attending the conference or meeting, under rules developed by the Conference Services Office.

Respectfully submitted:

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Registration fees

It was agreed by the Board that there should be a differential in fees for ALA members and non-members and that liberal use be made of guest cards for non-librarians.