

**REPORT TO COUNCIL
POLICY MONITORING COMMITTEE
JANUARY, 1994**

In accordance with Policy 5.6, the Committee has reviewed all Council Actions taken in June 1992 for possible incorporation, additions to, or changes in the *ALA Policy Manual*.

FOR ACTION

change will be included
1994 ALA Handbook

Item #1 **ALA Policy 10.1 *American Libraries***: Add new first sentence: "The ALA is the publisher of the magazine, *American Libraries*."

This is to accomplish the intent of 1992-93 CD#18.3, Attachment #4.

Item #2 **ALA Policy 54.18 Advertising Salary Ranges**: Change the first sentence to read: "*Available* salary ranges..."

Change first sentence of second paragraph to read: "All ALA and unit publications printing classified job advertisements shall list the salary ranges for open positions *where available*..."

This wording was approved when Council adopted 1992-93 CD#18.4, Attachment #2.

Item #3 **ALA Policy 12 Organization Membership Dues**: Change category designation from "*Special Members*" to "*Corporate Members*."

This change was approved when Council adopted 1992-93 CD#14.2.

Item #4 **ALA Policy 7.1.1 Non-Discrimination in Conference Facilities**. Change title to "*Non-Discrimination in Conference Contracts*."

Add new second paragraph: "*The American Library Association will enter into conference-site contracts only with organizations and legal bodies in cities, counties, or states that do not by law discriminate against lesbian, gay, and bisexual people.*"

These two changes will implement Council's intent when it adopted CD#40 at the 1993 Midwinter Meeting. (This was not brought to Council at the 1993 Annual Conference because of an oversight.)

ATTACHMENT 4 (1)

WHEREAS, on news magazines such as American Libraries the editorial and publishing responsibilities are separate and distinct, though interrelated;

AND WHEREAS, editorial independence is granted in ALA Policy 10.1;

AND WHEREAS, accountability for editorial responsibilities is explicit in the masthead of the publication, but publishing responsibility is merely inferred by the masthead statement, "published...by ALA," and is not indicated in ALA Policy;

AND WHEREAS, publishing management responsibilities--which at ALA include employment and evaluation of chief editors; integration of editorial, advertising, and general association goals; and oversight of financial performance--are critical to the welfare of the publication and the Association;

AND WHEREAS, the ALA staff officer who chiefly manages the publishing functions for the Association is the Associate Executive Director for Publishing;

AND WHEREAS, the location of overall responsibilities should be clearly placed with an individual staff officer and made explicit to the membership;

*adopted by
Council at
1993 AC*

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the American Library Association be designated as the publisher of American Libraries;

AND, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that publisher responsibilities be exercised by the ~~Associate~~ Executive Director ~~for Publishing~~.

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