

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION  
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

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Minutes of Meeting, Tuesday, February 1, 1977, Washington, D.C.

Present: H. Vail Deale (Chairperson), Mohammed Aman, E. J. Josey, Irving Lieberman, Jean Lowrie, Anne Pellowski, Theodore Waller, Theodore Welch, Jane Wilson (Staff Liaison).

Guests: James Baughman, Katherine Cveljo, G. D. Estrada, Charles Fineman, Alexis Jameson, Carol Owens, Hans E. Panofsky, Nina Pease, Robert W. Schaaf, Jane Stevens, Ray R. Suput, Paul Wasserman.  
Students (University of Maryland): Florence M. Bayard, S. Cosliola, Raya Fidel, Eileen Goldstein, Steve Parker, Arthuvee Wright.

1. Nina Pease, Vice-President of the North American Region, Association of International Libraries, an association of librarians interested in international documentation, discussed the plans for the Second International Symposium on "Documentation of the United Nations and Other Organizations" to be held in 1978. There will be a planning meeting in May of the North American Regional Members.
2. Jane Wilson reported on the importance of involving more of the Association's members in the international arena. It would seem appropriate that the Association's initial efforts be in the area of establishing a general professional travel program which will focus on attendance at professional meetings held around the world, thus bringing American librarians in contact with their colleagues overseas. The Committee approved this concept and agreed that the Association might consider sponsoring a delegation of American librarians to the Biennial Conference of the Library Association of Australia in 1979.
3. Nathalie P. Delougaz and Susan Martin, members of the delegation from the ALA who visited the U.S.S.R., 16-26 November 1976, presented highlights from their report. Copies of the full report were distributed at the meeting. The report contained a formal recommendation that:

"...the Association pursue the possibility of holding a joint Soviet-United States seminar on library and information services featuring invited papers from each country addressing the agreed upon topics. This seminar would be held in the U.S. in 1978 or 1979 in order to allow for planning. Such a seminar could be followed up by a formal exchange program agreement consisting of: (1) periodic seminars; (2) exchange of individual librarians; and (3) exchanges of exhibits."

The IRC supported this recommendation.

4. Resolution on UNESCO Funding. The text of the resolution as prepared by the Committee was approved unanimously. (See attachment).
5. Jane Wilson described the ALA charter flights to the IFLA World Congress of Librarians in Brussels.
6. Colin Darch, University of Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania, reported on the African Bibliographic Centre, a proposed international network for African documentation, being established in Africa. Four position papers have been published and copies are available from Mr. Darch; the Centre also publishes the ABC Newsletter. Such funding sources as the IDRC in Canada are being sought for support of the Centre.
7. H. Vail Deale, IRC Chairperson, expressed his desire that a brochure describing the various international relations activities of the ALA be developed. Such a publication would serve to inform interested ALA members as well as stimulate international components in state organizations. It was agreed that a cost feasibility study should be made.

Respectfully submitted,

Theodore Welch  
Session Secretary

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## RESOLUTION ON UNESCO FUNDING

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association  
February 4, 1977  
Washington, D.C

WHEREAS, The 93rd Congress enacted the Foreign Assistance Act of 1974, which withheld funding from the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) until the President could certify that the organization (1) has adopted policies that are fully consistent with its educational, scientific, and cultural objectives and (2) has taken concrete steps to correct its recent actions of a primarily political character; and

WHEREAS, On December 29, 1976, President Ford sent letters to the Speaker, United States House of Representatives, and to the President of the Senate certifying that the conditions of Section 9(h) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1974 have been met and requesting that the Congress authorize and appropriate funds to pay arrearages and other assessments owed by the United States to the organization as well as the assessment to become due in Fiscal Year 1977 and 1978; and

WHEREAS, UNESCO is the primary inter-governmental organization devoted to promoting library and information science and the only international agency which is concerned with education, science, and culture; and

WHEREAS, The American Library Association is on record in support of the principles of international cooperation relating to libraries and education;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the American Library Association endorses restoration of funds for UNESCO; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the American Library Association encourages Congress to appropriate these funds promptly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Executive Director submit this resolution to the chairmen of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees.



Robert Wedgeworth  
Secretary of the Council