

**ACTIONS OF THE ALA COUNCIL
2017 ALA ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

ALA Council I

Sunday, June 25, 2017

8:30am-11:00am

**McCormick Place Convention Center (MCP), Level #3, W375e/Skyline
Chicago, IL**

By **CONSENT**, Approved ALA CD#2.1, the 2017 Midwinter Council Minutes, as amended to include one correction.

By **CONSENT**, Approved the following slate of candidates for the 2017-2018 Council Committee on Committees Election: Ismail Abdullahi; Roberto Carlos Delgadillo; Kimberly Anne Patton; Martin L. Garnar; Ebony Henry; Jenna Nemecek-Loise; Lauren Comito; and Mel Gooch. (Report on the 2016-2017 COC Election Nominees, ALA CD#12_6217_ACT)

By **CONSENT**, Approved the following slate of candidates for the 2017-2018 Planning and Budget Assembly Election: **Councilors-at-Large**: Erica Findley; Marie Taesil McCauley; Melissa Cardenas-Dow; Rachel G. Rubin; Kathy Carroll; and Tyler Dzuba. **Chapter Councilors**: Jackie Dean; Jennifer Ferris; Rob Leshner; Danielle Jones; Jayne Beline; and Vivian McCain. (Report on the 2016-2017 PBA Council Nominees, ALA CD#12.1_6217_ACT)

By **CONSENT**, Approved Appointment of Tellers for the Council COC and PBA Elections. Tellers included Jennifer A. Alvino; Tamika Barnes; Matthew P. Cizek; and Vivian Bordeaux, chair. (Tellers for the ALA Council Elections to the 2017-2018 Committee on Committees and the 2017-2018 Planning and Budget Assembly, ALA CD#12.2_61417_INF).

MOVED, ALA CD#41, An American Library Association Statement of Global Climate Change and a Call for Support for Libraries and Librarians, which read: "That the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members:

1. recognizes that human interactions and activities affect the dynamics of Earth's climate system, and that there is a large and growing base of factual scientific data, information, and literature providing robust and accurate STE3M3 (scientific, technical, environmental/economic/ethical, medical/mathematical/management) evidence of global climate change; and
2. supports librarians, library workers, and educators, as they are guided by the *ALA Policy Manual*, in their roles for providing rigorous, robust, and accurate reference and referral services; access to data (both historical and current) and

information resources, literature, and collections; and instruction in their use in assisting climate stakeholders' and library users' greater understanding of global climate change.”

MOVED, To refer ALA CD#41, An American Library Association Statement of Global Climate Change and a Call for Support for Libraries and Librarians, to a working group with representatives from the ALA Committee on Legislation (COL); the ALA ACRL Science and Technology Section; the ALA Government Documents Round Table (GODORT); and the ALA Sustainability Round Table (SUSTAINRT); and that a “Whereas” statement be added recognizing the work of librarians involved in the DataRefuge initiative.

By **CONSENT**, Removed the ALA Committee on Legislation (COL) from the above referral motion.

By **CONSENT**, Removed the ACRL Science and Technology Section and the ALA Government Documents Round Table (GODORT) from the above referral motion.

DEFEATED, A motion to refer ALA CD#41, An American Library Association Statement of Global Climate Change and a Call for Support for Libraries and Librarians, to a working group with representatives from the ALA Sustainability Round Table (SUSTAINRT); and that a “Whereas” clause be added recognizing the work of librarians involved in the DataRefuge initiative.

DEFEATED, A motion to postpone action on ALA CD#41, An American Library Association Statement of Global Climate Change and a Call for Support for Libraries and Librarians, until Council II, Monday, June 26, 2017, 8:30-11:00am.

DEFEATED, A motion to amend 1st “Whereas” clause to read: “~~Whereas, the current Administration of the President of the United States, Donald Trump~~, efforts have been made at the federal level ~~to remove has removed the data~~ and information files on global climate change from the Websites of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (<http://www.epa.gov>) and the White House National Action Plan on Climate Change (<https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/sites/default/files/image/president27sclimateactionplan.pdf>), and has proposed severe budgetary reductions for decadal and ongoing and monitoring programs supported by the United States (specifically with the Environmental Protection Agency, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the U.S. Department of Energy), and threatening to withdraw the United States from the 2015 Paris Agreement negotiated within the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC);

AMENDED, ALA CD#41, An American Library Association Statement of Global Climate Change and a Call for Support for Libraries and Librarians, by adding a new 2nd “Resolved” clause. The original 2nd “Resolved” clause would then be renumbered as the 3rd “Resolved” clause. The new 2nd “Resolved” clause read:

“Affirms a commitment to the preservation and availability of this factual scientific data, information, and literature, both from government and citizen sources.”

AMENDED, 1ST “Whereas” clause of ALA CD#41, An American Library Association Statement of Global Climate Change and a Call for Support for Libraries and Librarians, by striking the following language: “...~~of the President of the United States Donald Trump...~~” from the statement. The 1st “Whereas” clause would then read: “Whereas the current Administration has removed...”

DEFEATED, A motion to amend ALA CD#41, An American Library Association Statement of Global Climate Change and a Call for Support for Libraries and Librarians, by adding 4th “Whereas” clause to read: “**Whereas, to recognize the work of librarians who participated in DataRefuge to support the preservation of climate and environmental advocacy.**”

ADOPTED, ALA CD#41, An American Library Association Statement of Global Climate Change and a Call for Support for Libraries and Librarians, has amended by: (1) amending 1st “Whereas” clause and (2) adding new 2nd “Resolved” clause; and renumbering original 2nd “Resolved” clause now is the 3rd “Resolved” clause.

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ELECTED, To the 2017-2018 Council Committee on Committees: Ismail Abdullahi; Roberto Carlos Delgadillo; Martin L. Garnar; and Eboni Henry. (Council Tellers Report, ALA CD#12.3_62517_INF,)

ELECTED, To the 2017-2018 Planning and Budget Assembly. **Councilor-at-Large Representatives:** Melissa Cardenas-Dow for 1-year term 2017-2018 to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Lessa Kanani'opua Pelayo-Lozada who was elected to the ALA Executive Board; Erica Findley and Tyler Dzuba for 2-year terms 2017-2019) (ALA Council Tellers Report, ALA CD#12.3_62517_INF,)

ELECTED, To the 2017-2018 Planning and Budget Assembly. **Chapter Representatives:** Jennifer Ferriss; Danielle Jones; and Vivian McCain for 2-year terms (2017-2019). (ALA Council Tellers Report, ALA CD#12.3_62517_INF,)

VOTED, To add the definitions of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion developed by the Task Force (2015-2016 ALA CD#38_61316_INF, Recommendation #4.2) to the ALA *Policy Manual*; audit all definitions of equity, diversity, and inclusion across the association to ensure the broadest possible understanding; and explore core values and roles and responsibilities statements to assess equity, diversity, and inclusion. (ALA CD#44.1_62517_ACT)

DEFEATED, A motion to refer the Resolution on Libraries as Responsible Spaces, ALA CD#44.2_62517_ACT, to the Intellectual Freedom Committee (IFC).

AMENDED, Resolution on Libraries as Responsible Spaces, ALA CD#44.2, by deleting the 1st "Whereas" clause, which read: ~~"Whereas, libraries have been deemed "safe spaces" for all members of their communities..."~~

DEFEATED, A motion to amend Resolution on Libraries as Responsible Spaces, ALA CD#44.2, by deleting and adding the following language to the new 1st "Whereas" clause: "Whereas, responsible spaces are defined for the purpose of this resolution as environments in which ~~(delete: all people are responsible to one another in advocating for safety in that space, and)~~ (add: a person or category of people can feel confident that they will not be exposed to discrimination, criticism, harassment or any other emotional or physical harm.

ADOPTED, Resolution on Libraries as Responsible Spaces, ALA CD#44.2, as deleting the original 1st “Whereas” clause. No changes were made to the “Resolved” clause, which read as follows:

“That the American Library Association, on behalf of its members:

1. urges libraries to embrace the mantle of responsible spaces by adopting and enforcing user behavior policies that protect patrons and staff from harassment while maintaining our historic support for the freedom of speech;
2. encourages libraries to develop community partnership programs with and promote services to underrepresented and unacknowledged community members;
3. encourages libraries to sponsor programs fostering meaningful and respectful dialogue in community; and
4. directs the Committee on Diversity, with the support of the Office for Diversity, Literacy, and Outreach Services and the ODLOS Advisory Committee, to develop, provide, and disseminate materials and programming for libraries that deter hate, foster community, and oppose bigotry toward or oppression against any group.”

ADOPTED, the following two (2) action items contained in Policy Monitoring Committee (PMC) Report, ALA CD#17.1_62017_ACT:

Action Item #1

PMC MOVES that section A.4.1 read as follows:

A.4.1 Executive Board Review (Old Number 13.1)

The Executive Board shall review administrative decisions made in the internal management of Headquarters by the Executive Director, and the Executive Director shall be authorized to carry out the provisions of the budget including hiring and firing of staff without submitting matters previously authorized or individual appointments to the Executive Board except in the form of reports of action. Any action by the Executive Director shall be subject to review by the Executive Board upon request of any member of the Executive Board.

Action Item #2

PMC MOVES the creation of following section for the *ALA Policy Manual*:

A.4.1.1 Executive Director

The Executive Director shall be authorized to carry out the provisions of the budget including hiring and firing of staff without submitting matters previously authorized or individual appointments to the Executive Board except in the form of reports of action. Any action by the Executive Director shall be subject to review by the Executive Board upon request of any member of the Executive Board. **An ALA-accredited Master's Degree or a CAEP-accredited Master's Degree with a specialty in school library media is a required qualification for the ALA Executive Director.** (Emphasis added for clarity of the report, will not be included in the *Manual*).

VOTED, To approve (1) the ALA Website Advisory Committee name change: **ALA Information Technology Advisory Committee**, (2) expand committee charge as follows:

“To develop, review and recommend to Council policies for the **ALA application of information technology products and services**. To provide advice to the ALA Executive Director responsible for implementing such policies and guidelines. To recommend editorial or structural guidelines for the ALA website. **To recommend guidelines for best practices for software used by ALA**. To provide an ongoing channel for member communication by working closely with other units, committees and offices of the association. To make recommendations concerning technical issues or changes to **ALA's ITTS infrastructure, including evaluating, testing and implementing technology products and services** used by Association members or by the public.

To make recommendations on the reconciliation of differing strategic plans from ALA and its divisions. To advise the Association on priorities and strategies that promote utilization and continued development **of ALA technology products and services, including the ALA website**. **To advise on priority setting for competing projects**. **To make recommendations on how the divisions can work together under a more cohesive umbrella and share technology solutions that are vital to each division**. **To perform testing and evaluations of technology implementations to provide input on the user interface, designs, and best practices**.

(3) Keep the existing committee composition. (ALA Committee on Organization Report, ALA CD#27.1_62517_ACT)

ALA Council III
Tuesday, June 27, 2017, 7:30-9:30am
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ADOPTED, The following memorials: Eric Moon, M-#10; Marija C. Sanderling, M-#11; Robert Henry 'Bob' Rohlf, M-#12; Dorothy Evans, M-#13; Joy L. Lowe, M-#14; Pauline Manaka; and Amanda Rudd--oral acknowledgements.

ADOPTED, Harry Bruce, T-#2; Keith Michael Fiels, T-#3; and 20th Anniversary of Victory in the Communications Decency Act (CDA) Case, T-#4.

APPROVED, The FY2018 Total ALA Budgetary Ceiling of \$66,674,990 (ALA Treasurer's Report on the Annual Estimates of Income and ALA Budgetary Ceiling, ALA CD#13.3).

ADOPTED, Politics in American Libraries: An Interpretation of the *Library Bill of Rights* as outlined in CD#19.12_62617_ACT.

ADOPTED, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion: An Interpretation of the *Library Bill of Rights* as outlined in CD#19.13_62617_ACT.