

ALA Council I
Sunday, January 26, 2014
8:30am-11:00am
Pennsylvania Convention Center
Grand Ballroom B
Philadelphia, PA

ADOPTED, ALA CD#2, 2013 ALA Annual Conference Council Minutes.

By **CONSENT**, Approved the following slate of candidates for the ALA Executive Board Election: **Aaron W. Dobbs**, Systems & Electronic Resources Librarian, Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania, Shippensburg, PA; **Peter D. Hepburn**, Head Librarian, College of the Canyons, Santa Clarita, CA; **Mike L. Marlin**, Director, Braille & Talking Book Library, California State Library, Sacramento, CA; **Gina A. Persichini**, Networking Consultant, Idaho Commission for Libraries, Boise, ID; **Alexandra R. Rivera**, Student Enrichment & Community Outreach Librarian, University of Michigan Library, Ann Arbor, MI; and **Gail A. Schlachter**, President, Reference Service Press, El Dorado Hills, CA. (ALA CD#11)

ADOPTED, ALA CD#34, Resolution on Electronic Communications for ALA Council, which read: "The ALA President shall appoint a task force of the Council to work with ALA HQ staff to:

1. Examine and revise as needed the guidelines for the Council email lists and electronic communications,
2. Determine when various Council Documents should be available to the membership-at-large and the public-at-large,
3. Determine what options are available for sharing Council Documents and what are the capabilities, requirements, and consequences of each option,
4. Make recommendations to Council regarding which options(s) should be adopted,
5. Determine a schedule for re-examining these issues.
6. Prepare an interim report for Annual 2014.
7. Prepare a final report and recommendations for Midwinter 2015."

VOTED, To postpone Action on ALA CD#35, Resolution to Improve Member Access to ALA Unit Governing Information which read: "The American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members, shall change Policy A.7.4 to include, All governing bodies of ALA Division and Round Tables link their meeting minutes from the unit's ALA-hosted web page within 30 days of approval of the minutes," until the ALA Council II meeting on Monday, January 27, 2014, 10:00am-12:15pm.

1. Adjust policy to include, "the governing bodies of ALA Divisions and Round Tables shall make drafts of their meeting minutes or other reports of actions taken available via the unit's ALA-hosted web page within 30 days of the meeting;"
2. Adjust policy to include, "the governing bodies of ALA Divisions and Round Tables shall make final versions of meeting minutes or other reports of actions taken available via the unit's ALA-hosted web page within 30 days of their approval;"
3. Require governing bodies to maintain an easily-available historical record of these meetings and action reports; and
4. Exempt sub-units of the divisions and sub-units of round tables from the policy.

By **CONSENT**, Postponed action on ALA CD#37, Resolution on Whistleblower Edward Snowden, which read: "That the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members: recognizes Edward Snowden, as a whistleblower who, in releasing information that documents the mass surveillance programs of the National Security Agency, has performed a valuable service in launching a dialogue about transparency, government surveillance, and over classification," until the ALA Council II meeting on Monday, January 27, 2014, 10:00am-12:15pm.

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VOTED, To approve the FY2015 programmatic priorities for the American Library Association (ALA CD#13):

- Diversity
- Equitable Access to Information and Library Services
- Education and Lifelong Learning
- Intellectual Freedom
- Advocacy for Libraries and the Profession
- Literacy
- Organizational Excellence
- Transforming Libraries

VOTED, That the following text be incorporated into the *ALA Policy Manual* as Policy A.7.4.1.2 as follows:

"The American Library Association refrains from having public prayers during its meetings. Moments of silence may be observed during meetings." (ALA CD#17)

ADOPTED, Resolution to Improve Member Access to ALA Unit Governing Information, ALA CD#35, Revised, 1/26/14, which read: "The American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members:

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4. Exempt sub-units of the divisions and sub-units of round tables from the policy."

DEFEATED, Resolution on Whistleblower Edward Snowden, ALA CD#37, which read: "That the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members: recognizes Edward Snowden, as a whistleblower who, in releasing information that documents the mass surveillance programs of the National Security Agency, has performed a valuable service in launching a dialogue about transparency, government surveillance, and over classification."

REFERRED, Resolution to Allow Programs at American Library Association (ALA) Midwinter Meetings, ALA CD#38, which read: "That the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members change policy A.7.4.11 to allow for programs designed for continuing education and development in the fields of library service," to the Budget Analysis and Review Committee (BARC).

VOTED, To bestow ALA honorary membership upon Patricia Glass Schuman.

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ADOPTED, Memorials for Augusta "Gussie" Clark, M-#1; Major Owens, M-#2; Nasser Sharify, M-#3; Bohdan Stephan Wynar, M-#4; and Pete Seeger (oral acknowledgment).

ADOPTED, Tributes for Giovanni's Room Bookstore and Owner Ed Hermance, T-#1; Senator Patrick Leahy and Congressman James Sensenbrenner, ALA CD#20.1 (B) and ALA CD#19.1B; and Senator John D. (Jay) Rockefeller IV, ALA CD#20.4

ELECTED, To a three-year term (2014-2017) on the Executive Board: **Peter D. Hepburn**; **Gina A. Persichini**; and **Gail A. Schlachter**. **Mike L. Marlin** was also elected to a 5-month term (January 28 through July 1, 2014) on the Executive Board to complete the unexpired term of Sylvia K. Norton, recently appointed executive director of the ALA American Association of School Librarians (AASL).

By **CONSENT**, Divided the "Resolved" clause of the joint COL and IFC ALA CD#19.1 and 20.1, Resolution on Curbing Government Surveillance and Restoring Civil Liberties, into two separate actions: ALA CD#19.1(A) and CD#19.1(B) and ALA CD#20.1(A) and ALA CD#20.1B.

ADOPTED, ALA CD#19.1(A) and ALA CD#20.1(A), Resolution on Curbing Government Surveillance and Restoring Civil Liberties, as amended to read: "The American Library Association (ALA), on upon of its members:

calls upon Congress to pass legislation supporting the reforms embodied in H.R. 3361/S. 1599 as introduced, and upon the President to sign such legislation."

ADOPTED, ALA CD#19.1(B) and ALA CD#20.1B, Resolution on Curbing Government Surveillance and Restoring Civil Liberties, as amended to read: "The American Library Association (ALA), on upon of its members:

commends Senator Patrick Leahy and Congressman James Sensenbrenner for sponsoring the USA FREEDOM Act, the 143 legislators in the Senate and the House who have co-sponsored it, and the 85 organizations that have endorsed it, as of January 27, 2014."

ADOPTED, ALA CD#20.2 and ALA CD#19.2, Resolution on Expanding Federal Whistleblower Protections, which read "That the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members:

1. urges Congress to amend the Whistleblower Protection Enhancement Act of 2012 to extend existing legal protections for whistleblowers to employees of all national security and intelligence agencies, and to non-federal employees working for civilian contractors;
2. urges Congress to establish a secure procedure by which all federal employees, and all non-federal employees working for civilian contractors, may safely share evidence they have discovered of fraud, waste, or abuse with the appropriate oversight committees of Congress, and directly with the press and the American people, with the protection of legally enforceable rights against retaliation or prosecution;
3. commends the courage and perseverance of federal employees, and non-federal employees working for civilian contractors, who risk their livelihoods, their reputations and their liberty to expose evidence of government fraud, waste, or abuse."

By **CONSENT**, replace the word "**citizen**" with the word "**persons**..." in the 1st "Whereas" clause of ALA CD#20.3, Resolution on Maintaining Government Websites during a Government Shutdown.

The 1st "Whereas" clause of ALA CD#20.3, Resolution on Maintaining Government Websites during a Government Shutdown, then read: "Whereas public online access to federal government information directly affects U.S. ~~citizens~~ **persons** in areas as diverse as weather forecasting, natural hazards, immigration, health, and taxation;"

DEFEATED, A motion to refer ALA CD#20.3, Resolution on Maintaining Government Websites during a Government Shutdown, back to the Committee on Legislation until Annual Conference 2014.

DEFEATED, The following amendment to ALA CD#20.3, Resolution on Maintaining Government Websites:

1. Strike the 1st "Resolved" clause that read: "~~urges the President to direct the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and Department of Justice (DoJ) to develop guidance to federal agencies stating that, in the event of a government shutdown or other emergency, continued access by the public to essential information on agency websites is an "excepted"~~

~~activity that would warrant the retention of personnel or the obligation of funds to assure access;~~

2. Amend the 2nd "Resolved" clause to read: "urges the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), ~~in the absence of such a guideline,~~ to direct each agency to communicate the status during a shutdown of its website to the Government Printing Office (GPO) or another appropriate agency, which would widely communicate to the public and update information about which agencies are maintaining their websites, which are updating them and which are closing them; and
3. Renumber the "Resolved" clauses of ALA CD#20.3, Resolution on Maintaining Government Websites, from 1-6 to 1-5.

By **CONSENT**, Amended the 2nd "Resolved" clause of ALA CD#20.3, Resolution on Maintaining Government Websites, by adding the words: "...to the public...." The "Resolved" clause now reads: "urges the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), in the absence of such a guideline, to direct each agency to communicate the status during a shutdown of its website to the Government Printing Office (GPO) or another appropriate agency, which would widely communicate to the public and update information about which agencies are maintaining their websites, which are updating them and which are closing them;

VOTED, To insert the word "**paid**" in front of the word "**personnel**" in the 1st "Resolved" clause of ALA CD#20.3, Resolution on Maintaining Government Websites. The "Resolved" clause now reads: "urges the President to direct the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and Department of Justice (DoJ) to develop guidance to federal agencies stating that, in the event of a government shutdown or other emergency, continued access by the public to essential information on agency websites is an "excepted" activity that would warrant the retention of **paid** personnel or the obligation of funds to assure access;

ADOPTED, 20.3, Resolution on Maintaining Government Websites during a Government Shutdown, as amended.

APPROVED, the establishment of the Lemony Snicket Prize for Noble Librarians Faced with Adversity as outlined in ALA CD#36.