



2020

ALA Midwinter Meeting

COUNCIL ACTIONS

ALA COUNCIL I
Sunday, January 26, 2020

By CONSENT, Adopted ALA CD#2, 2019 Annual Conference Council Minutes as distributed.

By CONSENT, Approved the following slate of candidates for the elections of (3) councilors to serve on the ALA Executive Board.

The first THREE (3) candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be elected to three-year terms (2020-2023). Candidates: **Sara Dallas**, executive director, Southern Adirondack Library; **Sandy Hirsch**, professor and director, San Jose State University; **Susan Jennings**, dean of library services, Chattanooga State Community College; **Larry Neal**, library director, Clinton-Macomb Public Library; **Alexandra Rivera**, student success and community engagement librarian, University of Michigan Library; and **Eric Suess**, Director, Marshall Public Library. There was TWO (2) floor nominations, **Ann Ewbank**, assistant professor, Montana State University, Bozeman, MT and **Latrice Booker**, dean of library services, Indiana University Northwest, Gary, IN.

(Report of the ALA Council Committee on Committees, ALA CD#12)

APPROVED, ALA CD# 31, to rename the Melvil Dewey Award to the ALA Medal of Excellence

(Report of the ALA Awards Committee, ALA CD#31)

ADOPTED AS AMENDED, ALA CD#40, the Resolution Ensuring Intellectual Freedom and the Right to Peacefully Assemble at ALA Conferences and Meetings

Resolved, that the American Library Association, on behalf of its members, requires that the ALA Council approve all internal restrictions to First Amendment rights at all ALA events proposed by all ALA offices, ALA committees, or other ALA bodies.

ALA COUNCIL II

Monday, January 27, 2020

APPROVED, ALA CD#27, ALA Committee on Organization, that Council Forum be an official subcommittee of the ALA Orientation Committee.

APPROVED, ALA CD#27.1, ALA Committee on Organization, that Council approves the Committee Information Update Report
(Report of the ALA Committee on Organization, ALA CD#27-27.1)

APPROVED, ALA CD#37, Task Force on Online Deliberation and Voting for ALA Council, to accept the Task Force recommendation that work continue within SCOE Forward Together phase 2 in the area of online voting and deliberation in order to clarify and codify best practices across the organization.

(Report of the Task Force on Online Deliberation and Voting, ALA CD#37)

APPROVED, ALA CD#39, that the Polish American Library Association be granted affiliate status with ALA in accordance with the ALA Policy A.10.2.

ADOPTED, ALA CD#41, the Resolution in Opposition to Charging Prisoners to Read

Resolved, that the American Library Association, ALA, on behalf of its members: Condemns the existence of for-profit programs that charge incarcerated people for access to reading material, acknowledging such programs only serve to deepen existing inequities barring free access to information for all people. And strongly encourages all library workers, particularly those in states with for-profit prison reading programs, to contact their state legislatures to express their concern over the denial of access to information these programs pose to incarcerated people.

DEFEATED, motion to suspend the implementation of 2019-2020 ALA Council Document 40 as amended until the end of the ALA fiscal year 2020.

ALA COUNCIL III

Tuesday, January 28, 2020

ADOPTED, the following Memorials by Council: Ellen Greenblatt (M-#1); Willis Bernard “Bill” Lukenbill (M-#2); Dr. Hilda L. Jay (M-#3); Bill Ptacek (M-#4); Carolyn A. Markuson (M-#5); Learned T. (Dag) Bulman (M-#6); Jennifer Ford Paustenbaugh (M-#7)

ADOPTED, the following Tributes by Council: Recognizing the Florida Library Association’s 100th Anniversary (T-#1); Honoring Dita Kraus “The Librarian of Auschwitz” (T-#2)

ADOPTED, ALA CD#18.1, the Resolution Celebrating the Centennial Anniversary of the American Library in Paris

Resolved, that the American Library Association and its eleven membership divisions and many offices congratulate the American Library in Paris and its staff on the 100th anniversary of its founding.

(Report of the ALA International Relations Committee, ALA CD#18-18.1)

ADOPTED, ALA CD 19.4, ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee, “Access to Library Resources and Services Regardless of Sex, Gender Identity, Gender Expression, or Sexual Orientation: An interpretation of the *Library Bill of Rights*”

(Report of the ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee, ALA CD#19.4)

ADOPTED, ALA CD 19.5, the Resolution on Forming a Working Group to Align Vendor Privacy Policies with ALA Policies and Ethics

Resolved, that the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members:

1. Instructs the Intellectual Freedom Committee to create a working group that will be composed of representatives from libraries, vendors, and service providers.
2. The working group will be tasked with:
 1. completing a study of current vendor privacy policies and identifying key issues within 12 months;
 2. developing a shared set of privacy guidelines;
 3. exploring the requirements for turning guidelines into standards supported by ALA;
 4. exploring the creation of a transparent online resource where libraries can view vendors' alignment with the standards, and
 5. drafting any additional guidelines and/or resources deemed necessary by the joint working group.

(Report of the ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee, ALA CD#19.5)

DEFEATED, ALA CD#49 (2018-2019)-Revisited, the Resolution in Defense of the Free Speech of Supporters of the Movement for Palestinian Rights

(Joint Report of the ALA Committee on Legislation, International Relations, and Intellectual Freedom Committee)

APPROVED, ALA CD 13.1, the 2021 Programmatic Priorities

(Report of the ALA Treasurer, ALA CD#13.1)