

2010-2011 ALA Memorial #9
2011 ALA Annual Conference

**American Library Association
Memorial Resolution Honoring Norman Horrocks**

Whereas, The American Library Association and broader library community lost a valued member, leader, and educator on October 14, 2010, with the death of Norman Horrocks; and

Whereas, Norman was recognized by the American Library Association with honorary membership in 2004; and

Whereas, Norman was also an honorary member of the Canadian Library Association, The Library Association (UK) now the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals, the Nova Scotia Library Association; and

Whereas, Norman inspired and was a valued mentor for innumerable current librarians, including many leaders in the community; and

Whereas, Norman served as a valued and trusted advisor on parliamentary rules for many ALA Presidents and Councilors; and

Whereas, Norman possessed an encyclopedic and historical knowledge of the organization, its policies, and their rationales, and utilized this knowledge to advise ALA officers, Councilors, and other members, and also utilized this knowledge in his appointments as the chair of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee for both ALA and ALA-APA, Policy Monitoring Committee, Committee on Organization; and

Whereas, With a deft and gentle touch he guided many ALA Executive Board Members, Presidents, Councilors, and committee members and chairs through the thickets of ALA policy; and

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Whereas, Norman served on numerous other committees, task forces and special presidential task forces for the American Library Association, the Canadian Library Association as well as many state, regional and international library organizations; and

Whereas, Norman served on the ALA Council for 24 years, ending in 1995, but continued to attend to offer wisdom, guidance, and support; and

Whereas, The government of Canada named him an officer in the Order of Canada for his devotion and service to libraries and librarianship; and

Whereas, Norman was also recognized with Joseph W. Lippincott Award, the Canadian Library Association's Outstanding Service to Librarianship Award, Rutgers' Honorary Alumnus Award, Phi Beta Mu Honorary Membership, and the New Jersey Library Association Distinguished Service Award; and

Whereas, As Vice President and Editorial Director of Scarecrow Press he encouraged and brought to fruition the work of hundreds of library authors; and

Whereas, Norman wrote and edited extensively in the library literature for both association and commercial library publications; and

Whereas, Norman was a dedicated teacher at the University of Pittsburgh, University of Hawaii, Rutgers University, and Dalhousie University; and

Whereas, Norman was a warm, self-effacing, genuine, caring person who greeted all with a kind smile; and

Whereas, Norman had an incredible facility to remember names and faces and will truly be missed by his legion of friends, protégés, and acquaintances in the Association; now, therefore, be it

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

1. Recognizes with great admiration and appreciation the contributions of Norman Horrocks over the course of his distinguished career; and
2. Expresses its sincere sympathy to his family members as well as to his colleagues at Dalhousie University.

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association



Keith Michael Fiels

ALA Executive Director and Secretary of the ALA Council

Tuesday, June 28, 2011

In New Orleans, Louisiana