

A Memorial Resolution Honoring Margaret “Peg” Hallisey

Whereas the library community lost a enthusiastic exemplar of professional leadership and service on Monday May 29, 2013, with the death Margaret “Peg” Hallisey, and

Whereas Margaret Hallisey earned a B.A. in English Literature from Regis College, and a Master’s Degree from Simmons College, Graduate School of Library and Information Science and was inducted into Beta Phi Mu, the International Library and Information Science Honor Society;

Whereas Margaret Hallisey was a dedicated and highly-effective school librarian for the Winchester, MA, Cambridge, MA, and Burlington, MA Public Schools where she helped to develop and implement outstanding programs and services to benefit those learning communities; and

Whereas as an active member and President of the Massachusetts School Library Association (MSLA) she helped to lead the charge to develop and publish the *MSLA Model School Rubrics*, a groundbreaking assessment tool for school libraries;

Whereas she served as the chair of the MSLA Professional Standards Committee and as principal author of the *Massachusetts Standards for School Library Media Programs* which provided a blueprint for school administrators and librarians to use to cooperatively build a library program that would have a significant and measurable impact on student achievement;

Whereas she served as a member of the Board of the Directors of the New England School Library Association, as listserv moderator and newsletter editor;

Whereas she served as a member of the Board of the American Association of School Librarians as the Director for Region I and was involved in many advocacy efforts including assisting with the initial planning of the school component of the ALA @yourlibrary campaign;

Whereas she was held in high esteem by her peers and was among the charter inductees to the NESLA Hall of Fame and a recipient of the MSLA Lifetime Achievement Award for her commitment to advocating for equitable student access to strong library programs;

Whereas through her kindness, thoughtfulness and keen sense of humor she engaged her colleagues and brought out the best in them;

Whereas Margaret “Peg” Hallisey dedicated her professional life to the improvement of school library services for students and teachers in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as well as throughout the United States: now, therefore, be it

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

1. honors the memory and contributions of Margaret “Peg” Hallisey throughout the course of her remarkable career; and
2. sends copies of this resolution to her husband, Robert “Bob” Hallisey, Sr. and children Robert Hallisey, Jr., Barbara Hallisey and Christopher Hallisey.

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association

Tuesday, July 2, 2013

in Chicago, Illinois



Keith Michael Fiels

ALA Executive Director and Secretary of the ALA Council