

2011-2012 ALA Tribute #4
2012 Midwinter Conference

Resolution Honoring William J. Boarman, 26th Public Printer of the United States

Whereas, William J. Boarman served as Public Printer of the United States at the Government Printing Office (GPO) from January 2011 to January 2012; and

Whereas, William J. Boarman recognized the importance of having a librarian in the position of Superintendent of Documents by appointing Mary Alice Baish, a library professional; and

Whereas, William J. Boarman supported his staff in celebrating GPO's 150th anniversary with an interactive exhibit of the history of GPO; and

Whereas, William J. Boarman, while serving as the AFL-CIO representative in 1978-79 to the Congressional Joint Committee on Printing's Ad Hoc Committee on the Revision of Title 44, supported depository libraries' access to electronic government information; and

Whereas, William J. Boarman supported the passage of the GPO Access Act of 1993 while serving as Vice President of the Communications Workers of America; and

Whereas, William J. Boarman, as Public Printer, submitted an appropriations request for sufficient funds to improve the Federal Digital System (FDsys) and enhance its ability to harvest agency publications from the Web; and

Whereas, William J. Boarman expanded GPO's integration of technology to improve FDsys, launch GPO's Facebook page, and release GPO's first mobile Web application; and

Whereas, William J. Boarman developed a strategic investment plan to modernize GPO's technology using existing resources; and

Whereas, William J. Boarman provided official print versions of publications to depository libraries in order to preserve these publications for the use of future generations; and

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Whereas, William J. Boarman reduced the size and overhead costs of the agency, and collected more than twelve million dollars in outstanding payments owed to GPO by customer agencies; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the American Library Association (ALA):

1. Commends William J. Boarman, 26th Public Printer of the United States, on his efforts to improve public and library access to electronic government publications.
2. Commends William J. Boarman on his efforts to preserve historical publications by providing them in paper to depository libraries.

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