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Chicago, Illinois

The customary information session was held in accordance with ALA A.4.2.5.2, which states that at least one joint session of the Membership and Council with the Executive Board shall be held for information only prior to other meetings of Council and Membership. The information session was convened at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 29, 2013, in Room S100 of the McCormick Place Convention Center in Chicago, Illinois.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INTRODUCTIONS. ALA President Maureen Sullivan introduced Parliamentarian Eli Mina; ALA President-Elect Barbara K. Stripling; and ALA Executive Director and Secretary of the Council Keith Michael Fiels. ALA staff members assisting with the Council meetings were JoAnne Kempf, Director, Office of ALA Governance; Lois Ann Gregory-Wood, ALA Council Secretariat; Danielle Alderson, Projectionist; and Heather Theriaque, Captionist.

ALA PRESIDENT’S REPORT, ALA CD#21.1. Maureen Sullivan briefly highlighted her work to build upon Immediate Past President Molly Raphael’s leadership with community engagement, noting her own work to build a partnership between ALA and the Harwood Institute for Public Innovation to create a set of tools, techniques, and approaches for people to engage their communities in their local issues.

Sullivan then spoke of the two leadership institutes to be held this year: (1) Library Leadership in the Digital Age and (2) Leadership Development Program for ALA.

Sullivan said she is particularly pleased with the work that has been done within the various ALA units, leadership levels, and among the staff with what is being called “Reimagining ALA as an Association.”

Sullivan has also has been keeping the ALA membership apprised of her activities and initiatives through her *American Libraries* column.

In closing, Sullivan expressed her pleasure in having had so many opportunities to represent the Association both nationally and internationally throughout the course of her presidential year.

“We are at a time when many more people in government and in the media recognize the importance of libraries in a whole variety of issues and initiatives. Each of us should take pride in the work that all of us have done to bring us to that point,” she said.

PRESIDENT-ELECT’S REPORT, ALA CD#29.1. Barbara K. Stripling highlighted her presidential initiative “A Declaration for the Right to Libraries”, developed to serve as a public statement on the value of libraries for individuals, communities, and the nation. During the upcoming year, libraries of all types will have an opportunity to hold signing ceremonies where community members and officials can sign and stand up for their right to have libraries in their community. Libraries also will be provided a “toolkit” to plan signing ceremonies. The signed Declarations will be presented at a national summit in the spring of 2014.

Stripling also spoke of her “Libraries Change Lives” initiative which focuses on literacy. Michelle Harrell Washington, the new ALA Literacy Officer, will help gather and highlight the Association’s literacy efforts.

One component of the “Libraries Change Lives” initiative involves developing plans to enable libraries to highlight their innovative practices and provide opportunities to community members to pursue their own innovative ideas. Another focuses on community engagement, designed to continue ALA’s community engagement focus over the last several years.

Stripling reiterated her commitment to continue building a partnership with the Harwood Institute to provide the needed information and support to engage the work of placing libraries at the center of communities’ priorities and to continue the ALA initiatives on ebooks (through the Digital Content Working Group), community engagement (through The Promise of Libraries Transforming Communities initiative), and advocacy for school libraries.

Stripling then responded to questions and comments from the Council floor.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT, ALA CD#23.1. Keith Michael Fiels highlighted the followings items:

Digital Content and Libraries. The big six publishers, Macmillan, Penguin, Simon and Schuster, and Hachette, have all made positive moves on library ebook lending this spring. The publication this spring of the third *American Libraries* supplement of digital content chronicled the efforts of the ALA Digital Content Working Group (DCWG), co-chaired by Sari Feldman and Robert Wolven. Special thanks was extended to 2011–2012 ALA President Molly Raphael and 2012–2013 ALA President Maureen Sullivan for leading this effort.

The Digital Content Working Group, a 2009–2010 Council initiative, 2009–2010 ALA CD#44, is currently addressing accessibility, digital preservation, real ownership of ebooks, and library pricing.

School Library Campaign. ALA is planning a multifaceted campaign for school libraries. Building on the work of the School Library Task Force, a School Library Implementation Task Force has begun working on strategic messaging and advocacy. The school library campaign will begin with a national push for signatures on the Declaration for the Right to Libraries scrolls with school libraries, which will forward the signed declarations to public and academic libraries in their communities and state. School library advocacy efforts will also include building partnerships with national organizations and targeting specific constituencies such as school administrators, classroom teachers, parents, school boards, and elected officials.

At Council III at this Annual Conference, the ALA Committee on Legislation will report on the ESEA reauthorization bill recently introduced in the U.S. Senate. The bill is the first since the 1965 Elementary and Secondary Education Act to recognize the role school library programs play in student learning.

ALA Virtual Membership Meeting. The virtual meeting was held on June 6, 3:00-4:30 p.m. (central), with 400 ALA members from around the world attending. Presentations were given by ALA President Maureen Sullivan, ALA Treasurer James G. Neal, and ALA Executive Director Keith Michael Fiels.

Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Fiction and Nonfiction. The award will be presented at this conference on June 30, 2013. The new adult book award received 15,000 mentions in the national press. The award highlights the important role librarians play in promoting literature and authors.

ALA Online Petition Form. In response to a question regarding the elimination of paper petition forms, Fiels said not only will this have a positive effect on the environment, but also the electronic form is ultimately easier to use. Instructions for creating an online petition form are available at <http://tinyurl.com/ptmjmvvg>. Fiels noted the ALA staff is available to offer assistance to anyone having difficulty with accessing or using the online petition form.

ALA ENDOWMENT TRUSTEES REPORT, ALA CD#16.1. Endowment Trustee Kate Nevins presented the report on behalf of John Vitali, chair, who was unable to attend this conference.

First quarter results followed the same pattern as each of the last three years (2010 through 2012)—strong and favorable results for a full year of solid gains. However, it is anticipated that there will be cutbacks in federal spending, a slowdown in economic activity in China, and a decline in public sector spending. These factors will hold down market values for the remainder of 2013, which will have an impact on the endowment fund.

The market value as of May 31, 2013, achieved \$34,951,042. This represents a YTD increase of \$2.3 million from \$32.5 million in December 2012. These are the funds that support ALA scholarships, divisions, initiatives, and general fund activities.

All the equity managers, with the exception of IDP-International, delivered solid results. The total equity for the five months ending May 31 was \$26,180,629 or 74.9 percent. This is the same information for bonds and fixed income, which total 25 percent of ALA's overall investments, about \$8.7 million.

Nevins announced Trustee Bob Walton, Chief Executive of the Claremont University Consortium, has submitted his resignation to the university to pursue another career opportunity as Vice President of Finance and Administration at Vassar College. He is also resigning from his current ALA activities and responsibilities with the Endowment Trustees and the Budget Analysis and Review Committee (BARC). Walton served two terms (5 years) as an Endowment Trustee.

Siobhan A. Reardon, President and Director of the Free Library of Philadelphia, has been appointed to serve a three-year term as an ALA Endowment Trustee beginning at the conclusion of this Annual Conference.

After her report, Nevins responded to questions and comments from the audience.

BUDGET ANALYSIS AND REVIEW COMMITTEE (BARC) REPORT,

ALA CD#33.1. At the Midwinter Meeting in 1987, the ALA Council voted that the ALA Budget Analysis and Review Committee (BARC) should report to Council at Midwinter Meetings and Annual Conferences. Clara N. Bohrer, chair, reported on the FY13 Status Report (9 Month Period Ending May 31, 2013), noting that total revenues and expenditures are less than budget; general fund revenues and expenditures are also less than budget; the ALA divisions are in a strong financial position with a net asset balance as a collective group exceeding \$12 million; and the round tables are also in good financial shape with a net asset balance of \$1.2 million.

Following the 2013 Midwinter Meeting, with six months of budget results available, a \$1.9 million deficit was projected. The deficit is a result of a revenue shortfall that required expense reduction.

Year-end revenue is projected at \$29 million, which is 8 percent less than originally budgeted. Publishing accounts for the majority of the variance, at 2.4 million. Member programs and services, which includes conferences, is projected to be very close to budget.

Communications, which includes membership dues, projected to be 3 percent lower than budget due to a decline in personal memberships.

Looking at year-end projections for publishing, the majority of the revenue variance is the result three factors: lower-than-anticipated book sales across all the imprints, digital reference, which includes the RDA, and ALA graphics.

Bohrer noted that in 2012, the publishing industry in general experienced a 21 percent decrease in professional book sales over 2011 and a 5 percent decline in college textbook sales. ALA is consistent with that trend.

Seven percent of expense reductions were taken across all the general fund units to reach a balanced budget of just over \$29 million. It took extraordinary efforts by all general fund units to reach a balanced budget. These actions totaled just under \$1 million.

Bohrer pointed out that the ALA staff compensation included in the FY13 budget has been eliminated due to the size of the revenue shortfall and the magnitude of the expense reductions.

ALA continues to operate with numerous positions in the general fund going unfilled. By September 1, there will be 33 positions open, which represents about a 10 percent reduction in staff.

Bohrer reported that at its spring meeting, the ALA Executive Board voted to approve the budget adjustments made for FY2013, with a strong recommendation that if the budget results are better than anticipated, staff compensation be a top priority.

At the 2013 Midwinter Meeting in Seattle, the ALA Council discussed ALA CD#35, Resolution on Divestment of Holdings in Fossil Fuel Companies, which directed ALA Endowment Trustees to divest all holdings in the fossil fuel industry and invest in renewable energy initiatives. Although Council declared the resolution “out of order” because it did not adhere to the resolution guidelines, BARC reviewed the resolution to ascertain the financial impact on the ALA Endowment if such a request was carried out. The Trustees were then asked to review Council’s recommendation and prepare a report on the financial implications of divesting fossil fuel holdings from the portfolio, as well as investing in renewable energy initiatives.

Following in depth analysis (CD#16.2), the Trustees concluded that at this time they do not support the proposed recommendation to divest fossil fuel holdings from the ALA Endowment Fund and invest in renewable energy initiatives. Given the current marketplace, data suggest that such a divestment would ultimately harm the Fund’s ability to fulfill its time-honored mandate.

In conclusion, Bohrer thanked members of the Budget and Finance Committee for their hard work throughout the past year.

She also thanked the ALA finance staff, Greg Calloway, Keith Brown, Sandy Lee, and Elaine Klimek, for their outstanding work and support in preparing the information necessary for BARC to carry out its work.

The entire Finance Department was acknowledged for its work in implementing the new ALA accounting system.

This Annual Conference concludes Bohrer's term of service as BARC chair. In recognition of her service, ALA President Maureen Sullivan presented her with a plaque which read:

“The American Library Association would like to express its appreciation to Clara N. Bohrer for her outstanding leadership, guidance, and dedication to the ALA Budget Analysis and Review Committee.”

ALA TREASURER'S REPORT, ALA CD#13. James G. Neal reported that the strategic issues and financial trends impacting ALA's FY14 budget have raised challenging financial issues, as has been noted previously with publishing, membership, and conference revenue. Neal urged the necessity of diversification to enhance ALA's revenue sources, that is, ALA must look beyond its core businesses to find new ways to bring in revenue to support the work of the Association.

Areas being explored include electronic publishing; online continuing education; wider involvement with the international community as members, attendees, and purchasers of ALA products; more direct interaction with the public/library users; and mergers and acquisitions that enhance ALA's core businesses.

Neal also stated ALA has invested and will continue to invest in new technologies and systems to build new capacities for services to ALA members. The new financial accounting system, Web content management system, and the proposed new eCommerce system are all making—or will make—a very positive difference in the work of the Association, its service to ALA members, and the productivity of its investments.

Neal then reviewed the fiscal trends for the total ALA budget moving from FY2013 to FY2014. He noted the projected reductions in revenue from publishing (\$1.9 million) and in grants (\$1.7 million). He then followed with the parallel reductions in expense categories, particularly in personnel payroll (\$1.6 million) and non-personnel areas (\$1.3 million). Neal explained that ALA management and the budgetary committees are working very hard to keep the overall ALA revenue and expenses in balance.

As noted earlier, thirty-three (33) vacant positions are being left open and there is no proposed staff compensation increase in the budget plan for FY14. However, if ALA experiences some unanticipated financial results, staff compensation will be a high priority.

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In closing, Neal thanked the ALA financial and budget staff, and then addressed questions and comments from the floor.

ADJOURNMENT. After several brief announcements, the meeting was adjourned upon the completion of the agenda.

**ALA Council I
Sunday, June 30, 2013
8:30–11:00am.
McCormick Place Convention Center, S100C
Chicago, IL**

The first meeting of the ALA Council during the 2013 ALA Annual Conference was convened at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, June 30, in the McCormick Place Convention Center, S100C.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INTRODUCTIONS. ALA President Maureen Sullivan introduced ALA President-Elect Maureen Sullivan, Parliamentarian Eli Mina, and ALA Executive Director and Secretary of the Council Keith Michael Fiels. ALA staff members assisting with the Council meetings were JoAnne Kempf, Director, Office of ALA Governance; Lois Ann Gregory-Wood, Council Secretariat; Danielle Alderson, Projectionist; and Heather Theriaque, Captionist.

Special guests included Courtney L. Young, 2013–2014 ALA President-Elect and ALA Councilor; Mario M. Gonzalez, ALA Treasurer-Elect and ALA Councilor; Ngozi Azubogu, Imo State University, Nigeria; Okee Okoro, Imo State University Library, Owerri, Nigeria; Amber Billey, President-Elect, Vermont Library Association; Beth Boyson, President, Montana Library Association; Robin Crumrin, President, Indiana Library Federation; Su Erickson, President, Illinois Library Association; Trish Hull, President, Utah Library Association; Deb Kelsey, President, New England Library Association; Dennis J. LeLoup, Immediate Past President, Indiana Library Association, and ALA Councilor; Brenda Metzger, President-Elect, Kentucky Library Association; Eileen Palmer, President-Elect, New Jersey Library Association; Charlene Picheloup, President, Louisiana Library Association; Carrie Plymire, President-Elect, Maryland Library Association; Lisa Rice, President, Kentucky Library Association; Jeff Simpson, President, Alabama Library Association; Tom Wilding, President, Arizona Library Association, and ALA Councilor; Amanda Wilson, President-Elect, District of Columbia Library Association; Derek Wolfgram, President, California Library Association; and Cathy Wolford, President, Michigan Library Association.

QUORUM. A quorum was established at the beginning of each meeting.

THE ATTENDANCE AND VOTING RECORD is attached as Exhibit#1.

RULES FOR ALA COUNCIL MEETINGS, ALA CD#5. By *CONSENT*, the ALA Council adopted the Rules for ALA Council Meetings.

ESTABLISHING THE AGENDA, ALA CD#8.5 Revised-6/29-2:30am. By *CONSENT*, Council adopted ALA CD#8.5-*Revised-6/29-2:30am*, as amended to add the following resolutions to the Council I agenda under “new business”:

- Resolution Reaffirming ALA’s Commitment to Basic Literacy, ALA CD##37; Resolution in Support of Whistleblower Bradley Manning, ALA CD#38 and MMD#5;
- Resolution in Support of Whistleblower Edward Snowden, ALA CD#39;
- Declaration for the Right to Libraries Resolution, ALA CD#40;
- Resolution on Library Service to the Community in a Natural Disaster, CD#41;
- Resolution on Divestment of Holdings in Fossil Fuel Companies and Libraries’ Role in a Peaceful Transition to Fossil-Free Economy, ALA CD#42;
- Resolution on Prayer in ALA Meetings, CD#44;
- Resolution Commending the Freedom to Read Foundation for Defending Videogames, CD#47;
- Resolution on Support and Endorsement of the RUSA Statement on Access, ALA CD#48; and
- Draft Resolution on Digitization of U.S. Government Documents, CD#49

2013 ALA MIDWINTER MEETING COUNCIL MINUTES, ALA CD#2.1. By *CONSENT*, Council adopted the 2013 ALA Midwinter Meeting Council Minutes, ALA CD#2.1.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2013–2014 COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES (COC), ALA CD#12. President-Elect Barbara K. Stripling, Committee on Committees (COC) chair, presented the slate of candidates for the 2013–2014 Council Committee on Committees Election: Roberto Carlos Delgadillo; John C. DeSantis; Vicki M. Emery; Barbara L. Flynn; Carey D. Hartmann; Eboni M. Henry; Julius C. Jefferson, Jr.; and Wendy Steadman Stephens. Four (4) Councilors will be elected for a one-year term (2013–2014). There were no nominations from the Council floor.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2013–2014 PLANNING AND BUDGET ASSEMBLY (PBA), ALA CD#12.1. President-Elect Barbara K. Stripling presented the slate of candidates for the 2013–2014 Planning and Budget Assembly Election: *Councilors-at-Large:* Nancy L. Baumann; Nicolas (Nick) H. Buron; Alexandra P. Rivera; Sue Polanka; Karen G. Schneider; and Carolyn J. Starkey. Three (3)

Councilors-at-Large are to be elected to serve as follows: Two (2) Councilors-at-Large elected for 2-year terms (2013–2015); One (1) Councilor-at-Large elected for a 1-year term (2013–2014) to complete the unexpired term of Courtney L. Young, newly elected 2013–2014 ALA President-Elect. There were no floor nominations.

Chapter Councilors: Walter Betts; Hadi S. Dudley; Pamela J. Hickson-Stevenson; Majed J. Khader; Vickie Mix; Majed J. Khader; and Elena Rosenfeld. Three (3) Chapter Councilors are to be elected for 2-year terms (2013–2015). There were no floor nominations.

The election results will be announced at the ALA Council III meeting on July 2, 2013, 7:45–9:15am.

APPOINTMENT OF TELLERS, ALA CD#12.3. Dennis J. LeLoup, John C. Sandstrom, and Marianne Fues volunteered to serve as tellers for the elections. Fues will serve as chair.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2013 ALA MIDWINTER MEETING COUNCIL ACTIONS, ALA CD#9.1. Executive Director Keith Michael Fiels presented a written report and called for questions regarding the report.

DIGITAL CONTENT AND LIBRARIES WORKING GROUP (DCWG) REPORT, ALA CD#30.1. Co-Chair Sari Feldman reported that all of the big six publishers are now working with libraries. Four of the publishers (MacMillan, Penguin Book Group (USA); Simon & Schuster; and Hachette Book Group) have made progress on library ebook lending across the country.

Feldman also reported that this spring marked the publication of the third *American Libraries* supplement on digital content.

In highlighting some of DCWG's activities at this conference and in the coming months, Co-Chair Robert Wolven noted the launching of the authors for library ebooks campaign, which is recruiting fairly prominent authors to speak out in support of fair terms for libraries to acquire and distribute ebooks.

DCWG subgroups have been collecting information analyzing issues concerning access for people with disabilities, school libraries and ebooks, and digital content and privacy.

Wolven reiterated that the big six publishers are all working with libraries in various ways, but there will be continued focus on engagement with those publishers to try to improve the terms on which they are making ebooks available and to extend the pilots that they're conducting.

At the conclusion of their report, Feldman and Wolven responded to questions from the Council floor.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF WHISTLEBLOWER EDWARD SNOWDEN, MMD#5, ALA CD#39. During the ALA Membership Meeting, Saturday, June 29, 2013, 4:30–5:30pm, in this convention center, the ALA membership adopted the Resolution in Support of Whistleblower Edward Snowden, MMD#5. In accordance with ALA Policy A.7.4.10, “All resolutions approved by the membership will be presented to the next meeting of Council by the chair of the Resolutions Committee. The Resolution Committee chair will indicate which membership resolutions are clearly policy matters...” Councilor Irene Briggs, Resolutions Committee chair, informed the Council that there were no policy implications related to the membership resolution.

Council

ADOPTED, Resolution in Support of Whistleblower Edward Snowden, MMD#5, ALA CD#39, which read: “That the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members: (1) Recognizes Edward Snowden as a whistleblower who, in releasing information that documents government attacks on privacy, free speech, and freedom of association, has performed a valuable service in launching a national dialogue about transparency, domestic surveillance, and overclassification.”

RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING ALA'S COMMITMENT TO BASIC LITERACY, ALA CD#37 (REV. 6/28/13). Councilors Hadi Dudley and Terri (Kirk) Grief moved and Council

ADOPTED, Resolution Reaffirming ALA's Commitment to Basic Literacy, ALA CD#37 (Rev. 6/28/13), which read: "That the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members: (1) Reaffirms and supports the principle that lifelong literacy is a basic right for all individuals in our society and is essential to the welfare of the nation; (2) Reaffirms the core value of basic literacy as foundational for people of all ages and is the building block for developing other literacies; (3) Encourages appropriate ALA units and Divisions to actively participate in the Association's Literacy Assembly; and (4) urges appropriate ALA units and libraries of all types to make basic literacy a high priority by incorporating literacy initiatives into programs and services for all users."

DECLARATION FOR THE RIGHT TO LIBRARIES RESOLUTION, ALA CD#40. Councilors Patricia Wong and Sandy Wee moved and Council

ADOPTED, The Declaration for the Right to Libraries Resolution, ALA CD#40, which read: "That the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members: (1) Endorses the Declaration for the Right to Libraries; and (2) Urges that the American Library Association work to support and engage libraries and communities across the country in signing the Declaration for the Right to Libraries."

RESOLUTION ON LIBRARY SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY IN A NATURAL DISASTER, ALA CD#41. Councilors Lauren Comito, Cynthia Czesak, and Sara Kelly Johns moved: "That the American Library Association, on behalf of its members: (1) Recognizes the significant contributions of libraries and library staff who have provided effective emergency response/recovery services, and responded to the needs of their communities following Hurricanes Sandy and Irene in ways that go above and beyond the regular call of duty; (2) Continues to encourage libraries to continue to research documenting library needs and capacity to provide effective e-government and emergency response/recovery services as an essential part of library mission; and (3) Shall direct a letter acknowledging the work and contributions of libraries and library staff to the State Chapters in the affected states of New York, New Jersey, Vermont and Connecticut to be passed on to the appropriate parties."

Following a brief discussion on the content of the resolution, Council

VOTED, That Council's consideration of CD#41, Resolution on Library Service to the Community in a Natural Disaster, be postponed until Council II, so that the authors of the resolution can take into account all of the suggestions that have been made at the Council I meeting.

RESOLUTION ON DIVESTMENT OF HOLDINGS IN FOSSIL FUEL COMPANIES AND LIBRARIES' ROLE IN A PEACEFUL TRANSITION TO A FOSSIL-FREE ECONOMY, ALA CD#42. By *CONSENT*, Council's consideration of CD#42 was postponed until the Council II meeting on Monday, July 1, 2014, 8:30am–11:30am.

RESOLUTION ON PRAYER IN ALA MEETINGS, ALA CD#44. By *CONSENT*, Council's consideration of CD#42 was postponed until the Council II meeting on Monday, July 1, 2014, 8:30am–11:30am.

RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE FREEDOM TO READ FOUNDATION FOR DEFENDING VIDEOGAMES, ALA CD#47.

Councilors Kelly Czarnecki and Patrick Sweeney moved the adoption of CD#47, Resolution Commending the Freedom to Read Foundation for Defending Videogames, which read: "That the American Library Association, on behalf of its members: (1) Commends the FTRF for recognizing videogames as a non-print medium in libraries worthy of First Amendment protections; (2) Continues to support the Freedom to Read Foundation (FTRF) in defense of libraries when presented with challenges to videogames included in gaming collections; (3) Continues to support the Freedom to Read Foundation (FTRF) and support Game-RT so that it may be a "force for initiating and supporting game programming in libraries;" (4) Continues to stand by the Freedom to Read Foundation (FTRF) in alignment with the researchers, politicians and institutions that challenge unscientific studies attributing violent behavior to videogames."

Councilor Jane Glasby moved and following a brief debate, Council *DEFEATED*, a motion to amend ALA CD#47, Resolution Commending the Freedom to Read Foundation for Defending Videogames, by striking the 4th Resolved clause, which read: "...continues to stand by the Freedom to Read Foundation (FTRF) in alignment with the researchers, politicians and institutions that challenge unscientific studies attributing violent behavior to videogames."

Council then returned to the original motion and

ADOPTED, CD#47, Resolution Commending the Freedom to Read Foundation for Defending Videogames, which read: “That the American Library Association, on behalf of its members: (1) Commends the FTRF for recognizing videogames as a non-print medium in libraries worthy of First Amendment protections; (2) Continues to support the Freedom to Read Foundation (FTRF) in defense of libraries when presented with challenges to videogames included in gaming collections; (3) Continues to support the Freedom to Read Foundation (FTRF) and support Game-RT so that it may be a “force for initiating and supporting game programming in libraries;” (4) continues to stand by the Freedom to Read Foundation (FTRF) in alignment with the researchers, politicians and institutions that challenge unscientific studies attributing violent behavior to videogames.”

ALA CD#49, DRAFT RESOLUTION ON DIGITIZATION OF U.S. GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS. Councilors Larry Romans and Kevin Reynolds moved and Council

REFERRED, To the Committee on Legislation ALA CD#49, Draft Resolution on Digitization of U.S. Government Documents, which read: “That the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members: (1) supports and encourages the preservation of Federal Depository Libraries’ (FDL) paper collections; (2) opposes policies that would result in the destruction of FDL paper collections; (3) supports technologies that guarantee long-term, robust, verifiable, complete, accurate, authentic, preservable, and usable digital formats; and (4) works with the Government Printing Office (GPO) and the FDL community on developing procedures to authenticate and ingest digital content into FDsys digitizations that come from FDL libraries and federal agencies; and (5) supports the creation of an inventory of digitized government publications with records that include information on quality, completeness, accuracy, features, availability, limitations, costs, utility, and trusted preservation, and provide links to records in OCLC and GPO’s *Catalog of U.S. Government Publications* so that libraries can download batch MARC metadata.”

ADJOURNMENT. After several announcements, the meeting was adjourned at 10:21am.

ALA COUNCIL II
Monday, July 1, 2013
8:30am–11:30am
McCormick Place Convention Center, S100C
Chicago, IL

The second meeting of the ALA Council during the 2013 ALA Annual Conference was convened at 8:30am on Monday, July 1, 2013, in the McCormick Place Convention Center, S100C.

QUORUM. A quorum was established at the beginning of each meeting.

ESTABLISHING THE AGENDA, ALA CD#8.6 (rev. 6/30/13, 8:32pm). ALA CD#8.6 (rev. 6/30/13, 8:32pm) was adopted as amended, to include the following items under “new business”: Resolution in Support of Whistleblower Bradley Manning, ALA CD#38; Resolution on Library Services to the Community in a Natural Disaster, ALA CD#48, (Rev. 6/30/13); Resolution on Divestment of Holdings in Fossil Fuel Companies and Libraries’ Role in a Peaceful Transition to a Fossil-Free Economy, ALA CD#42; and Resolution on Prayer in ALA Meetings, ALA CD#44, (Rev. 6/26/13).

COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION REPORT, ALA CD#27. James Rettig, chair, moved and the ALA Council

VOTED, To adopt the following two action items contained in ALA CD#27.1, Committee on Organization Report:

Item #1. That all members of the ALA Scholarships and Study Grants Committee (SSCG) be appointed by the president-elect and the size of the committee be reduced from 11 members to 7 members, including the chair.

Item #2. To retire the current Committee Information Update form, to be replaced by a semi-annual report by each ALA committee and each Council committee that, as appropriate, addresses:

- Accomplishments
- Planned activities
- Issues that affect the committee’s work and their implications for the future
- Interactions with other units within ALA
- Relationship of the committee’s work to the ALA strategic plan

- Current level of committee members' involvement (more substantive than an attendance roll)
- Committee self-check on its value and viability (update charge, discontinue committee, consolidate with another, change structure, other observations)
- Other issues of each committee's own devising

POLICY MONITORING COMMITTEE REPORT, ALA CD#17.1. Erlene Bishop Killeen, chair moved and the ALA Council

VOTED, To adopt the following three action items contained in ALA CD#17.1, Policy Monitoring Committee Report:

Item #1. That the following text be incorporated into the ALA Policy Manual as Policy B.8.5.2.1:

B.8.5.2.1. Protect Library User Confidentiality in Self-Service Hold Practices. ALA urges all libraries that implement self-service holds to protect patron identity by adopting practices and procedures that conceal the library user's personally identifiable information in connection with the materials being borrowed; and, urges libraries, librarians, and the responsible bodies of ALA to work with vendors to incorporate applications into integrated library systems that enable libraries to conceal a library user's identity in a cost-effective manner.

Item #2. That the revised text of the Guidelines for Preparation of Council Resolutions, as outlined in ALA CD#17.1, Item #2, be incorporated into Policy A.4.2.3 of the ALA *Policy Manual*.

Item #3. That the revised text of Guidelines for Preparation of Resolution for Membership Meetings, as outlined in ALA CD#17.1, Item #3, be incorporated into Policy A.7.4.10 of the ALA *Policy Manual*.

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT, ALA CD#25. Carlen Ruschoff, chair, moved and Council

VOTED, To adopt the following two action items contained in ALA CD#25, Constitution and Bylaws Committee Report:

Item #1. The application for affiliate status for the Library and Information Association of New Zealand Aotearoa (LIANZA).

Item #2. The following two editorial changes to the ALA Bylaws, pursuant to Article XI, Section 2 of the ALA Bylaws.

Under Article I, Membership, Section 5: “The category to which any personal member belongs, except Honorary and Life Members, shall not be specified in the Directory and shall be regarded as confidential.” Since ALA no longer has a directory, Constitution and Bylaws Committee proposes that the phrase: “*shall not be specified in the Directory*” be removed. The section will now read: “The category to which any personal member belongs, except Honorary and Life Members, shall be regarded as confidential.”

Under Article IV, Council, Section 6: “A vacancy in the membership of Council representing a state, provincial or territorial chapter, division or round table of the Association may be filled by the chapter or division on an interim basis.”

For consistency the Constitution and Bylaws Committee proposes inserting the words, “or round table” in the last portion of the sentence.

The section will now read: “A vacancy in the membership of Council representing a state, provincial or territorial chapter, division or round table of the Association may be filled by the chapter, division or round table on an interim basis.”

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE (IRC) REPORT, ALA

CD#18.3. Nancy M. Bolt, chair, noted that nearly 600 international colleagues are at this conference, representing close to 80 countries.

At the 2013 ALA Midwinter Meeting, the ALA Council adopted a resolution supporting a World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Treaty to assist the Library Copyright Alliance in its efforts to get the U.S. delegation to WIPO to support a treaty that will achieve the goals of libraries.

Despite early predictions of failures because of strong opposition from the Motion Picture Association of America, supporters of the treaty prevailed, and the treaty passed.

Carrie Russell, Director, ALA Program on Public Access to Information and ALA's representative to WIPO, commented: "By passing what is an exception to copyright, WIPO demonstrated there is international support for balance in copyright law. We applaud the world delegates for approving a treaty that makes it possible for every visually impaired person around the world to have fair access to reading materials." The treaty now has to be passed by Congress. The Motion Picture Association of America has already started lobbying Congress not to pass it, but ALA is definitely on record.

Donna Scheeder, Deputy Chief Information Officer, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress, was elected as the new International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) President-Elect. Scheeder will be the third U.S. President (2015–2017) in IFLA's 85-year history.

ALA Councilor Loida Garcia-Febo, President, Information New Wave, Brooklyn, NY, was also elected to serve a two-year (2013–2015) term as a member of IFLA's governing board.

Following expressions of concern by ALA Canadian members at the 2013 Midwinter Meeting, the IRC worked with ALA President Maureen Sullivan to send a letter to James Moore, Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages, supporting the Canadian Library Association's request to have the Library of Archives of Canada (LAC) revisit its *Code of Conduct* order. The order could be used to restrict LAC staff from teaching and speaking at conferences and other public engagements.

Minister Moore responded that the Code does not preclude LAC staff from engaging in external activities/speaking engagements on their "personal time."

Minister Moore has resigned and ALA will seek further clarification on the LAC's Code after a new minister is appointed.

During the 2013 ALA Midwinter Meeting, the ALA Council also adopted a resolution requesting Congress to approve a "national interest waiver" so the U.S. can again pay its dues and become a fully functioning member of UNESCO. The resolution was distributed to Congress. To date, no response has been received.

FREEDOM TO READ FOUNDATION (FTRF) REPORT, ALA CD#22.1.

Candace Morgan, FTRF President, made note of the Foundation's progress toward its goals to increase its visibility both inside and outside of the library community; to increase member-engagement; and to increase its fundraising efforts.

Morgan reported that the attendance and participation at its Board meeting during this conference had substantially increased. There were also representatives from five countries there: India, Egypt, Guatemala, Mexico, and Sweden.

In closing, Morgan announced that ALA Councilor Julius C. Jefferson, Jr., Information Research Specialist, Library of Congress/Congressional Research Service, Washington, DC, will be incoming FTRF President.

RECOGNITION OF RETIRING COUNCIL AND EXECUTIVE BOARD

MEMBERS. President Maureen Sullivan recognized the following Council members whose terms will expire at the adjournment of the 2013 Annual Conference:

Ismail Abdullahi, Councilor-at-Large (reelected); Paulita Aguilar, New Mexico Chapter Councilor; Gladys Smiley Bell, Councilor-at-Large (reelected); Stephanie Braunstein, Louisiana Chapter Councilor (reelected); Paula Brehm-Heeger, Councilor-at-Large; Ann Crewdson, Councilor-at-Large (reelected); Vicky Crone, Federal and Armed Forces Libraries Round Table Councilor (reelected); Kelly Czarnecki, Councilor-at-Large; Cynthia Czesak, New Jersey Chapter Councilor (elected Councilor-at-Large); Aaron W. Dobbs, Councilor-at-Large (elected the Library and Information Technology Association Councilor); Wanda Dole, Library Research Round Table Councilor (reelected); Cynthia E. Dottin, Library Instruction Round Table Councilor (reelected); Karen E. Downing, Councilor-at-Large (reelected); Naphtali L. Faris, Councilor-at-Large; Maggie Farrell, ACRL Councilor; Valerie Feinman, Small Round Tables Councilor; Valeria Fike, Library Support Staff Interest Round Table Councilor; Marianne C. Fues, Councilor-at-Large; Loida A. Garcia-Febo, Councilor-at-Large (reelected); Susan Gibbons, Councilor-at-Large; Sol Antonio Gomez, Councilor-at-Large; Suzanne Goodman, Montana Chapter Councilor; Janice Greenberg, Councilor-at-Large; Romina Gutierrez, Councilor-at-Large; Peter D. Hepburn, Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered Round Table Councilor (reelected); Nann Blaine Hilyard, Councilor-at-Large; Alexia Hudson-Ward, Pennsylvania Chapter Councilor, (Alexia is an Executive Board member and will remain on Council); Sara Kelly Johns, American Association of School Librarians Councilor (Sara was elected to the ALA Executive Board and will remain on Council); Melissa P. Johnston, Councilor-at-Large; Sara F. Jones, Nevada Chapter Councilor; Sue Kamm, Councilor-at-Large (reelected);

Erlene Bishop Killeen, Councilor-at-Large; Terri G. Kirk, Kentucky Chapter Councilor; Pamela R. Klipsch, Missouri Chapter Councilor; Charles E. Kratz, Jr., Councilor-at-Large; Carla M. Land, Councilor-at-Large (reelected); Chris S. LaRoux, Rhode Island Chapter Councilor; Dennis J. LeLoup, Councilor-at-Large; Adriene I. Lim, LITA Councilor; Rodney E. Lippard, North Carolina Chapter Councilor; Mary L. Mallory, Councilor-at-Large; Bernard A. Margolis, Councilor-at-Large (reelected); Carolyn V. Neal, Councilor-at-Large; Kathy A. Parsons, Iowa Chapter Councilor; Richard Paustenbaugh, Oklahoma Chapter Councilor; Michael Porter, Councilor-at-Large (Michael is an Executive Board member and will remain on Council); Lauren Pressley, Councilor-at-Large (reelected); Cristina Dominguez Ramirez, Councilor-at-Large (reelected); Hannah Gascho Rempel, Oregon Chapter Councilor; Elizabeth Ann Ridler, Councilor-at-Large; Susan Roman, Councilor-at-Large (reelected); Larry Romans, Councilor-at-Large (reelected); Doc Roth, Councilor-at-Large; Susan Schmidt, United for Libraries Councilor (reelected); Jane T. Sessa, DC Chapter Councilor; Sue Sherif, Alaska Chapter Councilor; Jeff Slagell, Mississippi Chapter Councilor; Sarah Horton Smith, Councilor-at-Large; Rocco A. Staino, New York Chapter Councilor (reelected); John A. Stevenson, Government Documents Round Table Councilor; Patrick "PC" Sweeney, Councilor-at-Large (reelected); Ben Trapskin, Minnesota Chapter Councilor; Thomas (Tom) L. Wilding, Councilor-at-Large; and Amanda Williams, Councilor-at-Large.

President Sullivan also acknowledged with thanks the following retiring Executive Board members whose terms expired at the adjournment of the 2013 ALA Annual Conference: Molly Raphael, ALA Immediate Past President; Kevin Reynolds, Executive Board Member; J. Linda Williams, Executive Board Member (elected Councilor-at-Large and will remain on Council); and James (Jim) G. Neal, ALA Treasurer (elected to a three-year term as an Executive Board Member and will remain on Council).

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION ON PRAYER IN ALA MEETINGS, ALA CD#44, (Rev. 6/26/13). Councilors Larry Romans and Diedre Conkling moved the adoption of ALA CD#44, (Rev. 6/26/13), Resolution on Prayer in ALA Meetings, which read: "That the American Library Association, as a secular institution in a country that is increasingly diverse religiously, refrains from having public prayers during its meetings. Moments of silence should be observed during meetings only to honor a specific person or event."

By *CONSENT*, the motion was amended as follows: “The American Library Association, as a secular institution in a country that is increasingly diverse religiously, refrains from having public prayers during its meetings. Moments of silence ~~should~~ may be observed during meetings ~~only~~ to honor a specific person or event.”

In speaking to the resolution, Councilor Diedre Conkling stated that the proposed resolution was not intended to set new policy, but used to clarify or modify current policy.

Considerable discussion was expressed over the necessity for the resolution since Council had only recently been made aware of one situation, which is now being resolved by the affected ALA unit.

Councilor Karen Schneider moved to strike the final sentence of the motion, which read: “...Moments of silence may be observed during meetings to honor a specific person or event.”

In speaking to the amendment, Councilor Schneider stated that striking the “moment of silence” phrase would turn the resolution into what it actually is trying to address—”prayer in ALA meetings,” and not a “moment of silence honor a specific person or event.”

Following a brief debate on the above amendment to ALA CD#44, Council

DEFEATED, The motion to strike the final sentence which read:
“...Moments of silence ~~should~~ may be observed during meetings ~~only~~ to honor a specific person or event.”

Councilor Jim Kuhn moved and Council

VOTED, That the final sentence of the motion should be amended to read:
“Moments of silence may be observed during meetings.” ~~to honor a specific person or event.~~”

After a discussion of the pros and cons of ALA CD#44, (Rev. 6/26/13), Resolution on Prayer in ALA Meeting, as amended. Council

ADOPTED, CD#44, (Rev. 6/26/13), Resolution on Prayer in ALA Meeting, as amended to read: the motion as amended to read: “The American Library Association, as a secular institution in a country that is increasingly diverse religiously, refrains from having public prayers during its meetings. Moments of silence may be observed during meetings.”

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF WHISTLEBLOWER MANNING, ALA CD# 38 (6/29/13). Councilors Al Kagan and Diedre Conkling moved the adoption of ALA CD#38, Resolution in Support of Whistleblower Manning, which read: “That the American Library Association (ALA) recognizes Bradley Manning as a whistleblower who fulfilled his duty to report war crimes under U.S. law and the Geneva conventions.”

Councilor Kagan then informed Council of three new “whereas” clauses that had been inserted into this resolution as follows:

(1) New number 12 to read: “Whereas, in 2013, ALA recognized Edward Snowden as a whistleblower who, in releasing information that documents government attacks on privacy, free speech, and freedom of association, has performed a valuable service in launching a national dialogue about transparency, domestic surveillance, and overclassification (CD 39, 2013).”

(2) New number 13 to read: “Whereas, West’s defines whistleblowing as “the disclosure by a person, usually an employee, in a government agency or private enterprise; to the public or to those in authority, of mismanagement, corruption, illegality, or some other wrongdoing,” and that’s from a West’s Encyclopedia of Law, 2005.”

(3) New number 19 to read: “Whereas, Bradley Manning had an obligation under U.S. Army Subject Schedule No. 27-1 based on the Geneva Conventions to report war crimes.”

Note: Original whereases 12, 13, and 19 became 13, 14, and 20.

Council was reminded that at the 2013 Midwinter, ALA CD#36, Resolution Reaffirming ALA Support for Whistleblowers, was referred to the Committee on Legislation and the Intellectual Freedom Committee for a report at the 2013 Annual Conference. COL and IFC will report at Council III.

Councilor Maggie Farrell moved that ALA CD#38 (6/29/13) Resolution in Support of Whistleblower Manning be referred to the Committee on Legislation and Intellectual Freedom Committee.

After a brief debate, Council

VOTED, To refer ALA CD#38 (6/29/13) Resolution in Support of Whistleblower Manning to the Committee on Legislation and Intellectual Freedom Committee with a report back at Council III.

RESOLUTION ON LIBRARY SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY IN A NATURAL DISASTER, ALA CD#41, (Rev. 6/30/13). Councilor Lauren Comito pointed out additional revisions that had resulted from feedback received at the Council Forum on Sunday, June 30, 2013. Comito then read the revised motion: “That the American Library Association (ALA) on behalf of its members: (1) acknowledges that many libraries across the country have provided library and emergency services in disasters including storms, fires, earthquakes and floods and applauds those actions; (2) recognizes the significant contributions of libraries and library staff who have provided effective emergency response/recovery services, and responded to the needs of their communities following hurricanes Sandy and Irene in ways that go above and beyond the regular call of duty; and (3) sends a letter acknowledging the work and contributions of libraries and library staff to the State Chapters in the affected states of New York, New Jersey, Vermont, and Connecticut, to be passed on to the appropriate parties and ensure that such a letter is sent whenever libraries lead community recovery.”

Comito also noted two other revisions to the resolution:

- 1) Title of the resolution changed to: Resolution on Library Service to the Community in a Natural Disaster, ALA CD#41, (Rev. 6/30/13).
- 2) The addition of a third whereas clause, which read: “Whereas, the American Library Association has recognized and encouraged library service to local communities during disasters in the past.”

Note: Original whereas 3 became 4.

By *CONSENT*, Council amended the third resolved clause as follows: “Sends a letter acknowledging the work and contributions of libraries and library staff to the State Chapters in the affected states ~~of New York, New Jersey, Vermont, and Connecticut~~, to be passed on to the appropriate parties and ensure that such a letter is sent whenever libraries lead community recovery.”

It was noted that the Budget Analysis and Review Committee (BARC) had reviewed the resolution to determine whether there were any financial implications. BARC chair Clara Bohrer said that BARC saw no fiscal implications.

Council then

ADOPTED, Resolution on Library Service to the Community in a **Natural** Disaster, ALA CD#41, as amended 7/1/13 to read: “That the American Library Association (ALA) on behalf of its members: (1) Acknowledges that many libraries across the country have provided library and emergency services in disasters including storms, fires, earthquakes and floods and applauds those actions; (2) Recognizes the significant contributions of libraries and library staff who have provided effective emergency response/recovery services, and responded to the needs of their communities following hurricanes Sandy and Irene in ways that go above and beyond the regular call of duty; and (3) Sends a letter acknowledging the work and contributions of libraries and library staff to the State Chapters in the affected states to be passed on to the appropriate parties and ensure that such a letter is sent whenever libraries lead community recovery.”

RESOLUTION ON DIVESTMENT OF HOLDINGS IN FOSSIL FUEL COMPANIES AND LIBRARIES’ ROLE IN A PEACEFUL TRANSITION TO A FOSSIL-FREE ECONOMY, ALA CD#42. Councilors Ben Trapskin pointed out additional revisions that were made to this resolution. They were:

- 1) Resolution on Divestment of Holdings in Fossil Fuel Companies ~~and Libraries’ Role in a Peaceful Transition to a Fossil-Free Economy~~
- 2) Delete the following words of 1st “Resolved” clause: “~~Directs its endowment trustees to...~~”

3) Delete entire 2nd “Resolved” clause, which read: ~~“Urges libraries, in additional to collecting and providing information on the environment, to take steps in assisting our communities in a peaceful transition to fossil-free energy sources, especially those communities whose economic well-being are heavily, if not completely, dependent of fossil fuels.”~~

The Resolution on Divestment of Holdings in Fossil Fuel Companies now read: “That the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members, begins divesting in the fossil fuel industry by excluding our three holdings in the ‘Filthy Fifteen’ named in the Endowment Trustees Report to BARC (ALA CD#16.2) that have “little or no significant negative impact” in the short term of ALA.”

In speaking to the resolution, Councilor Ben Trapskin noted that the resolution’s language had been pared down to ask that ALA begin to strategically divest in the fossil fuel industry,” instead of asking that ALA immediately divest its holdings.

As seconder of the resolution, Councilor Ann Crewdson expressed her gratitude to BARC, Executive Board, and the Endowment Trustees for providing an information report on this issue (ALA CD#16.2). Crewdson also said that it was time for ALA to move forward to secure a sustainable future.

Following an in-depth debate of the issue, Council

DEFEATED, ALA CD#42, Resolution on Divestment of Holdings in Fossil Fuel Companies and Libraries’ Role in a Peaceful Transition to a Fossil-Free Economy, as amended to read: “The American Library Association, on behalf of its members:

1. Begins divesting in the fossil fuel industry by excluding our three holdings in the “Filthy Fifteen” named in the Endowment Trustees’ Information Report to BARC that have ‘little or no significant negative impact’ in the short term on ALA.”

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF WHISTLEBLOWER EDWARD

SNOWDEN, ALA CD#39. Executive Board Member John A. Moorman moved that ALA CD#39, Resolution in Support of Whistleblower Edward Snowden, ALA CD#39, be reconsidered and referred to the Intellectual Freedom Committee and the Committee on Legislation.

In speaking to the motion, Moorman felt that Council may have acted hastily in not allowing the Intellectual Freedom Committee and the Committee on Legislation an opportunity to review and respond to ALA CD#39, as had happened with a similar resolution (ALA CD#38).

Moorman also felt it was important for Council to be aware of the implications of its agenda items upon the ability of the ALA units to work with legislators, and the ability of librarians to effectively discuss issues from a neutral stance.

Council

VOTED, To reconsider and refer ALA CD#39 (6/29/13), Resolution in Support of Whistleblower Edward Snowden, to the Intellectual Freedom Committee and the Committee on Legislation for a report back at Council III.

ADJOURNMENT. After several brief announcements, the meeting was adjourned upon the completion of the agenda.

ALA COUNCIL III
Tuesday, July 2, 2013, 7:45 a.m. –9:15 a.m.
McCormick Place Convention Center, S100C
Chicago, IL

The third meeting of the ALA Council during the 2013 Annual Conference was convened at 7:45 a.m. on Tuesday, July 2, 2013, in the McCormick Place Convention Center, S100C.

QUORUM. A quorum was established at the beginning of each meeting.

ESTABLISHING THE AGENDA, ALA CD#8.7 (6/25/12-7:00pm). ALA CD#8.7 (7/2/13, 9:30pm), was adopted as amended to include the following resolution under “New Business:” A Resolution to Decrease Printing for Council Meetings, ALA CD#50.

MEMORIALS. ALA Policy A.4.2.3 provides that memorials, tributes, and testimonials will be presented at the beginning of the last session of Council. Memorials were adopted for Brooke E. Sheldon, M-#12; Lillian Miles Lewis, M-#13; Jack C. Gerts, II, M-#14; Herb Davis, M-#15; Carolyn Forsman, M-#16; Russell Shank, M-#17; Connie Van Fleet, M-#18; Jacqueline Mancall, M-#19; eva efron, M-#20; Ed Johnson, M-#21; Margaret “Peg” Hallisey, M-#22; Robert O. Ellett, Jr., M-#23; and Fredrick McKissack, M-#24.

TRIBUTES. By *ACCLAMATION*, Council also adopted the following tributes: 40th Anniversary of the Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA), T-#2; Abba Al Hadi, T-#3; and 15th Anniversary of the Spectrum Scholarship Program, T-#4.

TELLERS REPORT ON THE ELECTION FOR THE 2012–2013 COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES AND THE 2012–2014 PLANNING AND BUDGET ASSEMBLY, ALA CD#12.3. Patricia Hofmann, chair, reported the following election results:

ELECTED, To the 2013–2014 Council Committee on Committees (COC): Roberto Carlos Delgado; John D. DeSantis; Eboni M. Henry; and Julius C. Jefferson, Jr. This committee will be chaired by 2013–2014 ALA President-Elect Courtney L. Young.

ELECTED, To the Planning and Budget Assembly (PBA). *Chapter Councilors*: Hadi S. Dudley (2013–2015); Pamela J. Hickson-Stevenson (2013–2015); and Elena Rosenfeld (2013–2015). *Councilors-at-Large*: Nicolas (Nick) H. Buron (2013–2015); Karen G. Schneider (2013–2015); and Sue Polanka (2013–2014).

APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL ESTIMATES OF INCOME FY2014. ALA Treasurer James (Jim) G. Neal, moved and Council

APPROVED, The Annual Estimates of Income FY2014 ALA Budgetary Ceiling of \$63,944,617.

With Jim Neal’s 3-year term as ALA Treasurer ending at the conclusion of this conference, he shared his reflections with Council:

“As I transfer Treasurer responsibility to Mario Gonzalez, but continue to serve as a member of the Executive Board, I want to share some reflections and some encouragement.

I am reminded of an English saying: ‘At a banquet, it is important to eat wisely but not too well, and to speak well but not too wisely.’ Let’s see how I do at this Council banquet.”

1. It is critical that we implement budget reductions more strategically and less opportunistically. We have weathered the cuts of the last several years through exhaustion of our net asset balances, an expanding number of vacant positions, and one-time budget and accounting adjustments. We need to proceed selectively and with strategy.
2. We must make sure that our resources are aligned with ALA’s vision, mission and strategic priorities. I often observe that if you want to understand what an organization really thinks is important, look at its budget. As resources tighten, it is even more critical to make hard choices.

3. ALA is a complex organization, a maze of offices, divisions, roundtables, and administrative services and member services groups. We need to step back and refresh our thinking about the financial relationships and interdependencies, particularly between ALA and its divisions.
4. We cannot rely looking forward on the revenue generated by our traditional ALA businesses: membership, publishing and conferences. Revenue is flat or declining. We must explore and invest in new revenue opportunities, in new products and new markets, take risks and be innovative.
5. We must find ways to improve organizational productivity and reduce unnecessary redundancy. This means continuing to invest in new technologies and systems, consider outsourcing of operations and cloud solutions where appropriate, sunsetting units and committees and programs that no longer advance mission priorities.
6. ALA operates with a number of units which are income centers and others which are cost centers. We need to move to more program and project based budgeting processes so we can understand clearly the true costs of carrying out our work and understand what we are subsidizing and at what level.
7. It is critical that we sustain our financial reserves and a robust investment strategy. Endowment income increasingly supports the work of the Association, prizes and scholarships. A substantial fund balance is essential to a healthy organization and to our ability to borrow funds and invest in new opportunities.
8. Our commitment and support for the e-participation and work of the Association remains episodic and inconsistent. We have made progress, but our virtuality is limited and our analog dependence remains high. This is an area where a new comprehensive plan and investment is needed.
9. Healthy and innovative organizations generate and launch new initiatives, and ALA and its units certainly meet this definition. But it is important that we

manage the number, scope, continuity and impact of such new programs and projects.

10. It is clear that membership, conference, and publishing will remain our core revenue sources. Membership must continue to focus on retention, including those of us who are retiring from our work assignments and on recruitment, particularly new information professionals.
11. Conference must continue to pursue opportunities for enrichment of the experience and the consolidation and reduction of unnecessary meetings and events. And we must carry out a rigorous study of the future of our publishing program.
12. We are not a business, we are a professional association. But we operate important businesses in support of members and the larger community of libraries. And business plans grounded in research, market analysis, and assessment are essential.
13. We must regularize and routinize a program of organizational risk assessment. With the financial and political challenges we face, we must identify trends and developments which erode or threaten our ability to be successful, and then put in place strategies to counter these challenges.
14. We must maintain our commitment to rigorous audit procedures and internal controls. Our financial policies and processes at ALA are characterized by high integrity, appropriate separation in assignment of work, and regular review and audit. We must sustain our commitment and not allow controls to be compromised.
15. We must implement and advance on an annual basis a program of staff compensation increases. ALA staff has been remarkably patient as we have worked through our budget challenges. This is an issue of fairness, and an issue of effective recruitment and retention.

16. The presentation and communication of the fiscal truth to governing bodies and members is so critical. Honesty, transparency, timeliness, accuracy—these must be the continuing characteristics of our financial reporting and discussion at ALA.
17. Everything we do and the investments we make as an Association must be focused on member value and member engagement. This must be our highest priority.

Carl Sagan, the late astronomer, once noted that if you want to make an apple pie, you must first create the universe. If you want to have a successful association program of professional leadership and member services, you must first have the resources to advance the priorities. We are blessed at ALA to have a great financial team led by Greg Calloway and his staff: including Keith Brown, Elaine Klimek, Denise Moritz, Sandra Lee and Joanne Lee. I thank them for their guidance and support and I thank you for allowing me to serve as your Treasurer.”

On behalf of the Executive Board and the ALA membership, President Maureen Sullivan presented Neal with a plaque.

In recognition of his service and accomplishments over the past three-years, ALA Treasurer James G. Neal received a standing ovation.

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION (COL) REPORT, ALA CD#20.3-20.5.

Vivian R. Wynn, COL chair and Pat Scales, IFC chair, jointly reported that following extensive discussion and review on the two resolutions referred to IFC and COL (2012–2013 ALA CD#38, Resolution in Support of Whistleblower Bradley Manning, and 2012–2013 ALA CD#39, Resolution in Support of Whistleblower Edward Snowden), the committees determined that specific names in whistleblower statements should be removed because it detracts from ALA’s ability to fight for the significant, long-term changes needed.

On behalf of both committees, it was moved ALA CD#38 and ALA CD#39 as referred to the COL and IFC be replaced with ALA CD 19.2. Resolution on the Need for Reforms for the Intelligence Community to Support Privacy, Open Government, Government Transparency, and Accountability and ALA 20.4 (identical resolution), which read: “That the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members:

1. Reaffirms its unwavering support for the fundamental principles that are the foundation of our free and democratic society, including a system of public accountability, government transparency, and oversight that supports people's right to know about and participate in our government;
2. In light of present revelations related to NSA's surveillance activities conducted pursuant to orders issued by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (FISC) under Sections 215 and 702 of the USA PATRIOT Act the American Library Association calls upon the U.S. Congress, President Obama, and the Courts to reform our nation's climate of secrecy, overclassification, and secret law regarding national security and surveillance, to align with these democratic principles;
3. Urges the U.S. Congress and President Obama to provide authentic protections that prevent government intimidation and criminal prosecution of government employees and private contractors who make lawful disclosures of wrong doing in the intelligence community;
4. Calls upon the public to engage in and our members to lead public dialogues discussing the right to privacy, open government and balancing civil liberties and national security;
5. Encourage the public to support bills and other proposals that both secure and protect our rights to privacy, free expression and free association and promote a more open, transparent government; and
6. Expresses its thanks and appreciation to the members of Congress who work to protect our privacy and civil liberties."

Councilors David Hurley and Mike Marlin moved and Council

VOTED, To strike the word "*lawful*" from the 3rd "Resolved" clause.

Some concern was expressed over the way that the membership and Council approved Resolution in Support of Whistleblower Edward Snowden, ALA CD#39, which was rescinded and then referred to the COL and IFC. Following considerable discussion,

Council

VOTED, To substitute ALA CD#38 and ALA CD#39 with ALA CD#19.2 and ALA CD#20.4, Resolution on the Need for Reforms for the Intelligence Community to Support Privacy, Open Government, Government Transparency, and Accountability, as amended.

Council then

ADOPTED, ALA CD#19.2 and ALA CD#20.4, Resolution on the Need for Reforms for the intelligence Community to Support Privacy, Open Government, Government Transparency, and Accountability, as amended.

Vivian R. Wynn, COL chair, moved and Council

ADOPTED, ALA CD#20.5, Resolution Urging Congress to Designate the Government Printing Office as the Lead Agency to Manage the Lifecycle of Digital United States Government Information, which read: "That the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members:

1. Urges Congress to designate the Government Printing Office the lead agency to develop a United States federal government-wide strategy for managing the lifecycle of digital government publications, documents, information, and web sites;
2. Urges Congress to authorize the Government Printing Office to develop and administer standards and procedures for the United States federal government which include rules for dismantling sites and archiving web content, including the preservation of all pertinent data protocols, documentation, and software programs for evaluating and manipulating the content for permanent public access;
3. Urges Congress require that the Government Printing Office consult with the United States federal publishing agencies, the National Libraries, and professional library and archiving groups in the development of these standards and procedures; and
4. Urges Congress provide the Government Printing Office sufficient funding to handle the archiving of web content, to perform its duties on an ongoing

basis and additional funding as necessary to fully assist agencies when they are forced to decommission a web site.”

In closing, Wynn thanked President Maureen Sullivan for facilitating a Strategy Session for COL members, held on May 5–6 prior to ALA’s 2013 National Library Legislative Day in Washington, DC. At this meeting, COL was able to plan and establish strategic goals for the committee in the coming years. Wynn felt it would not have been possible without the support and leadership of President Sullivan.

INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM COMMITTEE REPORT (IFC), ALA CD#19.1-CD#19.3. Pat Scales, chair, moved and Council

ADOPTED, ALA CD#19.3, Resolution Supporting Librarians Sued for Doing Their Professional Duty, which read: “That the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members:

1. Most strongly urges publishers to refrain from actions such as filing libel suits when in disagreement with librarians who have publically shared their professional opinions and instead to rely upon the free exchange of views in the marketplace of ideas to defend their interests as publishers.”

A RESOLUTION TO DECREASE PRINTING FOR COUNCIL MEETINGS, ALA CD#50. Councilors John Sandstrom and Aaron Dobbs moved and Council

ADOPTED, ALA#50, A Resolution to Decrease Printing for Council Meetings, which read: “That the American Library Association (ALA) Council, on behalf of its members:

1. Requests the Executive Director to develop and implement an opt-in program for Councilors to elect to receive electronic-only Council documents and reduce the number of regularly printed copies of documents.”

ADJOURNMENT. The agenda was completed and the meeting was adjourned.