

**2013 MIDWINTER MEETING
IMPLEMENTATION REPORT
ON ALA COUNCIL ACTIONS
TAKEN AT THE
2012 ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2012 ANNUAL CONFERENCE COUNCIL ACTIONS

ALA Policy 5.4 requires the Executive Board or its delegates to report to Council on the status of implementation of motions and resolutions passed by Council during the preceding year. The report shall be entered in the Council minutes.

Document Number/Title of Document: ALA CD# 40, Resolution on Voter Suppression in America.

Implementation Action: The ALA Council *ADOPTED*, ALA CD# 40, Resolution on Voter Suppression in America, as amended read: “That the American Library Association (ALA):

- (1) opposes voter ID laws, restrictions on voter registration, cuts to early voting and any other laws resulting in the restriction of lawful access to voting.
- (2) encourages libraries; librarians; and library support staff to provide information to citizens to mitigate these restrictions should they remain in effect on Election Day.”

Dissemination: Council’s action on the resolution was sent to the following: the ALA Council; *American Libraries*; ALA Washington Office for distribution to the League of Women Voters; and the ALA Chapter Relations Office for distribution to the state library associations. A press release was also issued on July 10, 2012, by the ALA Public Information Office, which was picked up for distribution by *AL Direct*.

Document Number/Title of Document: ALA CD#42, Resolution in Support of Whistleblower Bradley Manning.

Implementation Action: The ALA Council *DEFEATED*, a motion to adopt ALA CD#42, Resolution in Support of Whistleblower Bradley Manning, which read: “That the American Library Association calls upon the Secretary of the Army and the Chief of Staff of the United States Army to release Pfc. Bradley Manning from pre-trial confinement and drop the charges against him.”

Response: No further action on ALA CD# 42, Resolution in Support of Whistleblower Bradley Manning, is required.

Document Number/Title of Document: ALA CD#43, Resolution on Access to Information and WikiLeaks.

Implementation Action: The ALA Council *DEFEATED*, a motion to adopt ALA CD#43, Resolution on Access to Information and WikiLeaks, which read: "That the American Library Association (ALA): (1) supports the rights of WikiLeaks to publish leaked government documents; (2) commends the efforts of WikiLeaks to expunge from documents names and other material deemed potentially harmful to innocent people; (3) commends WikiLeaks for performing a public service for making available important documents related to foreign and military policy; (4) recommends that libraries consider linking their websites to the WikiLeaks website where appropriate; and (5) condemns any harassment of WikiLeaks."

Response: No further action on ALA CD#43, Resolution on Access to Information and WikiLeaks, is required.

Document Number/Title of Document: Council *Policy Manual* Revision Task Force Report, ALA CD#10-10.4.

The ALA Council *ADOPTED*, the recodification of the ALA *Policy Manual*, Section A: Organization and Operational Policies and Section B: Positions and Public Policy Statement as outlined in ALA CD#10.1 and 10.2. Other related documents include ALA CD#10.3, Final Report of the Presidential Policy Manual Revision Task Force and ALA CD#10.4, ALA Policy Crosswalk to New Sections A & B to Old ALA Policy Manual.

Response: The Policy Monitoring Committee has reviewed the recodified *Manual*, and will report its findings and recommendations to Council at the 2013 ALA Midwinter Meeting.

Document Number/Title of Document: Resolution that School Libraries and Librarians are Critical to Educational Success, ALA CD#41, Revised 6/25/12

The ALA Council *ADOPTED*, ALA CD#41, Revised 6/25/12, Resolution that School Libraries and Librarians are Critical to Educational Success, as amended to read: "That the American Library Association (ALA):

- (1) directs the ALA Presidential Task Force on School Librarians to lead the Association in its continued mission to address the urgent need for advocacy for school libraries and school librarians; and to address the impact of the de-professionalization and curtailment of school library instructional programs on students and student achievement, continuing to engage librarians of all types from across the association to advocate for school libraries, which are imperative to the survival and success of all libraries;

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- (2) encourages state associations and affiliates to influence legislation requiring adequate funding and appropriate staffing of school libraries in schools at all levels;
- (3) places a high priority on seeing that upcoming ESEA legislation recognizes and specifically supports the necessity for effective school library programs and credentialed school librarians;
- (4) works to encourage federal lobbying efforts to include school libraries in legislation and regulations, including areas such as digital literacy and broadband; and
- (5) actively seeks partnerships with national organizations to reach mutual goals of sustaining school libraries.”

Dissemination: Council’s action on the resolution was sent to the following: the ALA Council; *American Libraries*; the American Association of School Librarians (AASL); and the Public Information Office to prepare a press release for distribution. A press release was also issued on July 10, 2012, by the ALA Public Information Office, which was picked up for distribution by *AL Direct*.

Response: ALA Executive Director Keith Michael Fiels will provide an update to Council on this issue at the 2013 ALA Midwinter Meeting.

Document Number/Title of Document: Memorial Resolutions

Implementation Action: The ALA Council *ADOPTED*, The following memorials: Ray Bradbury, M-#5; Kathleen Hegarty, M-#6; Sara Fine, M-#7; James Clifton Welbourne, M-#8; Wanda L. Crenshaw, M-#9; Jane Howell, M-#10; Alexander Boyd, M-#11; and Richard E. Bopp, M-#12.

Dissemination: Memorial resolutions were disseminated to the friends, families, and colleagues of the above persons.

Document Number/Title of Document: Tribute Resolution

Implementation Action: The ALA Council *ADOPTED*, a tribute for Abbe Charles-Michel L’Epee, T-#6.

Dissemination: Tribute resolution was disseminated to the originator of the resolution.

Document Number/Title of Document: Council Tellers Report, ALA CD#12.3, Item #1

Implementation Action: The ALA Council *ELECTED*, the following councilor to serve on the 2012-2013 Council Committee on Committees: Sol A. Gomez; Terri G. Kirk, Em Claire Knowles; Lauren Pressley; and Rocco A. Staino. The committee is chaired by 2012-2013 ALA President-Elect Barbara K. Stripling.

Response: 1) The 2012-2013 Committee on Committees will report on its slate of candidates for the 2013 ALA Midwinter Council ALA Executive Board election; 2) the 2012-2013 Committee on Committees will complete its recommended appointments to the seventeen (17) ALA Council committees at the 2013 Midwinter Meeting; and 3) the 2012-2013 Committee on Committees will develop its slates of Council candidates for the upcoming 2013-2014 Committee on Committees and Planning and Budget Assembly Council elections at the 2013 ALA Annual Conference in Chicago, IL.

Document Number/Title of Document: Council Tellers Report, ALA CD#12.3, Item #2

Implementation Action: The ALA Council *ELECTED*, the following councilors to serve as Planning and Budget Assembly (PBA) representatives: *Chapters:* Alan A. Kornblau and Andrew B. Wertheimer. *Councilors-at-Large:* Diane R. Chen Kelly, Gail A. Schlachter, and Courtney L. Young.

Response: The PBA will meet on Sunday, January 27, 1- 2:30 pm, in the Sheraton Hotel, Redwood. The invitation to attend the meeting, along with an agenda was sent Council, Committee, Division and Round Table PBA representatives.

Document Number/Title of Document: ALA CD#45, Resolution on Homelessness and Libraries ALA CD#45.

Implementation Action: The ALA Council *REFERRED* ALA CD #45, Resolution on Homelessness and Libraries, to the Council Intellectual Freedom Committee. The resolution read: "That the American Library Association (ALA) shall amend Article V of the Library Bill of Rights to include housing status, so that it now reads: `A person's right to use a library should not be denied or abridged because of origin, age, background, views or housing status.'"

Response: The Intellectual Freedom Committee will respond to the resolution during its report at Council III, Tuesday, January 29, 9:30am-12:30pm.