

**2012 MIDWINTER MEETING
IMPLEMENTATION REPORT
ON ALA COUNCIL ACTIONS
TAKEN AT THE
2011 ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2011 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#48, Resolution on Out of School Time Library Programs

Implementation Action: The ALA Council *ADOPTED*, ALA CD#48, Resolution on Out of School Time Library Programs, as amended to read: “That the American Library Association (ALA):

1. Encourages our members to tell their legislators, as well as local and national organizations and associations, about the value of their library to Out of School library programs.
2. Urges Library Directors, Trustees, School Board members and supervising government bodies to ensure that libraries, of all types, dedicate the proper funding to insure that comprehensive Out of School library programs for all children and teens are maintained.”

Dissemination: On August 16, 2011, an ALA press release was issued on the Resolution on Out of School Time Library Programs. The resolution was also sent to the ALA YALSA and ALSC division executive directors.

Document Number/Title of Document: Council Policy Monitoring Committee Report, ALA CD#17.1

Implementation Action: The ALA Council *ADOPTED*, The following two (2) action items contained in ALA CD#17.1, Policy Monitoring Committee (PMC) Report:

Item #1. Based on 2009-2010 ALA CD#36.2, ALA Strategic Plan 2011-2015, submitted by the ALA Executive Board and adopted as amended by the ALA Council at the 2010 ALA Annual Conference, the PMC recommends the insertion of Policy 1.3.1 and the revision of Policies 1.4 and 1.5 into the *ALA Policy Manual* as follows:

1.3.1 Core Organizational Values:

The Association is committed to:

- Extending and expanding library services in America and around the world
- All types of libraries – academic, public, school and special
- All librarians, library staff, trustees and other individuals and groups working to improve library services
- Member service
- An open, inclusive, and collaborative environment
- Ethics, professionalism and integrity
- Excellence and innovation
- Intellectual Freedom
- Social responsibility and the public good

(See “Policy Reference File”: ALA Strategic Plan 2011-2015, 2009-2010 ALA CD#32.6)

1.4 Key Action Areas:

ALA is committed to seven **Key Action Areas** as guiding principles for investment of energies and resources:

- **Advocacy for Libraries and the Profession**

The association actively works to increase public awareness of the crucial value of libraries and librarians, to promote state and national legislation beneficial to libraries and library users, and to supply the resources, training and support networks needed by local advocates seeking to increase support for libraries of all types.

- **Diversity**

Diversity is a fundamental value of the association and its members, and is reflected in its commitment to recruiting people of color and people with disabilities to the profession and to the promotion and development of library collections and services for all people.

- **Education and Lifelong Learning**

The association provides opportunities for the professional development and education of all library staff members and trustees; it promotes continuous, lifelong learning for all people through library and information services of every type.

- **Equitable Access to Information and Library Services**

The Association advocates funding and policies that support libraries as great democratic institutions, serving people of every age, income level, location, ethnicity, or physical ability, and providing the full range of information resources needed to live, learn, govern, and work.

- **Intellectual Freedom**

Intellectual freedom is a basic right in a democratic society and a core value of the library profession. The American Library Association actively defends the right of library users to read, seek information, and speak freely as guaranteed by the First Amendment.

- **Literacy**

The ALA assists and promotes libraries in helping children and adults develop the skills they need—the ability to read and use computers—understanding that the ability to seek and effectively utilize information resources is essential in a global information society.

- **Organizational Excellence**

The association is inclusive, effective and responsive to the needs of ALA members.

- **Transforming Libraries**

ALA provides leadership in the transformation of libraries and library services in a dynamic and increasingly global digital information environment.

(Approved annually since 1997 by the ALA Council as the “programmatic priorities” of the Association. See “Policy Reference File”: ALA Strategic Plan 2011-2015, 2009-2010 ALA CD#32.6)

1.5 Goals and Objectives:

*The **Goals and Objectives** represent strategic areas of focus for the next three to five years. The goals articulate the outcomes ALA would like to achieve and answer the question, “What will constitute future success?” The achievement of each goal will move the organization toward realization of its envisioned future. The goals are not necessarily identified in priority order.*

Objectives provide direction on how ALA will accomplish its articulated goals. Objectives are considered in the 3-5 year planning horizon.

Goal Area: Advocacy, Funding and Public Policy

Goal Statement: ALA equips and leads advocates for libraries, library issues and the library profession, and plays a key role in formulating legislation, policies and standards that affect library and information services.

Strategic Objectives:

1. Increase public awareness of the value and impact of all types of libraries and the important role of librarians and other library staff.
2. Increase research and evaluation documenting the value and impact of all libraries.
3. Increase resources and training for advocates seeking to secure increased funding and support for all libraries.
4. Lead advocacy for crucial library issues such as literacy, intellectual freedom, privacy, fair use, preservation of our cultural heritage, information literacy, equity of access, and permanent no fee public access to government information.
5. Increase ALA’s role in the formulation of library-related local, state, national, and international legislation, policies and standards.
6. Increase collaboration and alliances with organizations at all levels to advance legislation and public policy issues affecting libraries, librarians and information services.
7. Use new technologies to build greater public understanding and support for libraries of all types.

Goal Area: Building the Profession

Goal Statement: ALA promotes excellence and diversity in the library field.

Strategic Objectives:

1. Ensure that library education and training reflect the core values of the profession and the needs of the communities served by libraries of all types.
2. Increase the availability of and access to continuing education, career development and certification opportunities for librarians, library staff, trustees and library advocates.
3. Provide increased leadership and career development opportunities for Library and Information Science students.
4. Increase the diversity of the library workforce to reflect an increasingly diverse national and global community.
5. Increase ALA activities to assist libraries in recruiting, developing and retaining a high-quality, diverse library workforce.

Goal Area: Transforming Libraries

Goal Statement: ALA provides leadership in the transformation of libraries and library services in a dynamic and increasingly global digital information environment.

Strategic Objectives:

1. Increase opportunities to share innovative practices and concepts across the profession, nationally and internationally, and among all libraries.
2. Increase recognition of and support for experimentation with innovative and transformational ideas.
3. Help libraries make use of new and emerging technologies by promoting and supporting technological experimentation and innovation.
4. Increase leadership development and training opportunities designed to support the ongoing transformation of libraries.

Goal Area: Member Engagement

Goal Statement: ALA provides an environment in which all members, regardless of location or position, have the opportunity to participate in, contribute to, and benefit from engagement in their association.

Strategic Objectives:

1. Increase member and staff innovation and experimentation in the creation of new opportunities for face to face and virtual engagement.
2. Increase member engagement by identifying and eliminating barriers to participation and through technological innovation.
3. Develop new models to recognize member contributions in a changing association.
4. Continue to enhance a web presence that engages members and the public.

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Goal Area: Organizational Excellence

Goal Statement: ALA operates effectively, efficiently, creatively and in a socially responsible fashion to accomplish its mission.

Strategic Objectives:

1. Develop and sustain the resources required to ensure the vitality of the association, its programs and services.
2. Enhance the association's organizational structure to meet the changing needs of members, libraries and the users they serve.
3. Assess and continuously improve products and services to better serve current members and to attract new members.
4. Strengthen support for and collaboration with Chapters and Affiliates.

(See "Policy Reference File": ALA Strategic Plan 2011-2015, 2009-2010 ALA CD#32.6)

Item #2. Based on ALA CD#35, Clarification within Job Listings as to the Presence or Absence of Domestic Partner Benefits (Midwinter Meeting, 2011) submitted by ALA Councilors Peter Hepburn and Larry Romans and adopted as amended by the ALA Council,

PMC Moves the following change in the *ALA Policy Manual*:

Change Policy 54.20 from this text:

54.20 Comprehensive Health Care: ALA recognizes the importance of comprehensive health care for all Americans and its impact on libraries and their users. Adopted 2005.

To this text:

54.20. Comprehensive Health Care: ALA recognizes the importance of comprehensive health care for all Americans and its impact on libraries.

ALA encourages that that potential employers specify explicitly in their job announces in ALA publications or website whether or not they provide domestic partner benefits by means of appending one of the following two phrases; 'Domestic-partner benefits are not offered by this institution' or 'Domestic-partner benefits are offered by this institution.'

ALA urges other publishers and providers to encourage potential employers to specify explicitly in their job announcements whether or not they provide domestic partner benefits by means of appending one of the following two phrases: 'Domestic-partner benefits are not offered by this institution' or 'Domestic-partner benefits are offered by this institution'. Adopted 2005, Amended 2010. (See "Policy Reference File": Clarification within Job Listings as to the Presence or Absence of Domestic Partner Benefits, 2010-2011 ALA CD#35)

Response: All of the above PMC items were incorporated into the online *ALA Policy Manual*, which is available at <http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/governance/policymanual/index.cfm>.

Note: The Policy Reference File (PRF), which contains the full text of Council policies, is available at <http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/governance/policymanual/prf/index.cfm>.

Document Number/Title of Document: Constitution and Bylaws Committee Report, CD#25.1

Implementation Action: The ALA Council *ADOPTED*, the following two (2) action items contained in the Constitution and Bylaws Committee Report, ALA CD#25.1,:

Item #1: That ALA Bylaws, Article III, Section 5 be replaced in its entirety by the following:

Article III, Section 5.

a. For each office the candidate receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected and shall be so reported to the Association by the Committee on

Election. In the case of a tie vote the successful candidate shall be determined by lot conducted by the Committee on Election.

b. In the event that a candidate for election as a Councilor-at-large withdraws from or is unable to continue his or her candidacy in the period between the distribution of ballots and the reporting of election results, the votes for that candidate shall be ignored.

Votes at Virtual Membership Meetings.

The Committee was asked to consider the inclusion of an allowance for votes at virtual membership meetings since the move to such meetings has already begun. The committee recommends the addition of a sentence to an existing section of the Bylaws covering membership meetings.

Item #2

That ALA Bylaws, Article II, Section 4 be revised to read as follows (the underlined sentence is the addition):

Bylaws, Article II, Section 4. Membership Meetings.

A membership meeting consists of the voting members of the Association with authority to act as set out in Article VI, Section 4(a) and 4(c) of the Constitution. A membership meeting shall be held during the annual conference and at such other times as may be set by the Executive Board, Council or by membership petition as provided for in Article II, Section 2, of the Bylaws.

Membership meetings may be held virtually, and the Executive Board shall establish the procedures for such meetings.

Response: The proposed Bylaw amendments will be placed on the 2012 ALA ballot for ratification by ALA membership during the 2012 ALA elections.

Document Number/Title of Document: Committee on Organization on the Revised Charge of the Joint American Library Association-Children's Book Council Committee, ALA CD#27.1, Item#1.

Implementation Action: The ALA Council *ADOPTED*, the charge of the Joint American Library Association-Children's Book Council Committee be revised to: "To foster communication and collaborate on mutual opportunities, concerns, and issues regarding the content, format, distribution, and promotion of materials for children and young adults, including, but not limited to, the creation and dissemination of appropriate resources, as they relate to both the library and publishing communities."

Response: The joint committee is currently operating under its revised charge.

Document Number/Title of Document: Committee on Organization on the creation and charge of the Games and Gaming Round Table (GGRT), ALA CD#27.1, Item#2

Implementation Action: The ALA Council, *APPROVED* the creation and charge of the Games and Gaming Round Table (GGRT). The purpose of the proposed Games and Gaming Round Table is:

- To provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and concerns surrounding games in libraries
- To provide resources to the library community to support the building and maintaining of library game collections
- To provide a force for initiating and supporting game programming in libraries
- To create an awareness of, and need for, the support of the value of gaming and play in libraries, schools, and related learning communities
- To create an awareness of the value of games and gaming in library outreach and community engagement plans
- To provide a professional and social forum for networking among librarians and non-librarians interested in games and gaming

Response: As of January 10, 2012, there are 54 members of the Games and Gaming Round table. The Steering Committee consists of eight members (led by chair JP Porcaro) plus the staff liaison, Jenny Levine. The Committee is currently discussing the following items:

- A slate of candidates to submit for the 2012 election
- An online, quarterly newsletter for members that offers game reviews and program suggestions
- How best to update the Librarian's Guide to Gaming online toolkit
- Planning the ALA play event for Friday night at Annual in Anaheim

Document Number/Title of Document: Committee on Organization on the creation and charge of the Games and Gaming Round Table (GGRT), ALA CD#27.1, Item#2 (*continued*)

Response: At the 2012 Midwinter Meeting, GameRT is holding its first forum at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 21, in DCC-D227. Three speakers will discuss how they planned National Gaming Day @ your library activities and the University of Huddersfield's Lemon Tree game that introduces students to library resources.

In addition, GameRT will be holding game sessions in the Uncommons throughout Midwinter to provide a break for attendees who want to have a little fun for a few minutes.

GameRT members are also mentoring a 2012 Emerging Leaders project (Team H) that will determine criteria for evaluating the merit of games to communities. GameRT will then use this framework to establish a unique library award for video games.

Document Number/Title of Document: Committee on Organization, ALA CD#27.1, The implementation step of "a" through "f" in action item #3

Implementation Action: The ALA Council *DIRECTS*, the ALA executive director and the Budget Analysis and Review Committee (BARC) to implement steps "a" through "f" in action item #3 immediately below:

- a. Staff investigate the feasibility of modifying the member volunteer interest form to include ways for members to indicate their willingness to serve as a member who can participate electronically/remotely.
- b. BARC and staff investigate the cost of conducting a pilot study to support x number of committees to experiment with a hybrid meeting process in which some committee members meet face-to-face at the Midwinter Meeting and the Annual Conference while other members simultaneously participate in those meetings electronically/remotely. COO recommends that the pilot run for two years so that it can assess the effects, if any, of committee membership turnover at the end of the first year. (COO does not know if any of these costs were calculated after Council approved provisions of the Electronic Participation Task Force recommendations in 2008. If so, these estimates can be updated.)
- c. Staff determine how much, if any, of this can be implemented for the member volunteer cycle that begins when the volunteer form goes live on August 4, 2011.
- d. Staff establish a feasibility timeline for implementation of the pilot study.
- e. Staff and the ALA president-elect who will make committee appointments effective for year one of the pilot (either serving in 2011-12 or in 2012-2013) select committees to participate in the pilot study.
- f. Staff devise a plan to assess the results of the pilot study and its cost implications if it is judged a success and were extended to all ALA and Council committees.

Document Number/Title of Document: Committee on Organization, ALA CD#27.1, The implementation step of “a” through “f” in action item #3 (*continued*)

Response: Staff is developing a plan as part of the FY13 budget and will review with BARC at the spring 2012 BARC meeting. Cost estimates were developed in response to the Electronic Participation Task Force recommendations in 2008; those costs (for wifi in hotel meeting rooms), which were prohibited, have not changed significantly. Conference Services regularly “buys out” wireless access in public areas of the convention center; cost varies significantly, depending on the city. Conference Services is making available “skype kits,” at a reasonable price (\$252), to support groups who choose to “skype-in” members; that cost is passed on to the responsible unit. The cost of modifying the volunteer form will be included in the proposal developed for FY13.

Document Number/Title of Document: Report of the Equitable Access to Electronic Content (EQUACC), ALA CD#41.1

The ALA Council *ADOPTED*, the following two (2) action items outlined in ALA CD#41.1 as amended to read:

1. Refer the report to BARC for review for fiscal implications, and to the Executive Board to develop a plan to implement report recommendations. The results of BARC’s and the Executive Board’s work will be shared with Council by August 1, 2011.
2. Request the President and the Board to establish an ongoing group to address current and future issues of Equitable Access to Digital Content on a coordinated, association-wide basis.

Response: On August 1, 2011, ALA Executive Director Keith Michael Fiels sent Council an implementation report on EQUACC recommendations.

Co-chairs Sari Feldman and Robert (Bob) Wolven will present a report from the newly established Digital Content and Libraries Working Group at Council I on Sunday, January 22, 11:15am-12:30pm, DCC, C2- C4.

Document Number/Title of Document: ALA Intern Program Guidelines, ALA CD#50.1, Revised 6/27/11

Implementation Action: The ALA Council *ADOPTED*, the ALA Intern Program Guidelines, ALA CD#50.1, Revised 6/27/11, as follows:

Amended, ALA Intern Program Guidelines, ALA CD#50.1, Revised 6/27/11, under “*Which Committees Can Have Interns?*”, by striking the following sentence from the paragraph:

Document Number/Title of Document: ALA Intern Program Guidelines, ALA CD#50.1, Revised 6/27/ (*continued*)

~~“The committee chair and the ALA staff liaison inform the ALA President-Elect whether or not they want interns appointed to the committee.”~~

Amended paragraph of **“Which Committees Can Have Interns?”** to read: **“ALA and Council committees are assigned up to two interns each with alternating terms. The intern positions are considered additional membership slots in the committee.”**

Amended the ALA Intern Program Guidelines, ALA CD#50.1, Revised 6/27/11, under **“Who can be appointed as an intern?”** as follows: **“The Intern Program is open to any ALA member who has never been appointed to a position on a Committee of the Association or a Committee of Council, nor held an elected office within the American Library Association or any unit of the Association (including its Divisions, Round Tables, etc.). Whenever possible, the President-Elect should appoint recent or previously less involved members as an intern to provide them with an opportunity to become more involved in the work and organization of ALA.”**

Response: The revised ALA Intern Program Guidelines will accompany invitation letters sent to 2011-2012 ALA and Council committee interns.

Document Number/Title of Document: Memorial Resolutions

Implementation Action: The ALA Council **ADOPTED**, The following memorials: Edward Swanson, M-5; Patricia Wilson Berger, M-6 ; Christy Tyson, M-7; Peg Oettinger, M-8; Norman Horrocks, M-9; Virginia Mathews, M-10 and M-15; Diane Gordon Kadanoff, M-11; Linda Jean Owen, M-12; Herbert Goldhor, M-13; Ursula Meyer, M-14; and Lane S. Thompson, M-16.

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

Document Number/Title of Document: Tribute Resolutions

Implementation Action: The ALA Council **ADOPTED**, the following tributes: Lee Denney, Representative of the Oklahoma State House of Representatives, T-4; and ALA Conference Services and Gale Cengage Learning for Providing Shuttle Bus Service Accommodating Attendees with Disabilities, T-5.

Dissemination: Tribute resolutions were disseminated to the above individuals and organizations.

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

Implementation Action: The ALA Council **ELECTED**, To the 2011-2012 Council Committee on Committees: Aaron W. Dobbs; Peter D. Hepburn; Sara Kelly Johns; and Patrick Sweeney. The committee is chaired by 2011-2012 ALA President-Elect Maureen Sullivan.

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Response: 1) The 2011-2012 Committee on Committees will report on its slate of candidates for the 2012 ALA Midwinter Council ALA Executive Board election; 2) At the 2012 Midwinter Meeting, the 2011-2012 Committee on Committees will complete its recommended appointments to the 16 ALA Council committees; and 3) the 2011-2012 Committee on Committees will develop its slates of Council candidates for the upcoming 2012-2013 Committee on Committees and Planning and Budget Assembly Council elections at the 2012 ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim, CA.

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

Implementation Action: The ALA Council *ELECTED*, the 2011-2012 Planning and Budget Assembly. **Councilors-at-Large:** Karen E. Downing and Sol Antonio Gomez. **Chapter Councilors:** Cynthia Czesak; Alexia Hudson; and Terri G. Kirk.

Response: The PBA will meet on Sunday, January 22, 1:00-2:30pm, in the DCC, D-165. 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 Policy 8.5.1, Long-Term Investment Funds: Association's Use/Withdrawal and Repayment, ALA CD#16.1, Exhibit #13

Implementation Action: The ALA Council *AMENDED*, ALA Policy 8.5.1, Long-Term Investment Funds: Association's Use/Withdrawal and Repayment, ALA CD#16.1, Exhibit #13, to read:

“Use in Budget Preparation

In the preparation of the ALA annual budget, the ALA Executive Director is authorized to **include a payout rate of 3% - 5% of the five-year trailing calendar quarterly (20) rolling average of the net asset balance of the ALA Future Fund. Additionally, the Executive Directors of the Divisions and the liaisons for the Round Tables and others responsible for endowment funds are authorized to include in the preparation of their annual budgets, the anticipated payout value as provided by the Finance department. The payouts will be subject to any donor restrictions related to a particular fund and will be made from allowable temporarily restricted and unrestricted net assets. Additionally, the annual payout rate (3% - 5%) will be reviewed, determined and recommended by the ALA Endowment Trustees and the Finance and Audit committee of the ALA Executive Board, with final approval by the ALA Executive Board.**

Use of Fund

Listed below are the primary instances whereby **additional funds may be withdrawn** from the Long-Term Investment Fund can be made.

A. Program Support

The General Fund, Divisions and Round Tables can request funds from their respective long- term investment funds to support one-time programs.

B. Emergencies

Emergencies will include financial disaster due to a major revenue shortfall, act of God, building catastrophe, major lawsuit, etc.

C. New Initiatives

New Initiatives will include projects or programs that are multi-year in nature and deemed important to the future of the Association, Divisions, Round Tables or units.

Amounts requested to be withdrawn in excess of the determined payout rate will require repayment with interest.

D. Scholarships & Awards

Allowable withdrawals from temporarily restricted and unrestricted Long-Term Investment funds designated for named scholarships and awards will be made to the extent necessary to support the award or scholarship according to its stipulations and requirements. If the **funds available from the annually determined payout rate of 3%-5% of a named** scholarship or award is not adequate, the amount in the temporary restricted and unrestricted investments designated for named scholarships may be used up to the limits of any permanent or donor restrictions.

E. Life Membership Funds

Allowable withdrawals from temporarily restricted and unrestricted Long-Term Investment funds designated for Life Membership, will be made from the Life Membership Fund to the extent necessary to support the annual membership fee for the participants.

F. Transfer of Existing Funds

It is allowable to make a transfer from an existing unrestricted funds for the establishment of a new and or in support of an existing scholarship fund, program or initiative fund within the Long-Term Investment Fund.

Withdrawal-Transfer-Repayment

Each withdrawal for any of the purposes referenced in A, B, C and the **annually determined payout rate of 3%-5% of the five-year trailing calendar quarterly (20) rolling average net asset balance** must be approved by the Executive Board.

Withdrawals from the Long-Term Investment Fund **above and beyond the annually determined payout rate of 3% - 5% of the five-year trailing calendar quarterly (20) rolling average net asset balance,** for any of the

Document Number/Title of Document: ALA Policy 8.5.1, Long-Term Investment Funds: Association's Use/Withdrawal and Repayment, ALA CD#16.1, Exhibit #13 (*continued*)

following events:

- a. Program Support
- b. Emergencies
- c. New Initiatives

will require repayment at the prevailing ALA borrowing rate with the term to be recommended by management and approved by the Executive Board.

The annual withdrawal of interest and or dividends from the Long-Term Investment Fund will not require repayment.

Response: At the 2012 ALA Midwinter Meeting, the Council Policy Monitoring Committee will report to Council on the incorporation of the revised policy into the online *ALA Policy Manual*.

Note: ALA is currently operating under the revised policy.

Document Number/Title of Document: Council Intellectual Freedom Committee Report on the Resolution to Protect Library User Confidentiality in Self-Service Hold Practices, ALA CD#19.3

Implementation Action: The ALA Council **ADOPTED**, ALA CD#19.3, Resolution to Protect Library User Confidentiality in Self-Service Hold Practices, which read: "That the American Library Association (ALA):

1. 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.
2. 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."

Response: On August 16, the ALA Public Information Office issued a press release on the Council adopted resolution. On August 17, 2011, the *American Libraries Direct*, the e-newsletter of the American Library Association, also noted the passage of the resolution.

Document Number/Title of Document: Council Intellectual Freedom Committee Report on the Resolution to Continue Opposition to the Use of Section 215 of the USA PATRIOT Act and the Use of National Security Letters to Violate Reader Privacy, ALA CD#19.4

Implementation Action: The ALA Council **ADOPTED**, ALA CD#19.4, Resolution to Continue Opposition to the Use of Section 215 of the USA PATRIOT Act and the Use of National Security Letters to Violate Reader Privacy, which read: "That the American Library Association (ALA):

Document Number/Title of Document: Council Intellectual Freedom Committee Report on the Resolution to Continue Opposition to the Use of Section 215 of the USA PATRIOT Act and the Use of National Security Letters to Violate Reader Privacy, ALA CD#19.4 (*continued*)

1. Continues to support reforms that protect reader privacy and civil liberties, especially the freedom to read without fear of government surveillance.
2. Continues to oppose the use of Section 215 of the USA PATRIOT Act and the use of National Security Letters to violate reader privacy.
3. Supports the passage of legislation which includes such reforms as heightened protections for library and bookseller records; judicial review of FISA orders, NSLs and their associated gag orders; and the sunset of the USA PATRIOT Act's NSL authorities, as proposed in S. 1125, the USA PATRIOT Act Improvements Bill.
4. Expresses its thanks and appreciation to the members of Congress who work to protect reader privacy."

Response: On August 16, the ALA Public Information Office issued a press release on the Council adopted resolution. On August 17, 2011, the *American Libraries Direct*, the e-newsletter of the American Library Association, also noted the passage of the resolution.

Also, *see* "Response section" for ALA CD#20.7.

Document Number/Title of Document: ALA Committee on Legislation Report on 20.7, Resolution to Continue Opposition to the Use of Section 215 of the USA PATRIOT Act and the Use of National Security Letters to Violate Reader Privacy

Implementation Action: The ALA Council **ADOPTED**, ALA CD#20.7, Resolution to Continue Opposition to the Use of Section 215 of the USA PATRIOT Act and the Use of National Security Letters to Violate Reader Privacy, which read: "That the American Library Association (ALA):

5. Continues to support reforms that protect reader privacy and civil liberties, especially the freedom to read without fear of government surveillance.
6. Continues to oppose the use of Section 215 of the USA PATRIOT Act and the use of National Security Letters to violate reader privacy.
7. Supports the passage of legislation which includes such reforms as heightened protections for library and bookseller records; judicial review of FISA orders, NSLs and their associated gag orders; and the sunset of the USA PATRIOT Act's NSL authorities, as proposed in S. 1125, the USA PATRIOT Act Improvements Bill.
8. Expresses its thanks and appreciation to the members of Congress who work to protect reader privacy."

Document Number/Title of Document: ALA Committee on Legislation Report on 20.7, Resolution to Continue Opposition to the Use of Section 215 of the USA PATRIOT Act and the Use of National Security Letters to Violate Reader Privacy (*continued*)

Dissemination: The resolution was sent to Congress and key committees with PATRIOT Act jurisdiction. Visits made to key supporters in Congress to express ALA's appreciation.

Response: No formal written responses received; "thank you's" expressed during office visits to supportive senators and congressional representatives.

The ALA Public Information Office issued a press release on the resolution. The *American Libraries Direct*, the e-newsletter of the American Library Association, also noted the passage of the resolution.

Document Number/Title of Document: ALA Committee on Legislation Report on ALA CD#20.8, Resolution on Government Printing Office FY2012 Appropriation

Implementation Action: The ALA Council **ADOPTED**, ALA CD#20.8, Resolution on Government Printing Office FY2012 Appropriation, which read: "That the American Library Association (ALA):

Urges Congress to reaffirm the United States Government Printing Office's (GPO) mission in providing no-fee permanent public access to government information by fully funding the GPO appropriations for FY 2012 at the level requested by the United States Public Printer."

Dissemination: Resolution sent to appropriations committees in the House and Senate as well as the Joint Committee on Printing and GPO.

Response: GPO unofficially expressed its appreciation; its FY12 budget was only cut by 6.6%, much less than originally proposed by Congress.

Document Number/Title of Document: ALA Committee on Legislation Report on ALA CD#20.9, Resolution on Defunding of Statistical Agencies

Implementation Action: The ALA Council **ADOPTED**, ALA CD#20.9, Resolution on Defunding of Statistical Agencies, which read: "That the American Library Association (ALA):

1. Urges the U.S. Department of Commerce to reinstate full funding for the U.S. Census Bureau's Statistical Compendia Branch and its publications and data products.
2. Urges the Congress to ensure full funding for these critical statistical publications and data products."

Dissemination: Resolution sent to appropriations committees, the White House, the Department of Commerce and others.

Document Number/Title of Document: ALA Committee on Legislation Report on ALA CD#20.9, Resolution on Defunding of Statistical Agencies (*continued*)

Response: No formal responses received; at this writing the Compendia Branch is being dismantled.

Document Number/Title of Document: ALA Committee on Legislation Report on ALA CD#20.10, Resolution to Increase Funding for the Improving Literacy Through School Libraries Program

Implementation Action: The ALA Council *ADOPTED*, ALA CD#20.10, Resolution to Increase Funding for the Improving Literacy Through School Libraries Program, which read: “That the American Library Association (ALA):

1. Urges the United States Congress to recognize the importance of school libraries by retaining the authorization of Improving Literacy Through School Libraries.
2. Urges Congress to commit a minimum of \$19.1 million designated specifically for Improving Literacy through School Libraries in FY 2012.”

Dissemination: Resolution sent to White House, Congressional appropriations committees and Department of Education.

Response: No closure yet on the “ILTSL” legislation although 28 million has been included in another literacy bill; half was designated for school library programs and they are eligible to apply for funds from the other half.

Document Number/Title of Document: ALA Committee on Legislation Report on ALA CD#20.11, Resolution to Increase Funding for the Library Service and Technology Act (LSTA)

Implementation Action: The ALA Council *ADOPTED*, ALA CD#20.11, Resolution to Increase Funding for the Library Service and Technology Act (LSTA), which read: “The American Library Association urges the United States Congress and the President to fund the Library Service and Technology Act (LSTA) at \$232 million for FY 2012 as authorized in December 2010.”

Dissemination: Resolution sent to White House, Congressional appropriations committees and the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Response: ALA’s position recognized as lobbying and negotiations continued. IMLS did not receive any funding cuts beyond the 2.3% “standard” cut made across the board by the Administration.

Number/Title of Document: ALA Committee on Legislation Report on Resolution to Include Libraries in the Workforce Investment Act (WIA), ALA CD#20.12

Implementation Action: The ALA Council *ADOPTED*, ALA CD#20.12, Resolution to Include Libraries in the Workforce Investment Act (WIA), which read: “That the American Library Association (ALA) urges the United States Congress to include libraries in its reauthorization of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA). Libraries should be eligible to receive funds to serve as, or

Number/Title of Document: ALA Committee on Legislation Report on Resolution to Include Libraries in the Workforce Investment Act (WIA), ALA CD#20.12 (*continued*)

partner with, one-stops and workforce development providers. ALA also urges that Congress encourage state and local workforce boards to include librarians because of their expertise in providing digital literacy training.”

Dissemination: Resolution sent to pertinent sponsors of WIA and to the White House.

Response: No response. Bill is dormant at this writing.

Document Number/Title of Document: Council Effectiveness Task Force Report, Item#3.2, To amend provision #6 of the “Content” section of Policy 5.3, Guidelines for Preparation of Resolutions for Council

Implementation Action: The ALA Council *AMENDED* provision #6 of the “Content” section of Policy 5.3 to state “Resolutions should clearly support ALA’s Strategic Plan as well as its mission and/or its core values; and add to the “Process” provisions of Policy 5.3, the statement that “A supplemental explanation consisting of one or more expository paragraphs should accompany every resolution clearly stating *how* the resolution supports ALA’s Strategic Plan as well as its mission and/or its core values. This supplementary explanation is not a part of the resolution proper.”

Response: At the 2012 ALA Midwinter Meeting, the Council Policy Monitoring Committee will report to Council on the incorporation of the revised policy into the online *ALA Policy Manual*.

Note: ALA is currently operating under the revised policy.

Document Number/Title of Document: Council Effectiveness Task Force Report, Item#5.1, To amend Policy 5.5.2, Council/Executive Board/Membership Information Session and Policy 7.4.10, Membership Meetings

Implementation Action: The ALA Council *AMENDED* Policy 5.5.2 and Policy 7.4.10 as follows. All changes in the text of Policy 5.5.2 and Policy 7.4.10 are highlighted; in addition, text to be deleted has a ~~strikethrough~~ and new text appears in *italics*:

- Policy 5.5.2: At each Midwinter Meeting, there shall be at least one session of Council with the Executive Board for information only, to be held prior to other meetings of Council. Any member of the Association may participate in the information session. ~~At each annual Conference, there shall be at least one joint session of Membership and Council with the Executive Board, for information only, to be held prior to other meetings of Council and Membership.~~
- Policy 7.4.10: A membership meeting shall be held during the ~~first two days of the~~ Annual Conference, excluding days when pre-conferences are held, prior to the meetings of Council. ~~and at such times as may be set by the Executive Board,~~

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~~Council, or by membership petition, as provided for in Article II, Section 4 of the Bylaws. Agendas of membership meetings shall provide priority to discussion of membership resolutions during the second part of the meeting. Memorials, tributes, and testimonials shall be introduced at the beginning of the last Membership Meeting.~~

- *The membership meeting shall consist of:*
- *A session during which the Executive Board, Council, and members may provide information to one another. Any member of the Association may participate in this information session.*
- *A session during which the voting members of the Association may exercise their authority to act as set out in Article VI, Sections 4(a) and 4(c) of the Constitution.*
- *Memorials, tributes, and testimonials may be mentioned by the presiding officer.*

Membership meetings may also be held at such times as may be set by the Executive Board, Council, or by membership petition, as provided for in Article II, Section 4 of the Bylaws.

Additional requirements for Implementation: The Committee on Membership Meetings will need to develop the agendas for these revamped membership meetings. The Task Force recommends that the agendas for both the Council/Executive Board/Membership Information Session at Midwinter and the Membership Meeting at the Annual Conference include the president's report, president-elect's report, and the executive director's report. Reports from BARC and the Endowment Trustees are also desirable. If this report's recommendation in Appendix C is implemented, the executive director's report can include information about the ALA-APA. The Task Force further recommends that the Committee on Membership Meetings confer with the Executive Board's Executive Committee on the agenda for this meeting, the amount of time required to accommodate that agenda, and how to accommodate resolutions as described in the part of Policy 7.4.10 that is untouched by this amendment to Policy 7.4.10. If recommendations explained in Appendix C of the CETF Report are implemented, the executive director's reports should include information about ALA-APA.

Response: At the 2012 ALA Midwinter Meeting, the Council Policy Monitoring Committee will report to Council on the incorporation of the revised policy into the online *ALA Policy Manual*.

Note: ALA is currently operating under the revised policies.

Document Number/Title of Document: Council Effectiveness Task Force Report, Item#6.4. The development of a proposal and budget to enable the ALA Council to conduct a self-assessment.

Implementation Action: The ALA Council *DIRECTED* the ALA executive director to develop a proposal and budget to enable the ALA Council to conduct a self-assessment of its effectiveness.

Response: The Executive Director has been working with the parliamentarian to develop a proposal for conducting a self-assessment. This proposal will be discussed at mid winter. It is anticipated that there will be additional costs associated with this exercise. Once the proposal has been fully developed, the Executive Director will be discussing funding options with BARC and the Board in the spring. Depending on the availability of funds, this self-assessment could move forward prior to the Annual Conference.

Document Number/Title of Document: ALA CD#51, Resolution to Endorse the United Nations 16 May 2011 Report of the Special Rapporteur on the Promotion and Protection of the Right to Freedom of Opinion and Expression

Implementation Action: The ALA Council *ADOPTED*, ALA CD#51, Resolution to Endorse the United Nations 16 May 2011 Report of the Special Rapporteur on the Promotion and Protection of the Right to Freedom of Opinion and Expression, which read: “That the American Library Association (ALA) endorses the 16 May 2011 the United Nations the Report of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression.”

Response: On August 17, the ALA Public Information Office issued a press release on the Council adopted resolution. On August 17, 2011, the *American Libraries Direct*, the e-newsletter of the American Library Association, also noted the passage of the resolution. The Resolution was also forwarded to the UN.