

ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE ALA COUNCIL AT THE 2011 ALA MIDWINTER MEETING

ALA Council I

Sunday, January 10, 2011, 10:00am-12:15pm

San Diego Convention Center, Ballroom 20 A/B, San Diego, CA

By CONSENT, Adopted ALA CD#2, 2010 ALA Annual Conference Council Minutes .

By CONSENT, Approved

`Domestic -partner benefits are not offered by this institution' or `Domestic -partner benefits are offered by this institution”.

ALA Council II

Monday, January 10, 2011, 10:00am-12:15pm

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ADOPTED, the following four (4) action items contained in ALA CD#17, Policy Monitoring Committee (PMC) Report:

ITEM #1. ALA CD#43, A Resolution Reaffirming Equal Employment Opportunity for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender LiOnallroom 20 A/B

The ALA will enter into conference center site contracts only with organizations and legal bodies in cities, counties, or states that do not by law discriminate against lesbian, gay, and bisexual people.

To this text:

7.1.1–Non Discrimination in Conference Contracts

There shall be no discrimination, including that based on race, origin, color, sex, sexual orientation, creed or disability, in the use of any facilities used by the American Library Association. This policy shall become a part of ALA contracts for the use of space. The ALA will avoid entering, whenever possible, into convention center contracts with organizations and legal bodies in cities, counties, or states that by law discriminate against ga caniop .edrnfgr5i w2r stat(b)2(y)6() A

ACTION ITEM#4. EBD #12.19 Electronic Signatures

Item #2. To amend the composition of the Web Advisory Committee by adding as an ex officio member the chair of the ASCLA Accessibility Assembly.

Item #3. To discontinue the ALA- AAP Joint Committee in favor of a more workable system of maintaining an important ongoing inter -association relationship. (Note: ALA CD# 27.1 lays out the committee's history, its challenges, the logistical obstacles to making its current structure function, and the cultural differences between the two associations and a practical proposal to maintain an important inter -association relationship).

APPROVED, the FY2012 programmatic priorities (ALA CD#13 .1, FY2012 Programmatic Priorities) for the American Library Association:

- Diversity
- Equitable Access to Information and Library Services
- Education and Lifelong Learning
- Intellectual Freedom
- Advocacy for Libraries and the Profession
- Literacy
- Organizational Excellence
- Transforming Libraries

VOTED, To bestow an ALA honorary membership upon Yohannes Gebregeorgis.

WITHDREW, ALA CD#34, Revised, Resolution in Support of Requiring the Right to Cancel Contracts with Hotels with Active Labor Disputes, which read: "That the American Library Association Council directs the Executive Director to:

- (1) inquire as to the union status of hotels at the time of booking and the expiration date of any collective bargaining agreements at the hotel, and require that the hotel provide updates regarding the start of any future collective bargaining discussions;
- (2) to the extent feasible, make every effort to use as main convention hotels only those in which a majority of the hourly workforce is represented by one or more labor unions ; and
- (3) to the extent feasible, insert a clause in its contracts with hotels asserting the right to cancel its contract to use a hotel if that hotel is placed on the "Do Not Patronize" list by the local labor body, or is the site of a boycott, because of unfair labor practices, called by an organization which represents, or is seeking to represent, the hotel's employees.

ALA Council III

Tuesday, January 11, 2011, 8:00am-12:30pm
San Diego Convention Center, Ballroom 20 A/B

ADOPTED, The following memorials for George P. D'Elia, M -#1; Locke Morrisey, M -#2; Edward G. Holley, M -#2; Carolyn Wicker Field, M -#4; and Norman Horrocks (no document).

ADOPTED, The following tributes: 100th Anniversary of the Arkansas Library Association, T -#1; Retired Members Round Table (RMRT), T -#2; and John Ison on His Retirement from DEMCO, Inc., T-#3.

ELECTED, To three-year terms (2011- 2014) on the Executive Board were: Dora T. Ho, Young Adult Librarian, Los Angeles (CA) Public Library; Sylvia K. Norton, School Library/Technology Planning Coordinator, Department of Education, Maine State Library, Augusta, ME; and Michael Porter, Communications Manager/Web Junction, Seattle, WA.

ADOPTED, the following action items contained in ALA CD#25, Constitution and Bylaws Committee Report:

Action Item #1

To amend ALA Constitution Article IX by replacing the entire article with the following language :

Article IX. Endowment Funds

1. Receipts from life memberships and all gifts for endowment purposes shall, subject

reinvestment, or other principal transaction with respect to securities held in the endowment fund, except upon a resolution adopted by or written order signed by a majority of the trustees.

3. The ALA Treasurer shall serve as an *ex officio* voting trustee.

Action Item #2a

To amend ALA Constitution Article VIII, Section 1 to include the parenthetical descriptor (non-voting) after the words "Executive Director" in the second sentence so that the sentence reads:

"The officers of the Association shall be a president, a president -elect, who shall serve as vice -president, an executive director (non-voting), and a treasurer."

Action Item #2b

To amend ALA Constitution Article III by inserting voting before the word "members," so that the last sentence reads as follows:

"The Executive Board may suspend a member for cause after a hearing by a two - thirds vote of the voting members of the Executive Board and may reinstate a member by a three -fourths vote of the voting members of the Executive Board."

Action Item #2c

To amend ALA Constitution, Article VII, Section 4 by inserting the phrase of the voting members to read as follows:

"A majority of the voting members shall constitute a quorum of the Executive Board."

Action Item #3

To amend ALA Bylaw Article III, Section 1(b) and Section 1(d) as follows:

(b) Such committee shall nominate candidates from among the general membership for the position of president -elect annually; for the position of treasurer, whenever this is required by Article VIII, Section 1 of the Constitution; members -at-large of Council as provided in section[s] (c) [and (e)] below [;] , including any vacant member-at-large positions [and to fill vacancies].

To eliminate Section 1(d) and renumbering the subsequent subsections.

Note: The Constitution and Bylaws Committee was advised that this item could be treated as a non- substantive change without submitting it to a membership vote and so recommends that process.

Action Item #4

To amend ALA Bylaw Article III, Section 4(a) to read as follows:

“The Executive Board shall appoint a Committee on Election which shall have charge of the conduct of the regular elections of the Association, _____ [and] the divisions _____, and the roundtables, and the counting and tabulation of all votes cast.”

Note: CBC was advised that this item could be treated as a non _____-substantive change without submitting it to a membership vote and so recommends that process.

Action Item #5a

To amend ALA Bylaw Article IV, Section 3 to read as follows:

“All elected at large, divisional, and roundtable councilors, except those elec _____ ted to fill vacancies, shall serve terms of three years, commencing at the adjournment of the final ALA Council meeting of the annual conference following their election.”

Action Item #5b

To amend ALA Bylaw Article IV, Section 5 to read as follows:

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ADOPTED, ALA CD#20.1, Resolution Commending the U.S. Congress and the President on the Reauthorization of the Museum and Library Services Act, which read: "That the American Library Association commends the leadership of Senator Jack Reed, co-sponsors Senators Thad Cochran, Richard Burr, Tom Harkin, Susan Collins, Michael Enzi, and Jon Tester and the members of the United States Senate and House of Representatives, and President Barack Obama for their efforts to sustain the federal role supporting library services, as the cornerstone of our nation's information infrastructure."

ADOPTED, ALA CD#20.2, Resolution Commending President Obama and the U.S. Senate in Nominating and Confirming Susan Hildreth to be IMLS Director, which read: "That the American Library Association commends President Obama for nominating Susan Hildreth to serve as director of IMLS and the United States Senate for confirming her."

ADOPTED, ALA CD20.3, Resolution Thanking Bob Tapella for His Service as the 25th Public Printer of the United States, which read: "That the American Library Association express gratitude to Mr. Tapella for his service as the nation's 25th Public Printer."

ADOPTED, ALA CD20.4, Resolution to Commend Senator Jack Reed for His Efforts to

ADOPTED, ALA CD#39, Resolution in Support of Requesting Congress to Reintroduce and Vote on the Dream Act, Rev., 1/10/11 , 5:54pm, which read: “ That the American Library Association (ALA):

- (1) urges members of the Congress of the United States to re-introduce and vote for the DREAM Act;
- (2) urges members of the Congress to include community service and vocational education – in addition to attending college and joining the military – as a pathway to citizenship; and
- (3) asserts that having higher education, military service, or community service will provide these immigrant children greater success in life through higher lifetime earnings, higher income tax contributions, greater contributions to the economy, and less reliance on government assistance.”

ADOPTED, ALA CD#-4(TD (AD0,s744 A)-4i4h(h)-10(e C)3(o)5(ng)3(r)1(es)-2(s)-2()-10(t)9(o)5(inc)7(l)-20(u
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