

**ACTIONS OF THE ALA COUNCIL
2013 ALA MIDWINTER MEETING**

**ALA Council I
Sunday, January 27, 2013, 8:30-11:00 a.m.
Sheraton Hotel, Grand Ballroom**

By **CONSENT**, Adopted ALA 2012-2013 ALA CD#2, 2012 Annual Conference Council Minutes as distributed.

ADOPTED, The changes to the Guidelines for Preparation of ALA Council and Membership Resolutions, as identified in 2012-2013 ALA CD#6.2 and #6.3.

AMENDED, ALA Policy B.9.2.2 **School Library Media Specialists** (formerly ALA Policy #54.2.2) from this text:

The master's degree in library and information studies from a program accredited by the American Library Association or a master's degree with a specialty in **school library media** from an **educational unit accredited by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education** is the appropriate first professional degree for **school library media specialists**.

To this text:

Policy B.9.2.2 **School Librarians** (formerly ALA Policy #54.2.2):

"The master's degree in library and information studies from a program accredited by the American Library Association or a master's degree with a specialty in **school librarianship** from an ALA/AASL **Nationally Recognized program in an educational unit accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation** is the appropriate first professional degree for **school librarians**." (2012-2013 ALA CD#31, Resolution to Change Policy B.9.2.2 School Library Media Specialists (formerly ALA Policy #54.2.2))

**ALA Council II
Monday, January 28, 2013, 10:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.**

APPROVED, the FY2014 programmatic priorities (2012-2013 ALA CD#13.1, FY2014 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

ADOPTED, Action Items 1 through 5 in the Policy Monitoring Committee (PMC) Report as one package vote. (2012-2013 ALA CD#17)

VOTED, That the Policy Monitoring Committee (PMC) incorporate the revised language of Policy B.9.2.2 **School Librarians** (formerly ALA Policy #54.2.2), as adopted during Council I, into the *ALA Policy Manual*. (2012-2013 ALA CD#17, Policy Monitoring Committee Report).

MOVED,

1. That ALA Council approves the proposed revision of Bylaws Article I, Section 2

a. Current wording:

Article I, Section 2. Categories and Dues. Categories within each classification of membership in the Association may be established by the Council upon recommendation by the Executive Board. Dues for personal members shall be set by the Executive Board with approval by a vote of the Council and subject to a mail vote of the personal members. Dues for Chapter Members, Organization Members, and Corporate Members shall be set by Council upon recommendation of the Executive Board. (Note: See [ALA Policy 12.](#)) Members falling into two or more categories of membership shall pay the highest applicable dues and shall receive corresponding privileges. The membership year for any member of the Association and its divisions and round tables shall be twelve consecutive months effective the first day of the month following receipt of dues payment.

b. Proposed revision: (Text to be deleted has been struck through; new text is in brackets.)

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the Executive Board, which may approve a dues adjustment not to exceed the percentage change in the national average Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the previous calendar year, rounded to the nearest dollar. Any increase beyond the above provision shall be proposed by the Executive Board with approval by a vote of the Council and subject to a mail vote of the personal members.] Dues for Chapter Members, Organization Members, and Corporate Members shall be set by Council upon recommendation of the Executive Board. (Note: See [ALA Policy 12](#).) Members falling into two or more categories of membership shall pay the highest applicable dues and shall receive corresponding privileges. The membership year for any member of the Association and its divisions and round tables shall be twelve consecutive months effective the first day of the month following receipt of dues payment.

2. That ALA Council directs the Constitution and Bylaws Committee to review the proposed revision of Bylaws Article I, Section 2 and report back before the close of Council III of the 2013 Midwinter Meeting. (ALA 2012-2013 ALA CD#14, ALA Membership Committee Report)

MOVED, Dues Adjustment: Informal Consideration (options)

No motions, two options considered simultaneously

Option A: Bylaw amendment

Standing authority for Board & Council to make adjustment up to CPI
Membership vote if increase is more than CPI

Process A:

Bylaw amendment debated and voted on by Council
If approved by Council, goes to spring ballot

Option B: Review

2014 to 2018 increases up to CPI

Process B:

Informal consideration
Executive Board considers (later today)
Council III debates and votes
Spring ballot
2017 re-assessment

REFERRED, Dues proposal to the Executive Board to bring back revised language that includes a review process for a vote in Council III.

APPROVED, The creation of a Sustainability Round Table. The purpose of the Sustainability Round Table is to provide: "A forum for ALA members to exchange ideas and concerns regarding sustainability in order to move toward a more equitable, healthy, and economically viable society. Resources for the library community to support sustainability through curriculum development, collections, exhibits, events, advocacy, communication, and library buildings and space design." (2012-2013 ALA CD#27, Committee on Organization Report).

ALA Council III
Tuesday, January 29, 2013, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

ADOPTED, The following memorials: Alice Holly Scott, M-1 and M-11; Leo Dillon, M-2; Clara Stanton Jones, M-3; Phyllis Brodnax Heroy, M-4; Aaron Swartz, M-5; Joseph Branin, M-6; Harris Clark McClaskey, M-7; Barbara Ann Schmitt Webb, M-8; Genevieve "Kay" Bishop, M-9; and William (Bill) DeJohn, M-10.

ADOPTED, The Tribute Resolution Dedicated to the Association for Library Services to Children (ALSC) on the Occasion of the 75th Anniversary of the Caldecott Medal. T-1.

ELECTED, To a three-year term on the Executive Board were: Sara Kelly Johns and James (Jim) G. Neal. (2012-2013 ALA CD#11.2, Council Tellers Report).

ADOPTED, ALA CD#20.1, Resolution Supporting the Application of the First Sale Doctrine of the Copyright Law to all Materials in Library Collections, which read: "That the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members:

1. reaffirms the essential role of the First Sale Doctrine in ensuring that the education, research, and library communities continue to support the Constitutional purpose of copyright law by promoting the advancement and sharing of knowledge, innovation, and creativity, wherever made; and
2. urges the United States Congress to pass legislation to remedy any judicial decision that limits libraries ability to lend copies of foreign-made works under the First Sale Doctrine." (2012-2013 ALA CD#20-20.2, Committee on Legislation Report)

ADOPTED, ALA CD#20. 2, Resolution Honoring Senator Olympia J. Snowe for her Support of America’s Libraries, which read: “That the American Library Association on behalf of its members:

1. extends its deepest appreciation to Senator Olympia J. Snowe for her extraordinary service and record of achievement; and.
2. thanks her for years of dedicated commitment to libraries and the American public that depends upon them.” (2012-2013 ALA CD#20-20.2, Committee on Legislation Report)

ADOPTED, ALA CD#18.1, Resolution on Supporting the WIPO Treaty for Improved Access for People Who are Blind, Visually Impaired and with Other Print Disabilities, which read: “that the American Library Association (ALA) on behalf of its members:

1. endorses the Obama Administration’s statement that access to information is a universal right;
2. commends the United States delegation to World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) for their recognition of libraries as critical providers of accessible content; and
3. supports the call for a diplomatic conference to enact the WIPO International Instrument/Treaty on Limitations and Exceptions for Visually Impaired Persons/Persons with Print Disabilities. (2012-2013 ALA CD#18-18.2, International Relations Committee Report)

ADOPTED, ALA CD#18.2, Resolution on United States Funding and Participation in UNESCO, which read: “That the American Library Association (ALA) on behalf of its members:

1. urges Congress to approve the national interest waiver so the United States can again pay its dues, and become a fully functioning member of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). (2012-2013 ALA CD#18-18.2, International Relations Committee Report)

VOTED, Beginning in September 2013 and continuing annually through September 2017, personal member dues will be reviewed by the ALA Executive Board, which may approve a dues adjustment not to exceed the percentage change in the national average Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the previous calendar year, rounded to the nearest dollar. Any increase beyond the above provision proposed by the Executive Board will require approval by a vote of Council and a mail vote of ALA personal members.

This provision shall be formally evaluated by the Executive Board and Council in 2016 with input from ALA personal members. Any subsequent dues adjustment will require approval by a vote of the ALA Executive Board, Council and a mail vote of ALA personal members. (Personal Member Dues Adjustment, 2012-2013 ALA CD#14.1).

MOVED, ALA CD#35, Resolution on Divestment of Holdings in Fossil Fuel Companies, which read: That the American Library Association on behalf of its members:

1. goes on record to publicly recognize that human generation of CO₂ is resulting in global climate change;
2. directs its endowment trustees to divest all holdings in the fossil fuel industry and invest in renewable energy initiatives;
3. renews relations with the Book Industry Environmental Council, the Green Press Initiative, and other partners in the publishing and information technology industries to explore how we can help our communities and nation transition away from a fossil fueled economy;
4. calls on President Obama to hold a White House Conference on Climate Change which libraries will assist in launching with a series of library-based local, state, regional, national, and international community conversations focused on planning and implementing a peaceful transition to a post-fossil fuel, sustainable human relationship with the planet; and
5. amend ALA Policy B.5.5 to state that libraries are urged, in addition to the collection and provision of information regarding the environment, to take steps in assisting communities transition to fossil-free, renewable, sustainable energy sources.

Note: The above resolution was declared "out of order" for the following reasons:

1. Not reviewed by the Budget Analysis and Review Committee (BARC).
2. Not submitted to the Resolutions Committee 24 hours before this Council III session.

MOVED, To adopt ALA CD# 36, Resolution Reaffirming ALA Support for Whistleblowers Including Bradley Manning and John Kiriakou, which read: "That the American Library Association (ALA) on behalf of its members:

1. commends the signing into law of the "Whistleblower Protection Enhancement Act of 2012," and the extension of similar whistleblower protections in the 2013 National Defense Authorization Act; and
2. commends Bradley Manning, John Kiriakou and other whistleblowers acting at great personal risk to ensure that the government can be held accountable by the public.

ADOPTED, A motion to delete Whereas #12- #18; Resolve Clause #2, and the names of Bradley Manning and John Kiriakou from the title of ALA CD# 36, Resolution Reaffirming ALA Support for Whistleblowers Including Bradley Manning and John Kiriakou, as follows:

(1) 36, Resolution Reaffirming ALA Support for Whistleblowers ~~including Bradley Manning and John Kiriakou~~

(2) Whereas Clauses #12-18:

12. whereas President Obama's language in his signing statement for the 2013 National Defense Authorization Act limits the scope of whistleblower protections in a manner that could create a chilling effect for whistleblowers and the agencies tasked with protecting them;

13. whereas the current administration has prosecuted more government officials under World War I-era Espionage Act than all previous administrations, in some cases leading to charges being dismissed;

14. whereas among those who have been charged under the Espionage Act are whistleblowers Private First Class Bradley Manning and former CIA agent John Kiriakous;

15. whereas in May 2010 Bradley Manning was arrested for allegedly leaking classified materials to the anti-secrecy website WikiLeaks leading to numerous charges including aiding the enemy by indirect means, the first time a soldier has been imprisoned under this charge as a result of giving information to a news outlet;

16. whereas on Feb. 23, 2013, Manning will have been imprisoned

for 1,000 days without trial under conditions ruled as “unlawful pretrial punishment” by the presiding Judge Denise Lind, and described by Amnesty International as “unnecessarily severe” and “inhuman”, denounced by more than 300 legal scholars in the United States as “a violation of the Eighth Amendment’s prohibition of cruel and unusual punishment and the Fifth Amendment’s guarantee against punishment with trial, and characterized by the United Nations special Rapporteur on torture as “cruel, inhuman, and degrading”;

17. whereas Daniel Ellsberg has compared the actions of which Manning is accused to the release of the Pentagon Papers; and

18. whereas on April 3, 2012, the current administration indicted intelligence whistleblower John Kiriakous for alleged mishandling of classified information for his 2007 role as the first CIA insider to expose the agency’s use of water boarding and other torture in its interrogations, leading to a sentence of two and a half years in prison on January 25, 2013; now, therefore, be it

(3) Resolved Clause #2

2. commends Bradley Manning, John Kiriakou and other whistleblowers acting at great personal risk to ensure that the government can be held accountable by the public.

REFERRED, 2012-2013 ALA CD#36, Resolution Reaffirming ALA Support for Whistleblowers, as amended above to the Intellectual Freedom Committee (IFC) and the Committee on Legislation (COL) for a report at the 2013 Annual Conference.