

# ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE ALA COUNCIL AT THE 2012 ALA MIDWINTER MEETING

## ALA Council I

Sunday, January 22, 2011, 11:15am-12:30pm

Dallas Convention Center, C2-C4

By **CONSENT**, adopted ALA CD#2, 2011 ALA Annual Conference Council Minutes.

By **CONSENT**, approved the following slate of candidates for the ALA Executive Board Election: **Robert (Rob) Banks**, Chief Operating Officer, Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library, Topeka, KS; **Alexia I. Hudson**, Reference and Instruction Librarian, Pennsylvania State University, Abington College, Abington, PA; **John A. Moorman**, Director, Williamsburg Regional Library, Williamsburg, VA; **Bobbi L. Newman**, Graduate Student, Masters, Public Policy and Administration, Iowa State University, Ames, IA; **Rosario Garza**, Executive Director, Southern California Library Cooperative, Monrovia, CA; **Karen E. Downing**, University Learning Communities Liaison and Foundations and Grants Librarian, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI; and **Gladys Smiley Bell**, Special Collections (Peabody Librarian), The William R. and Norma B. Harvey Library, Hampton University, Hampton, VA (floor nomination).

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## ALA Council II

Monday, January 23, 2012, 10:00am-12:15pm

Dallas Convention Center, C2-C4

**APPROVED**, the FY2013 programmatic priorities (ALA CD#13, FY2013 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**, the following three (3) action items contained in ALA CD#17, Policy Monitoring Committee (PMC) Report:

**ACTION ITEM 1.** Based on 2010-2011 CD#16.1, Endowment Trustees Report, Exhibit 13 (ALA Annual Conference 2011), submitted by the ALA Treasurer and the Endowment Trustees, approved by the ALA Council, the PMC moves that Policy 8.5.1 be revised to read:

*8.5.1. Long Term Investment Funds: Association's Use/Withdrawal and Repayment*

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 ATA 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 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 following events:

**AMENDED**, the composition of the Committee on Education by adding a non-voting representative from the AASL Educators of School Librarians Section.

**VOTED**, to bestow an ALA honorary membership upon **Betty J. Turock** and **Jack Reed**.

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**ALA Council III**

**Tuesday, January 24, 2012, 8:00am-12:30pm**

**Dallas Convention Center, C2-C4**

**ADOPTED**, the following memorials for **Dorothy Broderick**, M-#1; **D. Whitney Coe**, M-#2; **John Minto Dawson**, M-#3; and **Robert W. Houk**, M-#4.

**ADOPTED**, the following tributes for **Jill Nishi**, T-#1; **Lois Ann Gregory-Wood**, T-#2; **Maryellen Trautman**, T-#3; **William J. Boarman**, T-#4; and the **Norman A. Sugarman Children's Biography Award**, T-#5.

**ELECTED**, to three-year terms (2012-2015) on the ALA Executive Board were: **Robert (Rob) Banks**, Chief Operating Officer, Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library, Topeka, KS; **Alexia I. Hudson**, Reference and Instruction Librarian, Pennsylvania State University, Abington College, Abington, PA; and **John A. Moorman**, Director, Williamsburg Regional Library, Williamsburg, VA.

**ADOPTED**, ALA CD#19.1, Resolution Opposing Restriction to Materials and Open Inquiry in Arizona Ethnic and Cultural Studies Programs, as amended to read:

That the American Library Association (ALA):

1. Condemns the suppression of open inquiry and free expression caused by closure of ethnic and cultural studies programs on the basis of partisan or doctrinal disapproval.
2. Condemns the restriction of access to educational materials associated with ethnic and cultural studies programs.
3. Urges the Arizona legislature to pass HB 2654, "An Act Repealing Sections 15-111 and 15-112, Arizona Revised Statutes; Relating to School Curriculum."

**ADOPTED**, ALA CD#20.1, Revised, Resolution Opposing the Research Works Act, as amended to read:

"That the American Library Association (ALA):

1. Urges the U.S. Congress to reject the Research Works Act, H.R. 3699, because it not only threatens future public access to federally funded research, but also nullifies the public access already provided to peer-reviewed journal manuscripts resulting from NIH funding.
2. Reaffirms its support for the expansion of the NIH public-access policy to other federal agencies and departments."

**ADOPTED**, ALA CD#20.2, Resolution Opposing the Preventing Real Online Threats to Economic Creativity and Theft of Intellectual Property Act of 2011 (PIPA) and the Stop Online Piracy Act (SOPA), which read:

"That the American Library Association (ALA):

1. Urges Congress to reject both the S. 968, PIPA bill in the U.S. Senate and H.R. 3261, SOPA bill in the U.S. House of Representatives because they compromise such fundamental rights as free speech, intellectual freedom, and privacy in an attempt to target foreign websites and combat online infringement overseas.
2. Opposes any legislation that compromises ALA's core principles and stifles the dynamic, innovative potential of the global Internet."

**ADOPTED**, ALA CD#20.3, ALA CD#20.3, Resolution on the Loss of Crucial Government Information, which read:

“That the American Library Association (ALA):

1. Urges U.S. Congress to restore funding to ensure permanent no-fee public access to aggregated sources of government information.
2. Urges the establishment of a mandated process with adequate notification to include the opportunity for public notice and comment with consultation by librarians, researchers, small businesses and other appropriate stakeholders before decisions are made to discontinue access to current or historical information resources when the federal government initiates, significantly modifies, or terminates information products.
3. Urges Congress to require that agencies discontinuing access to current or historical information resources transfer the content and related functionality to the U.S. Government Printing Office or other public institutions that can ensure continued no-fee digital access to this information.
4. Urges Congress to improve the federal government's policies and capabilities for making government information available to the public in an open, timely, participatory, and transparent manner.”

**ADOPTED**, ALA CD#35, Resolution on Publishers and Practices Which Discriminate Against Library Users, as amended to read:

“That the American Library Association (ALA):

1. Opposes any discriminatory policies of publishers and distributors which adversely impact access to content by library users.
2. Directs that the Working Group on Digital Content in Libraries to review the situation and recommend appropriate action and/or appropriate parties who should be informed of this resolution.