

**ALA COUNCIL I**  
**Sunday, June 28, 2015**  
**8:30-11:00am**  
**MCC, 134-135 North**  
**San Francisco, CA**

By *CONSENT*, Approved ALA CD#2.1, 2015 Midwinter Meeting Council Minutes.

By *CONSENT*, Approved the following slate of candidates for the 2015-2016 Committee on Committees Election: Edward L. Sanchez, Gladys Smiley Bell, Min Chou, Maria Carpenter; Stephens L. Matthews; Cristina Dominguez Ramirez; Ellen Hunter Ruffin; and Rocco A. Staino. There were no floor nominations. (ALA CD#12)

By *CONSENT*, Approved the following slate of candidates for the 2015-2016 Planning and Budget Assembly Election: *Councilors-at-Large*: Mary Biblo; John C. DeSantis; Denice C. Adkins; and Eric D. Suess. *Chapters*: Ben Allen Hunter; Sherry Machones; Kris Seerengan; Patricia (Patty) M. Wong; Jason Hatton; and Jennifer A. Alvino. There were no floor nominations. (ALA CD#12.1)

By *CONSENT*, Approved ALA CD#12.2, Appointment of Tellers for the Council COC and PBA Elections. Tellers were: Kathleen M. DeLong; Eboni M. Henry; Douglas K. Lehman; Suzanne L. Sager; Kent Slade; William (Bill) E. Sudduth, III; and Denise M. Zielinski, chair.

*APPROVED*, The establishment of the Ernest A. DiMattia, Jr. Award for Innovation, and Service to Community and Profession. (ALA CD#7)

*REFERRED*, Back to Constitution and Bylaws Committee, Item#1: "That the following amendment to the ALA Constitution be approved so that at the 2016 Midwinter Meeting Council can consider placing the amendment on the spring 2016 ballot for the membership's vote:

Amend Article X of the ALA Constitution to state:

Section 1. National or international organizations having purposes similar to those of the Association or to one or more of the Association's subdivisions may request to become an affiliate of the Association. Requests for affiliation are subject to Council's approval.

Section 2. The Association or any subdivision thereof may request to become an affiliate with national or international organizations having purposes similar to those of the Association or to one or more of the Association's subdivisions. However no subdivision of the Association may separately affiliate itself with an organization with which the Association is affiliated." (ALA CD#25.1)

*ADOPTED*, ALA CD#37, Strategic Directions Document, as amended to add new wording to the 8<sup>th</sup> bullet point of the “Goals” of “Professional and Leadership Development (page7). The revised language reads:

- The outcome of learning is **knowledge supporting positive** individual and organizational change.

*ADOPTED*, The Resolution on the Importance of Sustainable Libraries, ALA CD#36, which read: “That the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members:

1. recognizes the important and unique role libraries play in wider community conversations about resiliency, climate change, and a sustainable future and begins a new era of thinking sustainably in order to consider the economic, environmental and socially equitable viability of choices made on behalf of the association;
2. enthusiastically encourages activities by itself, its membership, library schools and state associations to be proactive in their application of sustainable thinking in the areas of their facilities, operations, policy, technology, programming, partnerships and library school curricula; and
3. directs the ALA Executive Director to pursue sustainable choices when planning conferences and meetings and to actively promote best practices of sustainability through ALA publications, research and educational opportunities to reach our shared goal of vital, visible and viable libraries for the future.”

*DEFEATED*, A motion to amend ALA CD#43, Resolution Denouncing the Systemic Racism that Motivated the South Carolina Shootings, as follows:

1. revised title of ALA CD#43 to read: Resolution Denouncing the Systemic Racism;
2. delete 1<sup>st</sup> resolved clause, of ALA CD#43, Resolution Denouncing the Systemic Racism that Motivated the South Carolina Shootings, which read: “**denounces the racially and politically motivated shooting at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church in Charleston, South Carolina, on the evening of Wednesday, June 17, 2015.**”

*ADOPTED*, ALA CD#43, Resolution Denouncing the Systemic Racism that Motivated the South Carolina Shootings, as amended to read: "That the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members:

1. denounces racially and politically motivated **violence as exemplified by the** shootings at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church in Charleston, South Carolina, on the evening of Wednesday, June 17, 2015;
2. recognizes the hidden, endemic, and pervasive nature of systemic racism in American culture;
3. will strengthen and prioritize its own efforts to support diversity and foster cultural understanding and humility within our profession; and
4. will work with other professional associations to enable **librarians library staff** and information organizations to expand our collective understanding of the hidden, systemic nature of racism in American culture and its potential for violence."

*DEFEATED*, CD#40, Resolution on Libraries and Schools Affected by the Conflict in Gaza and Israel in 2014, which read: "That the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members:

1. deplores the destruction and damage of cultural institutions, including schools and libraries, in Gaza and Israel during the recent conflict there;
2. deplores the use of schools for storing or firing weapons;
3. calls again for the protection of libraries and cultural resources in the Middle East, and urges the US Government to support the United States Committee of the Blue Shield in upholding the 1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict"; and
4. calls upon the government of the United States, as well as other governments, intergovernmental organizations, and nongovernmental organizations to provide material assistance for the reconstruction and restoration of these libraries and schools."

*REFERRED*, To the Committee on Legislation and the Committee on Intellectual Freedom, ALA CD#42, Resolution Against Mass Surveillance of the American People, which read: "That the American Library Association calls on the U.S. President and Congress to end mass surveillance of the American people by:

1. Repealing Section 215 of the USA PATRIOT Act, and all other sections that authorize mass surveillance of the American public;
2. Repealing all mass surveillance authorized by the USA Freedom Act, by adopting into law the following measures: requiring government agencies to get a national security warrant before collecting personal information from third parties, raising the standard for government collection of call records under FISA from “reasonable grounds” to “probable cause,” limiting the government’s ability to use information gathered under intelligence authorities in unrelated criminal cases, making it easier to challenge the use of illegally obtained surveillance information in criminal proceedings, prohibiting the government from requiring hardware and software companies to deliberately weaken encryption and other security features, and requiring court approval for National Security Letters;
3. Prohibiting the government from conducting warrantless reviews of Americans’ email and other communications under Section 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act; and
4. Amending Executive Order 12333 on United States Intelligence Activities by deleting all authority for mass surveillance of the American People.”

**ALA COUNCIL II**  
**Monday, June 29, 2015**  
**8:30-11:30am**  
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*APPROVED*, Committee on Organization, ALA CD#27.1, Action Item #1:

Revision of the Budget Analysis and Review Committee composition description (changes in **bold italics**):

The Budget Analysis & Review Committee (BARC) consists of nine (9) Members:

- Two (2) ALA Executive Board Members, with staggered two-year terms
- Six (6) ALA Members, with staggered four-year terms
- ALA Treasurer (ex-officio voting)

A Chair is selected from among the non-Executive Board members.

**Executive Board Members and ALA Members may not be reappointed once they have served on the Committee for four (4) years. The maximum four (4) years need not be consecutive and need not be served as the same member type. For example, one could serve as an Executive Board Member for two (2) years and an ALA Member for two (2) years.**

**Three (3)-year Treasurer term do not count towards the four (4)-year term of Committee service outlined above. Therefore, one may serve as Treasurer for three (3) years and a combination of Executive Board Member/ALA Member for four (4) years, for a total of seven (7) years.**

By *CONSENT*, Deferred discussion of ALA CD#38 Rev., Resolution on Improving Access to Spanish and Bilingual Books for Children in Detention Center, until ALA Council III, Tuesday, June 30, 2015, 7:45-9:15am.

**ALA COUNCIL III**  
**Tuesday, June 30, 2015**  
**7:45-9:15am**  
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**ADOPTED**, The following memorials: Gail A. Schlachter, M-#18; David Cohen, M-#19; Charles Benton, M-#20; Cynthia D. Clark, M-#21; Ruth C. Carter, M-#22; William Vernon Jackson, M-#23; Elizabeth H. (Betsy) Park, M-#24; Floyd C. Dickman, M-#25; Cynthia G. Hurd, M-#26; and Zoia Horn, M-#27.

**ADOPTED**, The following tributes: Jessie Carney Smith, T-#6; 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), T-#7; 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Asian/Pacific American Librarians Association (APALA), T-#8; Enoch Pratt Free Library in Baltimore, MD, T-#9; and 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the National Endowment for the Humanities, T-#10.

**ELECTED**, To the 2015-2016 Council Committee on Committees: Gladys Smiley Bell; Maria Carpenter; Stephens L. Matthews; and Rocco A. Staino. This committee will be chaired by 2015-2016 ALA President-Elect Julie Todaro.

**ELECTED**, To the 2014-2015 Planning and Budget Assembly. **Councilors-at-Large**: John C. DeSantis and Eric D. Suess. **Chapter Councilors**: Jennifer A. Alvino; Ben Allen Hunter; and Patricia (Patty) M. Wong.

**REFERRED**, ALA CD 20.3 & ALA CD#19.6, Resolution on the Passage of the USA Freedom Act and Reaffirming ALA's Commitment to Surveillance Law Reform; and ALA CD#42, Resolution Against Mass Surveillance of the American People, back to the Council Committee on Legislation and the Council Intellectual Freedom Committee.

**ADOPTED**, The following revised Interpretations of the *Library Bill of Rights*:

- ALA CD# 19.3, Internet Filtering
- ALA CD#19.4, Labeling Systems
- ALA CD#19.5, Rating Systems

**APPROVED**, The FY2016 Total ALA Budgetary Ceiling of \$67,087,027.

**MOVED**, The adoption of ALA CD#45, Resolution on Gun Violence, which read: "That the American Library Association, on behalf of its members:

1. deplors the gun violence that materially affects libraries and the communities we serve; and

2. will work in every way that it can to support legislation that prohibits the carrying of guns in or near libraries and educational institutions.”

**AMENDED**, The 2nd resolved clause of ALA CD#45, Resolution on Gun Violence, as follows:

“will work with state chapters and affiliates ~~in every way that it can~~ to support legislation that allows the prohibition of the ~~prohibits the~~ carrying of guns in or near libraries and other educational institutions.”

By **CONSENT**, Deleted last whereas clause of ALA CD#45, Resolution on Gun Violence, which read: “Whereas the only thing needed for the triumph of evil is for good people to do nothing and to remain silent.”

**ADOPTED**, ALA CD 45, Resolution on Gun Violence, as amended above.

**ENDORSED**, ALA CD#46, The Statement from *The Movement for Black Lives* on the Charleston Shooting, issued on Friday, June 19, 2015.

**ADOPTED**, ALA CD#38, Revised 2, 62915, Resolution to Improving Access to Spanish, Bilingual, and Books in Various Languages for Children in Detention Centers, which read: “that the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members:

1. urges ALA members and units to support the REFORMA Children in Crisis project for the continued delivery of books to refugee children and teens;
2. encourages the director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services to develop a partnership with the United States Customs and Border Protection agency to ensure that unaccompanied refugee children have access to books and programming in those children’s native languages, whether they speak Spanish, indigenous languages, or other tongues, and bilingual books;
3. urges libraries in affected areas to provide services and programs for and with detained minors while under they are in the care of government-designated service providers; and
4. encourages ALA members, the Reference & User Services Association, and other relevant ALA units and affiliates to develop materials that meet the information and recreation needs of refugee children, teens, and their guardians, and to share that information with librarians in other affected communities.”