

ACTIONS OF THE ALA COUNCIL
2016 ALA ANNUAL CONFERENCE
ALA Council I
Sunday, June 26, 2016, 8:30am-11:00am.
Orange County Convention Center (OCCC), Room W224
Orlando, Florida

By CONSENT, ALA CD#2.1, 2016 ALA Midwinter Council Minutes were adopted as amended to include one correction noting that on page 18 of the Minutes, Jim Rettig was inadvertently listed as the Committee on Organization Chair instead of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee Chair. The Minutes were amended to reflect the correction.

APPROVED, The following slate of candidates for the 2016-2017 Committee on Committees Election: Ed Garcia; Hannah K. Lee; Cyndee Sturgis Landrum; Sandy Wee; Diane R. Chen; Kimberly Anne Patton; Alexandra P. Rivera; and Christian Zabriskie. (2015-2016 ALA CD#12_61016_ACT, ALA Council Committee on Committees Report on the Nominations for the 2016-2017 ALA Council Committee on Committees Election)

APPROVED, The following slate of candidates for the 2016-2017 Planning and Budget Assembly Election: *Councilor-at-Large*: Lessa K. Pelayo-Lozada; Tamika Barnes; Leo S. Lo; Kathy Hicks-Brooks; Eboni Henry; and Michael Santangelo. *Chapter Councilors*: Majed J. Khader; Dale K. McNeill; Nicole Sump-Crether; and Carl A. Antonucci (2015-2016 ALA CD#12.1_61316_ACT, ALA Council Committee on Committees Report on the Nominations for the 2016-2017 Planning and Budget Assembly Elections)

ADOPTED, ALA CD#44_62516_ACT (formerly: ALA MMD3), Resolution Calling Upon Libraries to Build More Inclusive Communities, which read: "That the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members:

1. urges libraries, librarians, and library workers to cultivate more inclusive communities by actively engaging their communities to defuse and deescalate a culture of violence based on hatred, discrimination, and bigotry;
2. stands with the LGBTQ*, Latinx, and diverse communities in confronting hate, discrimination, and bias while recognizing that they are impacted by violence at a much higher rate than the rest of society; and
3. affirms that violence of this kind has no place in a civil society."

REFERRED, ALA CD#45_62516_ACT (formerly: ALA MMD#4), Resolution on Gun Violence Affecting Libraries, Library Workers, and Library Patrons, to the Committee on Legislation (COL); the Intellectual Freedom Committee (IFC); and the Task Force on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, to bring recommendations to Council III, June 28, 7:45-9:45am. The resolution read: "That the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members:

1. extends its sincere condolences to the family and friends of the 49 people who were shot dead at the Pulse nightclub in Orlando, and to all the families and friends of the thousands of victims of gun violence;
2. deplors the gun violence that materially affects the communities we serve;

3. works with other professional associations to support sensible and effective and national gun safety laws, oppose “gun friendly” state legislation, in particular any legislation that permits the carrying of guns in or near libraries and schools;
4. calls on Congress to lift restrictions that prohibit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other Department of Health and Human Services agencies from conducting gun violence research as a response to library communities in crisis; and
5. to advance the idea of libraries mitigating violence in our culture by serving as “safe havens” for the public, as evidenced during the recent uprisings in Ferguson, MO and Baltimore, MD, and by offering public education opportunities that advance the notion of libraries as perpetrators of peace.“

REFERRED, ALA CD#46_62516_ACT (formerly: MMD#5) Resolution Concerning the Creation of the Deaf Culture Digital Library, to the Committee on Legislation (COL) and the Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies (ASCLA) for a response back at Council III, June 28, 7:45-9:45am. The resolution read: “That the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members:

- 1, supports and promotes the creation of the Deaf Culture Digital Library under the auspices of the Library of Congress.”

ADOPTED, ALA CD#39_6816_ACT, Resolution in Support of the Professional Cataloging Processes and Determinations of the Library of Congress, which read: “That the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members:

Resolved, That the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members:

1. reaffirms its unequivocal support for the Library of Congress’ (Library) apolitical, professional determination to cease use prospectively of the subject headings “Illegal aliens” as articulated in its formal Resolution of January 12, 2016, and here also endorses the Library’s specific March 2016 proposal to retire both that term and the subject heading “Aliens” as it relates to non-extraterrestrials (March Proposals);
2. emphasizes for the particular benefit of legislators that the purposes and uses of the Library’s subject headings have for more than a century been and remain entirely different from those animating Congress’ selection of subject headings in the United States Code (Code), and that the Library’s subject heading choices have no, and should have no, effect upon or relationship to the Code; and
3. instructs the ALA Executive Director to convey the entirety of this Resolution to all germane Members of Congress, media of all forms, and such other parties both within and outside of government, including but not limited to other national non-profit organizations, as may assist the Library in preserving its venerable independent cataloging processes and in implementing its March Proposals.

By CONSENT, Resolution Concerning the Role of Chapters in the American Library Association, ALA CD#40_Revised 62416_ACT, was moved to ALA Council II, June 27, 8:30-11:30am. The resolution read: “That the American Library Association on behalf of its members:

1. directs the Constitution and Bylaws Committee to prepare bylaws amendments that would require electing one Chapter Councilor to serve on the Executive Board for a

- three year term and mandating that any person who holds a leadership role in ALA be a member of their state Chapter or a state association affiliate organization;
2. ensures that the Chapters have a role in developing national initiatives and/or campaigns and that verbiage in such campaigns specify the expected role of the Chapters;
 3. keeps communication channels open by responding directly to any communication from the Chapters in a timely manner and prior to responding publicly to the ALA Membership and/or Council;
 4. supports efforts to expand the role of the Chapter Relations Committee, ensuring that Chapter Councilors have a presence on the Chapter Relations Committee;
 5. consults the Chapter Leadership prior to any and all dealings with an elected official from that state; and
 6. communicates this resolution to all Chapters and to the ALA Membership.”

ALA Council II
Monday, June 27, 2016, 8:30-11:30am
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ADOPTED, the insertion of following new interpretation (ALA CD#19.2, User Generated Content in Library Discovery System: An Interpretation of the ALA Library *Bill of Rights*) into the *ALA Policy Manual* as recommended in the Policy Monitoring Committee Report, ALA CD#17.1_61526_ACT:

B.2.1.25--User-Generated Content in Library Discovery Systems. Libraries offer a variety of discovery systems to provide access to the resources in their collections. When discovery systems incorporate social media components, intelligent objects and knowledge-sharing tools, they create opportunities for users to contribute to discussions about library resources within the discovery system. Libraries that open their discovery systems to user-generated content should develop and publish viewpoint-neutral policies that describe how users may contribute, how user-generated content will be displayed, and how the personal information of contributors will be protected. Adopted, January 2016.

(See “Policy Reference File”: User-Generated Content in Library Discovery Systems: An Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights, 2015-2016 ALA CD#19.2 – PDF, 2pgs)

ADOPTED, The following two (2) action items identified in the Committee on Organization Report, ALA CD#27.1_62616_ACT:

Item #1. Defines the word “subdivision” as an ALA division or round table.

Item #2. Revise the composition of the Chapter Relations Committee, as follows:

Eleven (11) Members, which includes the Chair. To be eligible to be a member of the Chapter Relations Committee (CRC), an individual must be an ALA member who is also a member of an ALA Chapter or Divisional Affiliate. In addition, eight (8) of the eleven (11) members should have state library association (Chapter) leadership or committee experience.

The following guidelines are used when the ALA President-Elect, with advice from the ALA Committee on Appointments, nominates members and interns to serve on the CRC:

- Volunteers with Chapter leadership experience (i.e., presidents, presidents-elect, Chapter councilors, executive directors, and committee chairs) will be considered over those with no leadership experience.
- Volunteers with current Chapter leadership experience (i.e., current executive directors, newly elected leaders or leaders having served within five years prior to appointment, and committee chairs) will be considered over those with former Chapter leadership experience.

- Volunteers with Chapter experience (i.e., former Chapter leaders having served greater than five years prior to appointment, current or former Chapter committee members, or current Chapter members) will be considered over those with no Chapter experience.
- Interns with Chapter or Student Chapter experience should be considered over those with no Chapter or Student Chapter experience.

APPROVED, ALA Bylaws amendment as identified in ALA CD#25.1_62516_ACT, ALA Constitution and Bylaws Committee Report:

Item#1—that the following amendment to the ALA Bylaws be presented to the ALA membership on the spring 2017 ballot:

Amend Article III, Section I.e of the ALA Bylaws to state:
 No person may be nominated for or serve on the Council unless that person is a personal member of the American Library Association; ~~No candidate may accept nomination from more than one group.~~ run for more than one Council position in the same election.

APPROVED, ALA Constitution amendment as identified in ALA CD#25.1_62516_ACT, ALA Constitution and Bylaws Committee Report as a first step towards placing the amendment on the spring 2016 ballot for a vote by the ALA membership:

Item#2— To amend current language of ALA Constitution, Article X, Section 1 and Section 2, from:

Section 1. ~~The Council may by vote affiliate with the American Library Association or with any subdivision thereof upon its request, any national or international organization having purposes similar to those of the Association or its subdivision. The dues of affiliated organizations shall be as provided in the Bylaws.~~

Section 2. ~~The Council may by vote affiliate the Association, or any subdivision thereof upon its request, with any national or international organization having purposes similar to those of the Association or its subdivision; provided, however, that no subdivision of the Association may separately affiliate itself with an organization with which the Association as a whole is affiliated.~~

To read:

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.
Requests for affiliation are subject to Council's approval.

Note: Article X, section 3 of the ALA Constitution is not affected by this amendment. Nor does this affect the ability of divisions such as the Association for Library Collections and Technical Services (ALCTS) or the American Association of School Librarians (AASL) to confer affiliate status on state library associations, etc.; these are not national or international organizations. The ALA Executive Board has adopted procedures for reviewing applications for affiliation with ALA. See appendix in ALA CD#25.1_62516_ACT.

REFERRED, ALA CD#40_Revised, Revised, 62616_10:00pm_ACT, Resolution Concerning the Role of Chapters in the American Library Association, to the working group that ALA President-Elect Julie Todaro will appoint at this Annual Conference to address chapter engagement and communication. The resolution read: "That the American Library Association on behalf of its members:

1. ensures that the Chapters have a role in developing national initiatives and /or campaigns and that such campaigns specify the expected role of the Chapters;
2. keeps communication channels open by responding directly to any communication from the Chapters in a timely manner and prior to responding publicly to the ALA membership and council;
3. supports efforts to expand the role of the Chapter Relations Committee, ensuring that Chapter Councilors have a presence on the Chapter Relations Committee;
4. consults the Chapter Leadership prior to any response to local legislative issues, to or recognition of an elected official from that state; and
5. communicates the resolution to all Chapters and to the ALA membership."

REFERRED, ALA CD#47_62616_ACT, Resolution on Equity for All Libraries;, to the Committee on Legislation (COL) for a report at Council III, Tuesday, June 28, 7:45am-9:45am. The resolution read: "That the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members:

- 1) endorses the idea that every student should have access to an effective school library program and that school budgets should include adequate funding for these programs;
- 2) advocates for equitable access to effective school library programs with a certified school librarian at the helm, personalized learning environments, and equitable access to resources to ensure a well-rounded education for every student;
- 3) works with research committees to document the impact on students of minority communities, low-income communities, and rural communities when cutting resources;
- 4) advocates for equitable access to well-curated, high-quality, and accessible electronic information resources by encouraging state departments of education and state coalition partners to establish and maintain funding of digital databases and shared resources to provide greater equity of access to all patrons in states and regions; and

- 5) continues to encourage school librarians to apply for Innovative Approaches to Literacy grants.”

REFERRED, ALA CD#48_62616_ACT, Resolution on Equity for School Libraries for the DOE Making Rules for ESSA, to the Committee on Legislation (COL); which a report back at Council III, Tuesday, June 28, 2016, 7:45am-9:45am. The resolution read: “That the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members:

- 1, urges the United States Department of Education to address equity issues while developing the ESSA legislation rules regarding funding and staffing school libraries, and
- 2, shares the American Association of School Librarians’ position statement on an effective school library program with the United States Department of Education.”

ALA Council III
Tuesday, June 28, 2016, 7:45am-9:45am
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ADOPTED, The following memorials: Ned Vizzini, M-#7; John Ganly, M-#8; Naomi Kietzke Young, M-#9; Orvin Lee Shiflet, M-#10; Richard Sweeney, M-#11; Dolores Bullock Owen, M-#12; Trudy Seidel Jaques, M-#13; Larry Romans, M-#14; Charles Weld Robinson, M-#15; and the Victims of the Pulse Nightclub Shootings: Stanley Almodovar III; Amanda Alvear; Oscar A Aracena-Montero; Rodolfo Ayala-Ayala; Antonio Davon Brown; Darryl Roman Burt II; Angel L. Candelario-Padro; Juan Chevez-Martinez; Luis Daniel Conde; Cory James Connell; Tevin Eugene Crosby; Deonka Deidra Drayton; Simon Adrian Carrillo Fernandez; Leroy Valentin Fernandez; Mercedes Marisol Flores; Peter O. Gonzalez-Cruz; Juan Ramon Guerrero; Paul Terrell Henry; Frank Hernandez; Miguel Angel Honorato; Javier Jorge-Reyes; Jason Benjamin Josaphat; Eddie Jamoldroy Justice; Anthony Luis Laureanodisla; Christopher Andrew Leinonen; Alejandro Barrios Martinez; Brenda Lee Marquez McCool; Gilberto Ramon Silva Menendez; Kimberly Morris; Akyra Monet Murray; Luis Omar Ocasio-Capo; Geraldo A. Ortiz-Jimenez; Eric Ivan Ortiz-Rivera; Joel Rayon Paniagua; Jean Carlos Mendez Perez; Enrique L. Rios, Jr.; Jean C. Nives Rodriguez; Xavier Emmanuel Serrano Rosado; Christopher Joseph Sanfeliz; Yilmery Rodriguez Solivan; Edward Sotomayor, Jr.; Shane Evan Tomlinson; Martin Benitez Torres; Jonathan Antonio Camuy Vega; Juan P. Rivera Velazquez; Luis S. Vielma; Franky Jimmy Dejesus Velazquez; Luis Daniel Wilson-Leon; and Jerald Arthur Wright, M-#16.

ADOPTED, The following tributes: Resolution Honoring the 25th Anniversary of the Video Round Table, T-#3; Resolution Honoring the 25th Anniversary of the Mortenson Center for International Library Programs, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, T-#4; Resolution Thanking Mary Alice Baish for Her Service as the 30th GPO Superintendent of Document, T-#5; and Resolution of Appreciation to Congressional Champions for Support of School Libraries and School Librarians in the Every Student Succeeds Act, ALA CD#20.5.

APPROVED, The FY2017 Total ALA Budgetary Ceiling of \$65,403,215. (ALA CD#13.3, ALA Treasurer's Report)

ELECTED, To the 2016-2017 Council Committee on Committees (COC): Diane R. Chen; Ed Garcia; Alexandra P. Rivera; and Christian Zabriskie. The COC will be chaired by 2016-2017 ALA President-Elect James (Jim) G. Neal. (ALA CD#12.3, ALA Council Tellers Report)

ELECTED, To the 2016-2017 Planning and Budget Assembly. *Councilors-at-Large*: Tamika Barnes; Eboni Henry; and Lessa K. Pelayo-Lozada. *Chapter Councilors*: Majed J. Khader and Dale K. McNeill. (ALA CD#12.3, ALA Council Tellers Report)

DEFERRED, ALA CD#45_62516_ACT (formerly: ALA MMD#4), Resolution on Gun Violence Affecting Libraries, Library Workers, and Library Patrons, until the 2017 ALA Midwinter Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia.

ADOPTED, ALA CD #19.9, Religion in American Libraries: An Interpretation of the *Library Bill of Rights*. (ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee Report, ALA CD#19.3-CD#19.9_62726_ACT)

ADOPTED, ALA CD#20.4, Resolution Urging Immediate Ratification of the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled, which read: “That the American Library Association, on behalf of its members and the public interest:

1. calls upon the United States Senate and its committees of jurisdiction to immediately and concurrently take every procedural step possible to both ratify the Marrakesh Treaty and approve, with no amendment whatsoever, the Marrakesh Implementation Act and its associated legislative history text;
2. urges the House of Representatives and its committee of jurisdiction to take any and all appropriate steps to immediately expedite consideration and passage of the Marrakesh Implementation Act and its associated legislative history text in unamended form; and
3. encourages the President to publicly speak out, on all appropriate occasions, in support of the foregoing expedited Congressional processes and rapid ratification of the Marrakesh Treaty.”

ADOPTED, ALA CD#20.6 (formerly ALA CD#48) Resolution on Equity for School Libraries for the Department of Education Making Rules for ESSA, which read: “Resolved, That the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members:

1. urges the United States Department of Education to address equity issues while developing the ESSA legislation rules regarding funding and staffing school libraries, and
2. shares the American Association of School Librarians’ position statement on an effective school library program with the United States Department of Education.”

ADOPTED, ALA CD#20.7 (formerly ALA CD#47), Resolution on Equity for All in School Libraries, as amended to read: “That the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members:

3. endorses the idea that every student have access to a well-funded, effective school library program;
4. advocates for equitable access to effective school library programs with a certified school librarian, personalized learning environments, and equitable access to resources;
5. works with ALA research committees to document the impact on students of minorities, low-income, and rural communities when cutting resources a well-funded, effective school library programs, particularly in minority and rural communities;
6. advocates for equitable access to well-curated, high-quality, and accessible electronic resources;

7. encourages state departments of education and coalition partners to establish and maintain funding of digital databases and shared resources to provide greater equity of access in all states and regions; and
8. continues to encourage school librarians to apply for Innovative Approaches to Literacy grants.”

DEFERRED, ALA CD#46_62516_ACT (formerly: MMD#5) Resolution Concerning the Creation of the Deaf Culture Digital Library, until the 2017 ALA Midwinter Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia.

NOTE: 2015-2016 ALA CD#41_61716_ACT, Resolution on ALA Support for Spectrum Scholarship Program, because of its financial implications, this resolution was forwarded to the Budget Analysis and Review Committee (BARC) by the Council Resolutions Committee. The resolution read: “That the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members:

1. directs the Executive Director and the Executive Board of the American Library Association (ALA) to develop an operational budget inclusive of staff with increased funding for recruitment, marketing and expanding the impact of the Spectrum Scholarship program, and include input from the Spectrum Advisory Committee in the development of an operational budget.”