

***On Monday, January 27, the ALA Council referred ALA CD#38 to the Budget Analysis and Review Committee for a report back at the 2014 ALA Annual Conference***

Resolution to allow programs at American Library Association (ALA) Midwinter Meetings

Whereas the purpose of Midwinter Meetings (A.7.4.11) states “The ALA Midwinter Meeting is convened for the primary purpose of expediting the business of the Association through sessions of its governing and administrative delegates serving on boards, committees, and Council. Programs designed for the continuing education and development of the fields of library service shall be reserved for Annual Conference except by specific authorization of the Executive Board acting under the provisions of the ALA Constitution. Hearings seeking membership reactions and provisions for observers and petitioners at meetings of Council, committees, and boards are to be publicized; programs of orientation or leadership development to Association business are encouraged; assemblies of groups of individuals for information sharing vital to the development of Association business shall be accepted as appropriate to the purpose of the Midwinter Meeting;”

Whereas the nature of Midwinter Meetings has evolved as a consequence of virtual business meetings;

Whereas Midwinter Meetings attract members from different geographical regions than Annual Meetings;

Whereas the number of programs at ALA Annual Conferences is limited;

Whereas the prohibition against conducting programs at Midwinter meetings has led to the use of discussion groups as an alternative;

Whereas public librarians have difficulty claiming that participating in discussion groups is a part of their professional development; and

Whereas all librarians face more difficulty getting credit for presenting at discussion groups rather than at programs: now therefore, be it

Resolved that the American Library Association (ALA) should:

- 1) Change policy A.7.4.11 to allow for programs designed for continuing education and development in the fields of library service.

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On Jan 26, 2014, at 10:24 AM, "ALA Resolutions" <resolutions@ala.org> wrote:

> Submitted on Sun, 01/26/2014 - 09:24  
> Submitted by user:  
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> Date: 01/26/2014  
> Resolution author(s): Jennifer C. Boettcher  
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> 1. Title of Resolution: ALA to allow Programs at Midwinter  
> 2. ALA Units and/or Committees Consulted (if any): RUSA Executive Committee  
> 3. Endorsements by ALA Units and/or Committees (if any): RUSA Executive  
> Committee  
> 4. Fiscal implications: Specify the resources needed to carry out the  
> resolution's directive(s).: Adding Programs will cost more money, however  
it  
> will increase attendance at Midwinter to offset costs.  
> 5. List all parties to whom resolution should be sent: ALA Council List  
> 6. Impact on ALA Policies and Positions: Explain how the resolution  
supports  
> ALA's Strategic Plan, its mission, and/or its core values.: all mentioned  
> in Resolution  
> 6a) ALA general policy or viewpoint: If the resolution sets forth a general  
> policy or an ALA viewpoint, describe.: To be discussed in Councilor Fourm 1  
> 6b) Change in existing policy: If this resolution necessitates a change in  
> existing policy, state the policy number and the change.: a.7.4.11 to allow  
> professional development programs at Midwinter Meeting  
> 6c) New policy: If this resolution establishes new policy, describe.:  
> 6d) Policy conflicts: If this resolution conflicts with existing policy,  
> state provisions for resolving the conflict.:  
> 7. Initiating Committee or Unit (if any): RUSA Executive Committee  
> 8. Pertinent Background Information, e.g. bibliography, citations,  
supportive  
> quotes, URLs, etc.:  
> 9. Mover's Name: Jennifer C. Boettcher, RUSA Councilor  
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