

**ACTIONS OF THE ALA COUNCIL
2015 ALA MIDWINTER MEETING**

**ALA Council I
Sunday, February 1, 2015, 8:30-11:00am
McCormick Place Center, West Building, Level 3, W375e
Chicago, IL**

By **CONSENT**, Adopted ALA CD#2, 2014 Annual Conference Council Minutes as distributed.

By **CONSENT**, Approved the following slate of candidates for the ALA Executive Board Election: Gladys Smiley Bell, Peabody Librarian, Hampton University, Hampton, VA; John C. DeSantis, Cataloging & Metadata Services Librarian, Bibliographer, Russian, Theater & Film Studies, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH; Aaron W. Dobbs, Systems and Electronic Resources Librarian, Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania, Ezra Lehman Memorial Library, Shippensburg, PA; Julius C. Jefferson Jr., Information Research Specialist, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress, Washington, DC; Loida Garcia-Febo, President, Information New Wave, Brooklyn, NY; Mike L. Marlin, Director, Braille and Talking Book Library, California State Library, Sacramento, CA. Bernard A. Margolis, State Librarian, New York State Library, Albany, New York; and John C. Sandstrom, Associate Professor and Acquisitions Librarian, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM, were nominated from the Council floor. (*Report of the ALA Council Committee on Committees, ALA CD#11_11315*)

**ALA Council II
Monday, February 2, 2015, 10:00am-12:15pm**

VOTED, To adopt the revised **Standards for Accreditation of Master's Programs in Library and Information Studies**, as outlined in ALA CD#10_12315_act, Committee on Accreditation Report).

VOTED, To adopt the following three (3) action items contained in ALA CD#17_act, Policy Monitoring Committee Report:

Item #1: Communication to ALA members by ALA Committees and Council Committees.

At the 2014 ALA Annual Conference, the ALA Council adopted a Resolution on Communication by ALA and Council Committees (2014-2015 ALA CD#27.1) to read: "Each chair of an ALA Committee or a Council Committee is responsible for submitting to the ALA Executive Director at least two times each year a

substantive report on the committee's work and accomplishments so that these reports can be made available to all interested ALA members. Such reports may address, but not be limited to, matters such as accomplishments, planned activities, issues that affect the committee's work and their implications for the future, interactions with other units within ALA, relationship of the committee's work to the ALA strategic plan, current level of committee members' involvement (more substantive than an attendance roll), committee self-check on its value and viability (update charge, discontinue committee, consolidate with another, change structure, other observations)."

PMC moves that the above text be incorporated into the *ALA Policy Manual* as Policy A.5.5.4 Committee Reporting.

Item #2: Lifespan of Membership Initiative Groups.

At the 2014 ALA Annual Conference, the ALA Council adopted this revision to ALA Policy A.4.3.2: "Once established, a MIG may operate for three years at which point it may re-petition for another three- year term or may request another place within the ALA structure by following the procedures for establishing that type of group, or may request the ALA COO to disband it. The re-petitioning process can be renewed every three years. If the re-petition process is not carried out when due, the MIG will be disbanded."

PMC moves that the revised text be incorporated into the *ALA Policy Manual* as Policy A.4.3.12 to read:

"A Membership Initiative Groups (MIG) is formed when a group of ALA members identifies a common concern or interest about librarianship which falls outside the delegated responsibility of a single division, roundtable, or unit, and wishes to establish a short-term, renewable mechanism to address this concern or interest. To establish a MIG, which must be approved by COO and reported to Council, a group must submit to the Committee on Organization a statement of purpose, at least one hundred signatures of ALA members in good standing, and the names and addresses of designated organizers. Once established, a MIG may operate for three years at which point it may re-petition for another three- year term or may request another place within the ALA structure by following the procedures for establishing that type of group, or may request the ALA COO to disband it. The re-petitioning process can be renewed every three years. If the re-petition process is not carried out when due, the MIG will be disbanded."

Item #3: Copyright: Interpretation of the Code of Ethics.

At the 2014 ALA Annual Conference, the ALA Council adopted a new interpretation to the Code of Ethics regarding "The Copyright" as recommended in ALA CD#40.1.

The new interpretation to Code of Ethics will be represented in the ALA *Policy Manual* by means of an abstract, supplied by the originating committee, followed by a reference to the Policy Reference File, where the full text of the Interpretation will reside.

PMC MOVES INSERTION of the following as B.1.4:

B.1.4 Copyright

Librarians are sources of copyright information for their user communities. Librarians should acquire a solid understanding of the purpose of copyright law and knowledge of its details relevant to library activities. They should do so in order to develop the ability to critically analyze issues of fair use or other limits to the rights of copyright holders, as well as to gain the confidence to implement the law using good judgment. Librarians and library staff should be educated to recognize and observe copyright and its limits, to understand and act on their rights and those of their users, and to be ready to inform or properly refer users with questions pertaining to copyright. When the balance between rights holders and information users' needs to be restored, librarians should engage with rights holders and legislators and advocate on behalf of their users and user rights. Adopted, 2014. (See "Policy Reference File": Committee on Professional Ethics Report: 2013-2014 ALA CD#40.1_63014_act

REFERRED, ALA CD#27, Item#1, **Clarification of reappointment policy to the Budget Analysis & Review Committee (BARC)**, back to the Committee on Organization. The referred motion read: "That Council approves the following revision of the composition description (changes in bold italics):

The Budget Analysis & Review Committee (BARC) consists of nine members serving ***no more than four (4) years on the committee in a lifetime. Treasurer terms do not count towards the four years of service.***

The committee membership consists of the ALA Treasurer (ex-officio, voting), two members of the ALA Executive Board serving staggered two year terms, and six members appointed by the ALA President from the general membership, serving staggered four year terms. The chair of the

committee will always be one of the non-board members." (*Committee on Organization Report, ALA CD#27_2115_act*)

VOTED, That the following Bylaws amendment be presented to the ALA membership on the spring 2015 ALA ballot:

Amend Article XII of the ALA Bylaws to state:

~~[Sturgis Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure]~~ Robert's Rules of Order, in the latest edition, shall govern the Association in all cases to which it can be applied and in which it is not inconsistent with the Constitution, the Bylaws, or special rules of order of the Association. (*ALA Constitution and Bylaws Committee Report, ALA CD#25_2115_act*)

VOTED, To approve the following programmatic priorities, as a basis for the FY16 budget and as a key framework for strategic planning:

- Advocacy for Libraries and the Profession
- Diversity
- Education and Lifelong Learning
- Equitable Access to Information and Library Services
- Intellectual Freedom
- Literacy
- Organizational Excellence
- Transforming Libraries

(*ALA Programmatic Priorities, ALA CD#13.1, 12715_act*)

WITHDRAWN, ALA CD#34_12815_act, Resolution on ALA Divestment from Caterpillar, Hewlett-Packard, and Motorola Solutions, which read: "That the American Library Association, on behalf of its members:

1. directs ALA to divest itself of any holdings in Caterpillar Inc., Hewlett Packard, and Motorola Solutions Inc.; and
2. declares that it will not invest in these companies until ALA Council is fully satisfied that product sales and services by these companies are no longer complicit in:
 - a. constructing and providing security for illegal Israeli settlements;

- b. constructing and maintaining walls and fences that illegally encroach upon Palestinian lands;
- c. managing checkpoints that dehumanize Palestinians and cut off innocent civilians from their property and natural resources; and
- d. contributing to and profiting from the military occupation of the Palestinian territories.

VOTED, To refer ALA CD#35, Resolution Encouraging Library Directors to Join their Trustees to ALA and United for Libraries, which read: "That the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members, urges all public library directors to include membership for each of their trustees in United for Libraries in their budgets" to the ALA Resolutions Committee until ALA Council III.

ALA Council III
Tuesday, February 3, 2015, 9:30am-12:30pm

ADOPTED, the following memorials: Diane P. Monnier, M-#1; Jean E. Lowrie, M-#2; Roger C. Greer, M-#3; Chris Olson, M-#4; Ruth V. Bell, M-#5; Ferol Ann Accola Foos, M-#6; Miriam Drake, M-#7; Lois Mai Chan, M-#8; Judith Hopkins, M-#9; Mary Woodley, M-#10; Julia Claire Blixrud, M-#11; Vivian Blache Cazayoux, M-#12; Ernest A. DiMattia, Jr. , M-#13; John H. Hunter, M-#14; Donald J. Sager, M-#15; Leslie Feinberg, M-#16; and Paul Kay Sybrowsky, M-#17;

ADOPTED, the following tributes: Nathan Scott, T-#1; The Ferguson Municipal Public Library, T-# 2; Linda H. Lord, T-#3; Charles Wilt, T-#4; and Tom Wheeler, T-#5.

ELECTED, to three-year terms on the Executive Board were: Loida Garcia-Febo; Julius C. Jefferson, Jr.; and Mike Marlin. (*Council Tellers Report on the ALA Executive Board Election Results, ALA CD#11.2_2215_inf*)

By **CONSENT**, agreed to consider ALA CD#35 Revised, 2215_act, Resolution Urging Library Directors to Encourage and Support United for Libraries Memberships for Each of Their Trustees, immediately following the presentation of the memorials, tributes, and testimonials.

ADOPTED, ALA CD#35 Revised, 2215_act, Resolution Urging Library Directors to Encourage and Support United for Libraries Memberships for Each of Their Trustees, which read: "That the American Library Association, on behalf of its members:

urges all library directors to encourage and support United for Libraries memberships for each of their Trustees.”

ADOPTED, ALA CD#18.1_2215_act, Resolution Recognizing and Supporting United Nations, Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) on its 70th Anniversary, which read: “That the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members:

1. recognizes UNESCO’s 70 years of achievement, as well as encourages its members to join in support of anniversary activities; and
2. continues to urge Congress to approve the national interest waiver so the United States can again pay its dues, and become a fully functioning member of UNESCO.” (*International Relations Committee Report, ALA CD#18-18.1_2215_ac,*)

ADOPTED, ALA CD#19.1_2215_act, Resolution Denouncing Recent Assaults on the Freedom of Expression as Exemplified in the Attack on *Charlie Hebdo*, which read: “That the American Library Association, on behalf of its members:

1. denounces these bloody assaults on fundamental human rights;
2. expresses its deepest condolences to all those associated with the publication *Charlie Hebdo* and to the French people;
3. affirms its solidarity with L’Association des Bibliothécaires de France
4. reaffirms in the strongest possible terms its unwavering commitment to the advocacy and defense of intellectual freedom including freedom of the press, freedom of speech and freedom of expression; and
5. directs Keith Michael Fiels, Executive Director of the American Library Association to communicate its support and resolve to Francois Hollande, President of the French Republic for the people of France and to our colleagues of L’Association des Bibliothécaires de France. (*Intellectual Freedom Committee Report, ALA CD# 19-19.1_2215_act*)

ADOPTED, ALA CD#20.1_2215_act, Resolution on Preserving Public Access to Scientific and Technical Reports Available through the National Technical Information Service, which read: “That the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members:

1. urges the United States Congress to fund the provision of digital reports held by the National Technical Information Service (NTIS) to federal agencies and the public at no charge through NTIS, as well as the preservation of NTIS' print and microform collections so they will remain available for sale to the public on a cost-recovery basis; and
2. urges the United States Congress to ensure that a national repository is selected, statutorily charged, and funded to preserve and provide public access to these important scientific and technical reports if NTIS-enabling legislation is eliminated." (*Committee on Legislation Report, ALA CD#20-20.1_2215_act*)

MOVED, ALA CD#32_Revised_2315_act, Resolution on the Destruction of Libraries and Schools in Gaza 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 during the recent conflict there;
2. again calls for the protection of libraries and cultural resources in Gaza, 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
3. 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.

DEFEATED, a motion to insert a new 2nd resolved clause to read: "deplores the use of weapons and other acts that makes libraries, schools, and other cultural resources viable military targets"; and renumber resolved clauses accordingly.

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