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The customary information session was held in accordance with ALA A.4.2.5.2, which states that at least one joint session of the Membership and Council with the Executive Board shall be held for information only prior to other meetings of Council and Membership. The information session was convened at 3:00 pm on Saturday, June 28, 2014, in Paradise North of the Las Vegas Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INTRODUCTIONS. ALA President Barbara K. Stripling introduced Parliamentarian Eli Mina; ALA President-Elect Courtney L. Young; and ALA Executive Director and Secretary of the Council Keith Michael Fiels. ALA staff members assisting with the Council meetings were JoAnne Kempf, Director, Office of ALA Governance; Lois Ann Gregory-Wood, ALA Council Secretariat; Danielle Alderson, Projectionist; and Heather Theriaque, Captionist.

ALA PRESIDENT’S REPORT, ALA CD#21.1. Barbara K. Stripling briefly spoke of her experiences during the course of the year:

Stripling’s presidential theme: Libraries Changes Lives highlighted the transformative practices of libraries of all types in three areas: literacy, innovation, and community engagement. Through her conversations and library visits, Stripling discovered an array of programs and services that connects libraries to their communities and answers community needs and priorities. Much of this work has been accomplished through the work of her advisory committee, co-chaired by Patty Wong and Maribel Castro. She also acknowledged the year-long series of webinars coordinated by Sue Considine and supported by the ALA Office for Library Advocacy, directed by Marci Merola.

Literacy. Stripling commended the Digital Content and Libraries Working Group (DCWG), co-chaired by Sari Feldman and Bob Wolven, for their continuing work to make e-books accessible at a reasonable price. The DCWG has been renewed for an additional two years (2014-2016) and new DCWG members will be selected.
Innovation. This year, Stripling focused on two practices that are gathering momentum in libraries: makerspaces and the hosting of TED and TEDx talks.

Makerspaces offer the opportunity for active learning, invention, sharing of expertise, and use of technology by community members of all ages.

To foster continued expansion of the library TED networks, a special session was sponsored at this conference and at the 2014 Midwinter Meeting.

Declaration for the Right to Libraries. During the past year, more than 100,000 people have signed the Declaration. Due to overwhelming interest, the Declaration will continue to be used by libraries in their advocacy and community engagement efforts and continue to be available on the ALA website for downloading and online signature at www.ala.org/advocacy/declaration-right-libraries.

Leadership Development. The second Leadership Institute will be held in August, 2014, facilitated by ALA Immediate Past President Maureen Sullivan and ACRL Content Strategist Kathryn Deiss. This four-day institute will focus interpersonal competence, power and influence, the art of convening groups, and creating a culture of inclusion, innovation, and transformations.

ALA Task Force for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion. This Task Force was formed earlier in 2014 after members of the Black Caucus (BCALA) raised serious concerns about the scheduling of ALA’s 2016 Annual Conference in Orlando, Florida, based on the state’s controversial implementation of its Stand Your Ground law.

The ALA Chapter Relations Committee; ALA Committee on Diversity and Diversity Council; ALA Council; ALA Executive Board; American Indian Library Association (AILA); Asian Pacific American Librarians Association (APALA); Association of Specialized & Cooperative Library Agencies (ASCLA) and Accessibility Assembly; Black Caucus of the American Library Association (BCALA); Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA); Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Round Table (GLBTRT); REFORMA (The National Association to Promote Library & Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish Speaking); and the Social Responsibilities Round Table (SRRT) will be represented on the task force to share their perspectives. The task force will be co-chaired by Martin Garnar and Trevor A. Dawes.
The task force will work to ensure committed and sustained attention to equity, inclusion, and diversity issues within ALA, in the profession, and in our communities.

**Strategic Directions for ALA.** Through conversations with ALA members, Council, divisions, round tables, focus groups, and a membership survey, the Executive Board and ALA staff have synthesized these “Kitchen Table Conversations” (http://connect.ala.org/node/231566) into a strategic framework to guide the Association’s focus, structure, operations, and culture re-conception over the coming years.

The ALA Executive Board has outlined the following three strategic initiatives that reflect the conversations with members and member-leaders: Advocacy, Information Policy, and Professional and Leadership Development. The Board believes that these strategic efforts will create a welcoming, inclusive, engaged and supportive organization for ALA members.

At the close of her report, Stripling received a standing ovation for all her efforts during her presidential year.

**PRESIDENT-ELECT’S REPORT, ALA CD#29.1.** Courtney L. Young spoke of her work on the ALA and Council committee appointment process as reflected in ALA CD#31 and ALA CD#31.1. She also thanked the members of the Council Committee on Committees and the ALA Committee on Appointments for their assistance in completing the appointment process.

During her ALA presidential year, Young plans to take a slightly different approach to utilizing her budget allocation. Rather than focusing on several grand initiatives, she will use her budgetary resources to kick-start some programs already being proposed, or to further enhance programs already underway throughout the Association.

Young, along with Lorelle Swader, director of the Office for Human Resource Development and Recruitment (HRDR) and others, will partner with ALA Chapters to provide training for a national cohort of 25 librarians from a cross section of libraries to become certified Career Development Facilitators (CDF). Applications are due by July 15, 2014. The certification training will take place at the 2015 ALA Midwinter Meeting in Chicago.
Young noted that Carolyn Anthony, Director, Skokie (IL) Public Library and Ericka Linke, Associate Dean, University Libraries, Carnegie Mellon University Libraries, Pittsburgh, PA, will co-chair the newly reformulated Digital Content Working Group (DCWG).

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT, ALA CD#23.1.** Keith Michael Fiels highlighted the followings items:

**ALA Conference Registration.** Advanced registration figures for this conference in Las Vegas were 11,159, compared with 10,310 in Anaheim (2013) and 13,533 in Chicago (2012).

**ALA Membership.** The membership stands at 56,637, down 500 members from 2013. Most of the decreases are from organizational memberships, particularly those of small public libraries. ALA is offering some special promotions to help ensure an attractive package of benefits for smaller libraries. Fiels noted that about half of all students in library school are ALA members, and ALA currently has 9,000 student members.

To counter the myth that ALA has a greater number of older members and that younger people are not getting involved in the Association, Fiels pointed out that the membership statistics do not bear that out. In fact, among younger librarians, the percentage of ALA members is actually higher than that of mid-and late-career professionals.

**ALA Strategic Directions.** In reiterating some of the earlier comments made by President Stripling regarding ALA’s strategic plan for 2016 and beyond, ALA Executive Director Keith Michael Fiels noted that the ALA membership will have ample opportunity share their vision, opinions and ideas on the three initiatives that have been identified as strategic priorities for the next three to five years. The new plan will be presented to Council for its approval at the 2015 ALA Annual Conference in San Francisco, California.

**The Center for the Future of Libraries.** The newly established Center for the Future of Libraries, directed by Miguel Figueroa, works to identify emerging trends relevant to libraries and librarianship; to promote futuring and innovation techniques to help librarians and library professionals shape their future; and to build connections with experts and innovative thinkers to help libraries address emerging issues. The
establishment of the Center for the Future of Libraries was made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

**The Workforce Investment Act.** Executive Director Fiels reported that the Workforce Investment Act is being reauthorized. The Act contains provisions that will, for the first time, make libraries eligible providers for library employment-related services, including various kinds of support for information literacy and literacy services.

Fiels thanked the ALA Washington Office, the Committee on Legislation, and all the members who had worked tirelessly on this effort for the past 10 years.

Fiels then responded to questions from the floor.

**ALA ENDOWMENT TRUSTEES REPORT, ALA CD#16.1-16.2.** At the 1985 Midwinter meeting, Council voted that the Endowment Trustees be invited to report to the Council at each Midwinter Meeting and Annual Conference. Rodney Hersberger, chair, then explained the role, function, and purpose of the Long Term Investment Fund (also called the ALA Endowment Fund). Income from the Endowment supports a variety of programs and activities carried out by the Association and some of its divisions. Each year the Trustees set a “draw” level that is a percentage of each assets category that the holder can use to support programs. The draw was five percent for the current year. The five percent draw for this current year includes Spectrum Scholarships, Carnegie Medal, Schneider Family Book Award, Geisel Award, general scholarships, and general administrative operating support.

In recent months the ALA and the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) have been working with the Margaret Edwards Trust to take over the assets of that trust. Margaret Edwards, longtime champion of teen and young adult reading in the Enoch Pratt Free Library of Baltimore, MD, established the trust in 1989 to promote free reading by teenagers and young adults. The Endowment expects to receive at least $900,000 from the Trust.

Hersberger then provided additional information about the status of the Endowment Fund.

**BUDGET ANALYSIS AND REVIEW COMMITTEE (BARC), ALA CD#33.1.** At the 1987 Midwinter Meeting, the ALA Council voted that BARC report to Council at each ALA Midwinter Meeting and Annual Conference. Patricia A. Wand, chair,
presented highlights from the BARC report, which included recent BARC activities; the ALA revenue sources; FY 2014 budget with the year-to-date update; and the yearend projections.

At the 2014 Midwinter Meeting, Council referred ALA CD#38, Resolution to Allow Programs at American Library Association Midwinter Meetings, to BARC for a report back at the 2014 ALA Annual Conference. The resolution resolved that: “The ALA should: Change ALA Policy A.7.4.11 to allow for programs designed for continuing education and development in the fields of library service.”

Following a discussion of the resolution’s financial ramifications, BARC referred ALA CD#38, Resolution to Allow Programs at American Library Association Midwinter Meetings, to the ALA Conference Committee so that a broader discussion could take place on the resolution. BARC will bring its findings on the resolution to Council at the 2015 Midwinter Meeting.

In addition to acknowledging the hard work of the BARC members and the ALA financial and budget staff, directed by Gregory Calloway, who was unable to attend this conference, Wand expressed her special appreciation and thanks to longtime ALA employee Elaine Klimek on the eve of her retirement from ALA after 30 years of dedicated service.

Wand then addressed questions and comments from the audience.

**ALA TREASURER’S REPORT, ALA CD#13.1.** Patricia A. Wand, chair, Budget Analysis and Review Committee (BARC), presented the ALA Treasurer’s Report on behalf of ALA Treasurer Mario M. Gonzalez, who was unable to attend this meeting.

Wand highlighted the following areas from the Treasurer’s Report:

Programmatic Priorities—Aligned with the FY 2015 Budget
- 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

Strategic Initiatives—Strategic Framework aligned with FY2015 Budget

• Advocacy—Advocate the public value of librarians, libraries and information service
• Information Policy—Focus at every level on a diverse set of policy areas that include:
  - Intellectual freedom;
  - privacy;
  - civil liberties;
  - telecommunications;
  - funding for education and research programs;
  - funding libraries;
  - copyright and licensing;
  - government information;
  - literacy

• Professional and Leadership Development—Promote the professional and leadership development of librarians and library workers which are essential to high-quality professional practice and the future of libraries and information services

FY 2015 Highlights include:

• Host Midwinter Meeting in Chicago, the ALA Annual Conference in San Francisco; and the ACRL National Conference in Portland, OR. It is anticipated that all three cities will be good revenue generators for the ALA.

• Provide a two-percent salary increase for ALA staff. ALA staff have not received an increase in their base salaries for two years.

FY2015 Key Initiatives:

• Invest $250,000 in technology initiatives
• Establish ALA Center for the Future of Libraries

Wand then reviewed the FY2015 Preliminary Budget, which begins September 1, 2014, and continues through August 31, 2015. Wand noted that budget planning began with staff and member leaders allocating funds according to the priorities established by the ALA strategic plan. The budget was thoroughly reviewed by BARC at its spring meeting and recommended to the Executive Board.
In closing, Wand thanked the ALA financial and budget staff, and then addressed questions and comments from the floor.

**ADJOURNMENT.** After several brief announcements, the meeting was adjourned upon the completion of the agenda.
The first meeting of the ALA Council during the 2013 ALA Annual Conference was convened at 8:30am on Sunday, June 29, at the Las Vegas Hotel in the Paradise North Ballroom.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INTRODUCTIONS. ALA President Barbara K. Stripling again introduced ALA President-Elect Courtney L. Young, Parliamentarian Eli Mina, and ALA Executive Director and Secretary of the Council Keith Michael Fiels. ALA staff members assisting with the Council meetings were JoAnne Kempf, Director, Office of ALA Governance; Lois Ann Gregory-Wood, Council Secretariat; Danielle Alderson, Projectionist; and Heather Theriaque, Captionist.

Special guests included Sari Feldman, 2014–2015 ALA President-Elect; Hee-Yoon Yoon, President, Korean Library Association; Zora J. Sampson, ALA Councilor-at-Large and President, American Indian Library Association; Maureen Ambrosino, President, Massachusetts Library Association; Dustin Fife, President-Elect, Utah Library Association; Susan Jennings, President, Tennessee Library Association; Dawn Kingstad, President-Elect, Montana Library Association; Rodney Lippard, President-Elect, North Carolina Library Association; Brenda Metzger, President, Kentucky Library Association; Devona Pendergrass, President, Arkansas Library Association; Amanda Powers, President, Mississippi Library Association; Lynda Reynolds, President, Oklahoma Library Association; Dan Stanton, President-Elect, Arizona Library Association; Wendy Stephens, President, Alabama Library Association; and Laura Whayne, President-Elect, Kentucky Library Association.

QUORUM. A quorum was established at the beginning of each meeting.

THE ATTENDANCE AND VOTING RECORD is attached as Exhibit #1.

RULES FOR ALA COUNCIL MEETINGS, ALA CD#5. By CONSENT, the ALA Council adopted the Rules for ALA Council Meetings.
ESTABLISHING THE AGENDA, ALA CD#8.5 Revised-6/28-4:30pm. By CONSENT, Council adopted ALA CD#8.5-Revised-6/28-4:30pm, as amended to add the following resolution to the Council I agenda under “new business”:

- Resolution in Support of Stable Funding for Air Force Libraries, ALA CD##43

2014 ALA MIDWINTER MEETING COUNCIL MINUTES, ALA CD#2.1. By CONSENT, Council adopted the 2014 ALA Midwinter Meeting Council Minutes, ALA CD#2.1.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2014–2015 COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES (COC), ALA CD#12. President-Elect Courtney L. Young, Committee on Committees (COC) chair, presented the slate of candidates for the 2014–2015 Council Committee on Committees Election: Jennifer C. Boettcher; Carey D. Hartmann; Ann Crewdson; Karen E. Downing; Nathan E. Flowers; Kimberly Anne Patton; Jim Kuhn; and Susan F. Gregory. Four (4) Councilors will be elected for a one-year term (2014–2015). There were no nominations from the Council floor.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2014–2015 PLANNING AND BUDGET ASSEMBLY (PBA), ALA CD#12.1. President-Elect Courtney L. Young, Committee on Committee chair, presented the slate of candidates for the 2014–2015 Planning and Budget Assembly Election: Councilors-at-Large: Loida A. Garcia-Febo; Sue Kamm; Edward L. Sanchez; Matthew P. Ciszek; Ismail Abdullahi; and Alys Jordan. Three (3) Councilors-at-Large are to be elected to serve for 2-year terms (2014–2016). There were no floor nominations.

Chapter Councilors: Steve Dimoulas; Stephanie Braunstein; Michael L. Scott; and Regina Greer Cooper. Two (2) Chapter Councilors are to be elected for 2-year terms (2014–2016). There were no floor nominations.

The election results will be announced at the ALA Council III meeting on July 1, 2014, 7:45–9:15am.

APPOINTMENT OF TELLERS, ALA CD#12.3. Kent Slade; Sandy Wee; and John C. Sandstrom volunteered to serve as tellers for the elections. Sandstrom will serve as chair.
PRESIDENTIAL TASK FORCE ON ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION FOR THE ALA COUNCIL, ALA CD#10. At the 2014 Midwinter Meeting, Council adopted, ALA CD#34, Resolution on Electronic Communications for ALA Council, which read: “The ALA President shall appoint a task force of the Council to work with ALA HQ staff to:

1. Examine and revise as needed the guidelines for the Council e-mail lists and electronic communications,
2. Determine when various Council Documents should be available to the membership-at-large and the public-at-large,
3. Determine what options are available for sharing Council Documents and what are the capabilities, requirements, and consequences of each option,
4. Make recommendations to Council regarding which options(s) should be adopted,
5. Determine a schedule for re-examining these issues.
7. Prepare a final report and recommendations for Midwinter 2015.”

On March 17, 2014, ALA President Barbara K. Stripling appointed John C. Sandstrom, chair; Lauren Comito; Bernard A. Margolis; and Mike L. Marlin to serve on the Presidential Task Force on Electronic Communications for the ALA Council. ALA staff support to the task force includes Pam Akins, Danielle Alderson, and Lois Ann Gregory-Wood.

John Sandstrom, chair, Presidential Task Force on Electronic Communication for the ALA Council, moved and the Council ADOPTED the following three (3) action items:

**Item#1.** Resolution Approving Guidelines for the Council Electronic List, which read: “That the Council of the American Library Association approves the following guidelines for the Council List:

1. The Council Secretary, or his/her designate, will manage the membership of the Council Electronic List.
2. Full privileges (read and write) to the Council Electronic List are limited to current members of ALA Council, ALA and Council Committee Chairs, and to authorized ALA staff. Read-only access by any other ALA Members who have access to the network is available through application to the Council Secretary or his/her designate.
3. Councilors may only post from their subscribed e-mail address(es). Each Councilor is responsible for keeping his/her e-mail address up-to-date with the Council Secretary or his/her designate.

4. The Council Electronic List shall remain un-moderated.

5. Councilors may communicate informally with each other on the Council list. The list may be used for official communications at times. The Council list may be used for discussing issues and resolutions pertaining to the business of Council

6. The Council Secretary, or his/her designate shall be responsible for the following activities related to the Council Electronic List:
   a. Updating e-mail addresses of current participants.
   b. Validating e-mail addresses of new subscribers.
   c. Responding to questions and referring inquiries as appropriate.
   d. Other duties as necessary based on growth and experience of the list.”

**Item# 2.** Resolution approving guidelines for the posting of Council Documents. The Council of the American Library Association approves the following guidelines for Council Documents:

1. Council Documents will be posted to the Council area on ALA Connect as public documents.
   a. The ALA Connect link will then be distributed to the Council List.
   b. Since Council documents are public documents, anyone who receives the link will be able to access the documents regardless of subscription status on ALA Connect.

2. Document Naming Conventions:
   a. Files will be located in the files section of the Council area on Connect.
   b. Council documents are named with the Council Document Number - The following information will appear in the upper right-hand corner of on each Council document respectively: 2013-2014 ALA CD#10-10.1--6/9/14-4:00pm (action)
   c. When a file is being moved to the ALA council page, the term “final” will be appended.
d. Resolutions will use the same file-naming convention. Each time a
document changes, it will be re-posted to ALA Connect.

3. The Council Secretary, or his/her designate, is responsible for the following
activities related to Council Documents:

a. Posting reports, resolutions and other documents to the Council section
of ALA Connect as public documents.
b. Maintaining an authoritative set of documents for use by Council in case
either internet access or ALA Connect becomes unavailable during a
Council meeting.
c. Updating the status of documents to “final” or “approved” or
“adopted,” as appropriate.
d. Posting these document files to the ALA Council Website.

Item# 3. Resolution for the Future Review of These Guidelines. The Council of
the American Library Association charges the Executive Director, as the Secretary
of the Council, or his/her designate, to review these guidelines at a minimum of
three years or as necessary periodically and report to Council on their
continued effectiveness.

It was noted that the task force presented its final report six-months ahead of its 2015
Midwinter Meeting deadline.

REVIEW OF EXECUTIVE BOARD ACTIONS SINCE THE 2014
MIDWINTER MEETING. Keith Michael Fiels, ALA Executive Director, briefly
highlighted the following actions taken by the ALA Executive Board since the 2014
ALA Midwinter Meeting. The Board:

- Approved the full list of companies from the Domini and TIAA-CREF
portfolio of “socially responsible” companies from which the ALA
Development Office and other units could use to prospect for corporate
partners, sponsors, and donors in support of ALA’s mission. EBD#6.2

- Approved The Lemony Snicket Prize for Noble Librarians Faced with
Adversity.
• Appointed Teri Switzer to fill a new seat on the Endowment Trustees to begin immediately and conclude at the end of the 2017 Annual Conference.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2014 ALA MIDWINTER MEETING COUNCIL ACTIONS, ALA CD#9.1. ALA Executive Director Keith Michael Fiels presented a written report and called for questions regarding the report.


Feldman then highlighted some of the DCWG activities:

• Digital Discoveries, a supplement to the American Libraries, focused on digital content.

• DCWG engaged in outreach via presentations and discussion at the Public Library Association National Conference, the State of Connecticut Ebook Workshop, and the Paris Book Fair.

• A review of library ebook issues was published as an article in the 2014 Library Book Trade Almanac, authored by DCWG member Rob Maier and Nadine Vassallo.

• Article written by Andrew Richard Albanese, Publishers Weekly, June 13, 2014, entitled “From ALA 2014: After Success on E-Book Access, ALA Looks Ahead” on the great work that has been done by the American Library Association in this area.

In the absence of Bob Wolven, DCWG co-chair, who was unable to attend this meeting, Sari Feldman expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to work together as co-chairs of the working group since its inception in 2012.

Although, this conference marks the end of the current DCWG, ALA President-Elect Courtney Young has appointed Erika Linke (Associate Dean of Libraries, Carnegie Mellon University) and Carolyn Anthony (Director, Skokie (IL) Public Library) to serve as co-chairs of a new DCWG. In addition to other serious issues facing
libraries, the new DCWG will continue to focus on the library ebook issue, digital preservation and media beyond ebooks.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF STABLE FUNDING FOR AIR FORCE LIBRARIES, ALA CD#43. Councilors Vicky Crone and Larry Romans moved and Council

ADOPTED, ALA CD#43, Resolution in Support of Stable Funding for Air Force Libraries, which read: “That the American Library Association, on behalf of its members:

1. urges the United States Congress to direct the Department of Defense (DoD) and United States Air Force (USAF) to restore funding to Air Force Base and Command Libraries to FY2011 levels for staffing, materials, services and programs; and

2. urges the Administration, DoD and USAF to develop responsible information and budget management strategies for Air Force Base and Command Libraries that aligns them directly with appropriated funds, rather than through base operations, where library funding is vulnerable to additional local cuts.”

ADJOURNMENT. After several announcements, the meeting was adjourned at the completion of the agenda.
ALA COUNCIL II
Monday, June 30, 2014
8:30am–11:30am
Las Vegas Hotel, Paradise North
Las Vegas, NV

The second meeting of the ALA Council during the 2014 ALA Annual Conference was convened at 8:30am on Monday, June 30, 2014, in the Las Vegas Hotel, Paradise North.

QUORUM. A quorum was established at the beginning of each meeting.

ESTABLISHING THE AGENDA, ALA CD#8.6, Rev. 6/29/14, 11:35am_act.
ALA CD#8.6, Rev. 6/29/14, 11:35am_act, ALA Council II Agenda, was adopted as amended to include under “New Business” the Resolution on Granting the District of Columbia Government Budget Autonomy to Allow City Services, including Libraries, to Remain Open during a Federal Government Shutdown, ALA CD#45.

POLICY MONITORING COMMITTEE REPORT, ALA CD#17.1. William L. Turner, chair, moved and the ALA Council

VOTED, That the below text be incorporated into the ALA Policy Manual as Policy A.4.3.16.1:

Minutes of Meetings of Governing Units. The governing bodies of ALA Divisions and Round Tables shall make available drafts of their meeting minutes or other reports of actions taken, via the unit’s ALA-hosted web page within 30 days of the meeting. The final versions of meeting minutes or other reports of actions taken shall be made available via the unit’s ALA-hosted web page within 30 days of their approval. There shall be an easily available historical record of these meetings and action reports. Sub-units of the Divisions and sub-units of Round Tables shall be exempt from this policy.
COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION REPORT, ALA CD#27. James Rettig, chair, moved and Council

**VOTED.** To adopt the following two action items contained in CD#27.1, Committee on Organization Report:

**Item #1.** That Council approves as policy the following provision: “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).”

**Item #2.** Council approves the following revision to ALA policy A.4.3.12: “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.”
RECOGNITION OF RETIRING COUNCILORS AND EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS. President Barbara K. Stripling recognized the following Council members whose terms will expire at the adjournment of the 2014 ALA Annual Conference: Maureen Sullivan, ALA Immediate Past President; Dora Ho, ALA Executive Board Member (elected Councilor-at-Large); Mike Marlin, ALA Executive Board Member and ALA Councilor-at-Large (reelected Councilor-at-Large) Michael Porter, Executive Board Member; Rosina Alaimo, Councilor-at-Large (reelected); Robert E. Banks, Kansas Chapter Councilor (ALA Executive Board member and will remain on Council); Daniel Berdaner, International Relations Round Table Councilor; Mary Biblo, Councilor-at-Large. This concludes Mary’s 36th consecutive year on Council. Mary was reelected and will remain on Council; Howard Boksenbaum, Rhode Island Chapter Councilor; Eileen K. Bosch, Councilor-at-Large; Irene L. Briggs, Councilor-at-Large; Diane R. Chen-Kelly, Councilor-at-Large; Matthew P. Ciszek, Councilor-at-Large (reelected); Diedre Conkling, Councilor-at-Large; Susan Considine, Library Leadership & Management Association (LLAMA) Councilor; Roberto C. Delgadillo; Councilor-at-Large (reelected); John C. DeSantis, Councilor-at-Large (reelected); Brenda Ealey, Nebraska Chapter Councilor; Jennifer Emanuel, Councilor-at-Large; Barbara L. Flynn, Councilor-at-Large; Angelica Fortin, Councilor-at-Large; Betsy Fraser, Councilor-at-Large; Ed Garcia, Jr., Councilor-at-Large (reelected); Christine Lind Hage, Public Library Association (PLA) Councilor; Shelby E. Harken, North Dakota Chapter Councilor; Luis Herrera, California Chapter Councilor; Mary Anne Hodel, Councilor-at-Large (reelected); Patricia Hofmann, Maryland Chapter Councilor; David A. Hurley, Councilor-at-Large; Julius C. Jefferson Jr., Councilor-at-Large (reelected); Wei Jeng-Chu, Councilor-at-Large; Susan Jennings, New Members Round Table Councilor (NMRT) (elected Councilor-at-Large); Xudong Jin, Councilor-at-Large (reelected); Margaret L. Kirkpatrick, Councilor-at-Large; Em Claire Knowles, Councilor-at-Large (reelected); Alan Kornblau, Florida Chapter Councilor; Hannah Kyung Lee, Delaware Chapter Councilor; Marge Loch-Wouters, Wisconsin Chapter Councilor; Catherine Marriott, Councilor-at-Large; Kirby McCurtis, Councilor-at-Large; Barbara A. McDade, Maine Chapter Councilor; Bobbi Newman, Councilor-at-Large; Andrew Pace, Councilor-at-Large (reelected); J.P. Porcaro, New Jersey Chapter Councilor; Brenda Pruitt-Annisette, Councilor-at-Large (reelected); Nancy Rea, Massachusetts Chapter Councilor; Teresa (Terry) A. Rheinheimer, Indiana Chapter Councilor; Zora J. Sampson, Councilor-at-Large; Jessica Scalp, Virginia Chapter Councilor; Julie A. Schneider, Councilor-at-Large; Brian Schottlender, Association for Library Collections and Technical Services (ALCTS) Councilor; Wendy Steadman Stephens, Councilor-at-Large; Holly A. Tomren, Councilor-at-Large; William (Bill) L. Turner, Councilor-at-Large; Patricia A. Wand, Councilor-at-Large; and Andrew Wertheimer, Hawaii Chapter Councilor.
FREEDOM TO READ FOUNDATION (FTRF) REPORT, ALA CD#22.1.

Julius C. Jefferson, Jr., FTRF President, updated Council on a case the FTRF is currently involved in: *Susan B. Anthony List v. Driehaus*. The plaintiff, the Susan B. Anthony List (SBAL) (an anti-abortion political action committee) alleged that the statute unconstitutionally chilled its speech after the Ohio Elections Commission said it found probable cause to believe that SBA violated the law via its political ads in opposition to Steve Driehaus, a Congressman running for re-election. Because the candidate dropped his complaint against SBAL after the conclusion of the election, the district court ruled that SBAL lacked standing to file a pre-enforcement challenge because it couldn’t demonstrate that prosecution was likely or imminent. The Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed the district court’s decision.

The Freedom to Read Foundation, along with the American Library Association and other organizations and booksellers, joined an *amicus curiae* brief urging the United States Supreme Court to reaffirm the principle that persons who have a well-founded fear of prosecution under a law that infringes First Amendment rights should have standing to bring a “pre-enforcement” challenge to the law, and not face a choice between engaging in self-censorship or risking criminal prosecution.

On June 16, 2014, the Supreme Court held unanimously that Susan B. Anthony List indeed has standing to bring the pre-enforcement action and reiterated that, “a plaintiff satisfies the injury-in-fact requirement where he alleges an `intention to engage in a course of conduct, arguably affecting with a constitutional interest but prescribed by a statute and there exists a credible threat of prosecution thereunder.’”

FTRF continues to monitor the ongoing progress of the *Arce v. Huppenthal* lawsuit filed by teachers and students in Tucson Unified School District (TUSD) against the Arizona Superintendent of public Instruction and other state officials that challenges the constitutionality of the Arizona statute prohibiting the use of class materials or books that encourage the overthrow of the government, “promote resentment toward a race or class of people,” are instead of the treatment of pupils as individuals.”
Briefing continues and awaiting the Ninth Circuit to set a date for oral argument.

At the completion of his report, FTRF President Jefferson responded to questions from the floor.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION ON GRANTING THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA GOVERNMENT BUDGET AUTONOMY TO ALLOW CITY SERVICES, INCLUDING LIBRARIES, TO REMAIN OPEN DURING A FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN, ALA CD#45. ALA Councilors Christopher Corrigan and Jennifer Boettcher moved and Council

**ADOPTED**, Resolution on Granting the District of Columbia Government Budget Autonomy to Allow City Services, including Libraries, to Remain Open during a Federal Government Shutdown, ALA CD#45, which read: “That the American Library Association, on behalf of its members, urges Congress to grant the District of Columbia budget autonomy in order to prevent the unnecessary closing of city government facilities, including public libraries, in the event of a federal government shutdown.”

**ADJOURNMENT.** After several announcements, the meeting was adjourned at the completion of the agenda.
The third meeting of the ALA Council during the 2014 Annual Conference was convened at 7:45am on Tuesday, July 1, 2014, in the Las Vegas Hotel, Paradise North.

ESTABLISHING THE AGENDA, ALA CD#8.7_rev_6/30/14_6:40pm. By CONSENT, ALA CD#8.7_rev_6/30/14_6:40pm, ALA Council III Agenda, was adopted as amended.

MEMORIALS, ALA M#5-12. ALA Policy A.4.2.3 provides that memorials, tributes, and testimonials will be presented at the beginning of the last session of Council. Memorials were ADOPTED for Eliza Dresang, M-#5; Marilyn Lea Miller, M-#6; Emily Stewart Boyce, M-#7; Margaret Mary (Maggie) Kimmel, M-#8; Birdie MacLennan, M-#9; Nancy Garden, M-#10; Esther Crawford, M-#11; Crenetha Session Brunson, M-#12; and Ernie DiMattia (oral acknowledgement only).

TRIBUTES, ALA T#2. By ACCLAMATION, the ALA Council also adopted a tribute resolution honoring the 75th Anniversary of the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL), T-#2.

APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL ESTIMATES OF INCOME FY2014. ALA Treasurer Patricia A. Wand, chair, Budget Analysis and Review Committee, moved and Council

APPROVED, The Annual Estimates of Income FY2015 ALA Budgetary Ceiling of $64,078,221.

TELLERS REPORT ON THE ELECTION FOR THE 2014–2015 COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES AND THE 2014-2016 PLANNING AND BUDGET ASSEMBLY, ALA CD#12.3. John C. Sandstrom, chair, reported the following election results:

ELECTED, To the 2014–2015 Council Committee on Committees (COC): Ann Crewdson; Karen E. Downing; Jim Kuhn; and Susan F. Gregory. This committee will be chaired by 2014–2015 ALA President-Elect Sari Feldman.
ELECTED, To the 2014–2016 Planning and Budget Assembly (PBA):
Councilors-at-Large: Loida A. Garcia-Febo; Matthew P. Ciszek; and Ismail Abdullahi. Chapter Councilors: Stephanie Braunstein and Regina Greer Cooper.

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION (COL) REPORT, ALA CD#20.3-20.5.
Vivian R. Wynn, COL chair, moved and Council

VOTED, To adopt the following two action items contained in ALA CD#20.3-20.5, Legislation Committee Report:

Item #1. ALA CD#20.6, Resolution on Digitization of U.S. Government Documents, which read:

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

1. supports and encourages a national preservation plan for Federal Depository Library Program materials;

2. encourages policies that promote digitization with a reasonable number of dispersed preserved copies of print FDLP materials;

3. supports technologies that guarantee long-term, robust, verifiable, complete, accurate, authentic, preservable, and usable digital formats;

4. works with the Government Printing Office (GPO) and the FDL community on developing procedures to authenticate and ingest digital and digitized content into FDsys from federal depository libraries and federal agencies; and

5. supports the creation of a no-fee, searchable, online inventory of digital and digitized government materials with downloadable metadata.

Item #2. ALA CD#20.7, Resolution Reaffirming Support for National Open Internet Policies and “Network Neutrality,” which read: “That the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members:

1. reaffirms its support for network neutrality and open Internet policies that enable access in the library, through remote access to library resources, or by other means;
2. calls on the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to codify network neutrality principles following its Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM), Docket Number 14-28;

3. encourages library supporters to become engaged in the FCC’s current Notice of a Proposed Rulemaking on network neutrality; and

4. urges library supporters to advocate for the development of enforceable policies, whether in legislative proposals or regulatory proceedings, that ensure that the Internet remains an open platform for activities such as information exchange, intellectual discourse, civic engagement, creativity, innovation, and learning.

INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM COMMITTEE REPORT, ALA CD#19.3-19.17. Doug Archer, chair, Intellectual Freedom Committee, noted two additional amendments to the ALA Policy B.2.1.18, Intellectual Freedom Principles for Academic Libraries: An Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights (ALA CD#19.11):

1. The word "instruction" was added to the interpretation’s introduction paragraph.

2. The word “age” was added to the 10th bullet of the interpretation.

Doug Archer, chair, Intellectual Freedom Committee then moved the adoption of the following 14 Interpretations of the Library Bill of Rights:

- ALA CD#19.4, Access to Library Resources and Services for Minors
- ALA CD#19.5, Access to Resources and Services in the School Library
- ALA CD#19.6, Advocating for Intellectual Freedom
- ALA CD#19.7, Challenged Resources
- ALA CD#19.8, Diversity in Collection Development
- ALA CD#19.9, Exhibit Spaces and Bulletin Boards
- ALA CD#19.10, Expurgation of Library Resources
- ALA CD#19.11, Intellectual Freedom Principles for Academic Libraries
- ALA CD#19.12, Labeling and Rating Systems
- ALA CD#19.13, Minors and Internet Activity
- ALA CD#19.14, Prisoners’ Right to Read
- ALA CD#19.15, Privacy
- ALA CD#19.16, Restricted Access to Library Materials
- ALA CD#19.17, The Universal Right to Free Expression
By CONSENT, Council amended the 10th bullet point of ALA CD#19.11, Intellectual Freedom Principles for Academic Libraries: An Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights, as indicated below:

“A service philosophy should be promoted that affords equal access to information for all in the academic community with no discrimination on the basis of race, age, values, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, cultural or ethnic background, physical, sensory, cognitive or learning disability, economic status, religious beliefs, or views.”

Following a lengthy debate, Council DEFEATED, a motion to refer ALA CD#19.12, Labeling and Rating Systems portion of the Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights, back to Intellectual Freedom Committee.

The ALA Council then ADOPTED. The following revised Interpretations of the Library Bill of Rights:

- ALA CD#19.4, Access to Library Resources and Services for Minors
- ALA CD#19.5, Access to Resources and Services in the School Library
- ALA CD#19.6, Advocating for Intellectual Freedom
- ALA CD#19.7, Challenged Resources
- ALA CD#19.8, Diversity in Collection Development
- ALA CD#19.9, Exhibit Spaces and Bulletin Boards
- ALA CD#19.10, Expurgation of Library Resources
- ALA CD#19.11, Intellectual Freedom Principles for Academic Libraries (as amended above)
- ALA CD#19.12, Labeling and Rating Systems
- ALA CD#19.13, Minors and Internet Activity
- ALA CD#19.14, Prisoners’ Right to Read
- ALA CD#19.15, Privacy
- ALA CD#19.16, Restricted Access to Library Materials
- ALA CD#19.17, The Universal Right to Free Expression

COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL ETHICS (COPE), ALA CD#40.1. Martin Garnar, chair, moved and the ALA Council ADOPTED. The Copyright: An Interpretation of the Code of Ethics, as outlined in ALA CD#40.1.
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE, ALA CD#18.1-18.4. Luis Herrera, chair, moved and the ALA Council ADOPTED, That the Council of the American Library Association directs that ALA become a signatore to the Lyon Declaration of Access to Information and Development, ALA CD#18.1)

ADJOURNMENT. After several brief announcements, the meeting was adjourned upon the completion of the agenda.