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San Francisco, California

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 convened at 3:00pm on Saturday, June 27, 2015, in 134-135 North of the Moscone Convention Center in San Francisco, California.

ANNOUNCEMENTS. Before the start of this meeting, ALA President Courtney L. Young called for a moment of silence to honor the memory of ALA Executive Board Member Dr. Gail Schlachter, who passed away on April 27, 2015.

“Gail was a treasure to our profession and to the American Library Association and the embodiment of warmth, kindness, and intelligence. Her gentle manner and her graciousness are an example for all of us,” Young said.

A memorial gathering will be held on Sunday, June 28, 5:00–7:00 p.m., in this Convention Center in Esplanade 304.

Young also noted the passing of ALA Honorary Member David Cohen, who died on February 5, 2015, at the age of 106. Among his many achievements, he was co-founder and coordinator of ALA’s Ethnic Materials Information Exchange Task Force of the Social Responsibilities Round Table; a trustee of the LeRoy C. Merritt Humanitarian Fund; co-founder of the Long Island Coalition Against Censorship; and a charter member of the Freedom to Read Foundation. In 2005 he was inducted into the FTRF Roll of Honor, and awarded with an ALA Honorary Membership in 2007.

Other memorials, tributes, and testimonials will be presented at this afternoon’s ALA Membership Meeting and at Council III on Tuesday, June 30.
INTRODUCTIONS. ALA President Courtney L. Young introduced Parliamentarian Eli Mina; ALA President-Elect Sari Feldman; 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_61515_INF. Courtney L. Young briefly highlighted the following items from her written report:

- **Career Development Facilitators (CDF).** A partnered program with ALA chapters to provide training for a national cohort of 22 librarians from a cross section of libraries to become certified Career Development Facilitators (CDF).

  The training consists of 14 weeks of self-paced online training, combined with teleconference calls, small group discussions, specific times devoted to real-time virtual training and collaboration, along with the opportunity to present to fellow participants at the end of the course.

- **ALA President’s Program.** This program is scheduled for Sunday, June 28, 3:30pm–4:30pm, Esplanade 305, in this convention center. Sarah Lewis, art historian, critic, writer, and “cultural powerhouse” is the keynote speaker.

ALA PRESIDENT-ELECT'S REPORT, ALA CD#29.1_61515_INF. Sari Feldman spoke of the Congressional briefing, *Kids, Learning, and Technology: Libraries as 21st Century Creative Spaces*, held on Thursday, June 11, 2015, at noon in the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center. Representative Marcia Fudge, this event’s honorary co-host, gave supportive remarks to a full house of librarians, stakeholders, and congressional staffers. Feldman served as the facilitator and provided a national perspective of how libraries and librarians advance children’s learning through technology.

Feldman said this event provided a great opportunity to focus on the libraries’ role in technology, which ties directly to her presidential initiative “Libraries Transform.” Details about her presidential initiative will be unveiled during the ALA Inaugural Brunch on Tuesday, June 30, 11:15am–1:00pm, Marriott, Yerba Buena Salon 07.
ALA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT, ALA CD#23.1. Keith Michael Fiels reported on the following items:

- **ALA STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS PLAN, ALA CD#37.** Keith Michael Fiels reported that the new ALA Strategic Directions Plan is scheduled for Council’s consideration at Council I, Sunday, June 28, 8:30–11:00am. Fiels noted this document builds on many longstanding pieces of the ALA planning environment and focuses on three strategic areas for the next three to five years: Advocacy, Information Policy, and Professional Leadership Development.

- **ALA MEMBERSHIP.** Fiels spoke of the ALA and library associations’ joint membership program in which students may join any one of 37 participating Chapters and ALA for a membership fee of $38. This program has been very successful, and ALA staff will continue to examine other ways to better meet the needs of IMLS students.

Fiels also said that United for Libraries, the Association for Library Trustees and Advocates (UNITED), has negotiated with Kansas, Michigan, Nebraska, North Dakota, and Texas to purchase ALA and United for Library memberships for every Trustee and friends group within the state.

At the conclusion of his report, Fiels addressed questions from the floor. In response to an inquiry regarding poor member participation in the ALA election process, Fiels welcomed ideas and suggestions on how to increase member participation in the election process.

**BUDGET ANALYSIS AND REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT, CD#33.1,** Patricia A. Wand, chair, reviewed ALA’s revenue-generating categories: meetings and conferences, sale of books and materials; membership dues; advertising; grants and awards; subscriptions; interest and dividends; contributions; and other.

Wand then focused on a year-to-date report of the first eight months of FY15 that goes through the end of April. She reported ALA is in a healthy position. There is a small positive variance with excess revenue over expenses of about $85,000.
Wand also noted that as of the end of April, the ALA Endowment Fund has grown to almost $41 million, an increase of $4 million since last year.

Wand pointed out that Publishing is still in a transition but is getting closer to meeting budget expectations.

Divisions were over budget in revenues and less than budget in expenses, which leads to an excess revenue over expenses of nearly $229,000.

Round tables show mixed variances. Revenues were slightly over budget and expenses were under budget, but this mid-year situation was anticipated. BARC has been discussing ways to improve the financial accounting systems of Round Tables.

With regard to the Spectrum Scholar Program, Wand announced that 10 additional scholarships will be awarded during the next three years, which would increase the yearly awards from 50 to 60 per year over the next three years.

Wand then highlighted other financial analyses that are either underway or are planned for the near future.

**ALA TREASURER’S REPORT, ALA CD#13. 2.** Mario M. Gonzalez presented the 2016 preliminary budget, which has been reviewed by BARC and the ALA Executive Board at their spring meeting.

Gonzalez pointed out that this budget differs from previous budgets because it is aligned to the new ALA Strategic Directions and ongoing Programmatic Priorities.

The new Strategic Directions include: **Advocacy:** advocating for the public value of librarians, libraries, and information services; **Professional and Leadership Development:** promoting professional leadership development of librarians and library workers, which is essential to a high-quality professional experience and the future of libraries and information services; and **Information Policy:** focusing at every level on a diverse set of policy areas that include: Intellectual freedom, privacy, civil liberties, telecommunication, funding for education and research programs, funding for libraries, copyright and licensing, government information, and literacy.

The lead responsibility for coordinating each strategic direction will be assumed by a designated ALA department. Staff and resources will be reallocated and realigned to accomplish the goals and objectives of the strategic directions.
The total FY16 ALA budget is $50.7 million, an increase of $1.2 million or 2 percent over FY2015.

The general fund budget of $29.4 million is essentially flat and leveled at slightly 1.5 percent less than 2015.

FY2016 budget highlights include $250,000 in investment income to support technology; two percent salary increase for staff; and funding to support the initiative of ALA President-Elect Sari Feldman, which is part of the ALA three-year public awareness campaign.

After reviewing the division and round table revenues and expenses, Gonzalez responded to questions from the floor.

A correction was noted that AASL will hold its 2015 National Conference in Columbus, Ohio, instead of YALSA as indicated on page 5 of the ALA Treasurer’s Report, 2014–2015 ALA CD#13.2.

In closing, Gonzalez thanked Keith Michael Fiels, Mary Ghikas; and the financial staff for their assistance in helping him more easily navigate the financial process.

**ALA ENDOWMENT TRUSTEES REPORT, ALA CD#16.1.** Rodney Hersberger, chair, Endowment Trustees, reiterated that the purpose of the ALA Long-Term Investment Fund, aka “The Endowment Fund,” is to protect and grow the investment resources to support current and future Association scholarships, awards, and unique programs that build a strong future for the American Library Association and America’s libraries.

Hersberger said it has been a long bull market, and there is some uneasiness that it’s about to end. However, he said the Trustees have always been conservative in their approach and that has served the Fund well. The Endowment Fund stands at $41, 103,356 million.

Hersberger then continued his review of the exhibit pages in the Endowment Trustees Report.
ALA TASK FORCE ON EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION REPORT, CD#14.1. Martin Garnar, co-chair, presented an update report. This Task Force was formed 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.

Garnar noted the first six months of the Task Force’s life were focused on defining its terminology, discerning tasks, and developing trust. The next six months have been focused on gathering input from the library professional community through a variety of venues.

The task force launched a survey focused on how welcoming the respondents perceived the climate of ALA conferences and other events to be. The survey closed on February 17 with a total of 1,427 respondents completing the majority of questions.

Another survey will be launched during this conference to gather input on respondents’ attendance plans for the 2016 Annual Conference in Orlando, as well as the types of activities they would like to see at the conference.

Given the importance of providing venues for people to speak openly and honestly about the issues related to equity, diversity, and inclusion, the task force have hosted several listening sessions at the REFORMA and American Theological Library Association national conferences. Another is planned for the National Conference of African American Librarians. In addition, an Open Listening Session is scheduled at this conference for Sunday, June 28, 2:30–4:00 p.m., at the Hilton San Francisco Union Square in Plaza B.

Although, in accordance with ALA policy, no action can be taken at this information session, Garnar did draw attention to the following two recommendations outlined in the task force’s report:

1. The ALA Executive Board, Council, or appropriate body should direct the Policy Monitoring Committee to collect all ALA discrimination policies into one document in order to point vendors and others with whom ALA does business to a single policy related to equity, diversity, and inclusion.

2. ALA should include language in all future contracts that assures all vendors, conference sites, and others with whom the Association does business have policies that complement ours.
In closing, Martin Garnar acknowledged with thanks the work of the task force’s other co-chair, Trevor Dawes, task force members, and Gwendolyn Prellwitz, the task force’s ALA staff liaison.

**ADJOURNMENT.** After several brief announcements, the meeting was adjourned upon the completion of the agenda.
The first meeting of the ALA Council during the 2015 ALA Annual Conference was convened at 8:30am on Sunday, June 28, at the Moscone Convention Center, Room 134-135 North.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INTRODUCTIONS. ALA President Courtney L. Young reintroduced ALA President-Elect Sari Feldman, 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 Julie B. Todaro, 2015-2016 ALA President-Elect; Molly Raphael, ALA Past President; Denyvetta Davis, Vice President/President-Elect, Black Caucus of ALA; Pattie Johnson, President and Marianne Thompson, Vice-President, Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services; Aliqae Geraci, Co-Chair, AFL-CIO/ALA Labor Committee; Susan Mann, President and Walter Betts, President-Elect, Texas Library Association; Patricia Brown, President, Alaska Library Association; Jud Copland, President, Arkansas Library Association; Jane Corry, President-Elect, Oregon Library Association; Greta Guck, President and Wendy Wendt, President-Elect, North Dakota Library Association; Mary Hastier, President, Maryland Library Association; Julee Hector, President-Elect, Nebraska Library Association; Deborah Hoadley, President-Elect, New England Library Association; Laura Whayne, President and Julie Howe, President-Elect, Kentucky Library Association; Susan L. Jennings, President, Tennessee Library Association; Robert Karatsu, President and Misty Jones, President-Elect, California Library Association; Lace Keaton, President, Georgia Library Association; Paula Laurita, President, Alabama Library Association; Rodney Lippard, President-Elect, North Carolina Library Association; Suzy Szasz Palmer, President, Virginia Library Association; and Gayle Roberts, President, Nebraska 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-REV_62715_9:30PM. By CONSENT, Council adopted ALA CD#8.5-Rev._62715_9:30pm, as amended to include the following resolutions to the Council I agenda under “new business”:

- Resolution on the Importance of Sustainable Libraries, ALA CD#36;
- A Resolution Denouncing the Systemic Racism That Motivated The South Carolina Shootings, ALA CD#43;
- Resolution on Libraries and Schools Affected by the Conflict in Gaza and Israel in 2014, ALA CD#40, Rev.; and
- Resolution against Mass Surveillance of the American People, ALA CD#42.

2015 ALA MIDWINTER MEETING COUNCIL MINUTES, ALA CD#2.1. By CONSENT, Council adopted the 2015 ALA Midwinter Meeting Council Minutes, ALA CD#2.1_61515_ACT.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2015–2016 COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES (COC), ALA CD#12_51315_ACT. ALA President-Elect Sari Feldman, Committee on Committees (COC) chair, presented the slate of candidates for the 2015–2016 Council Committee on Committees Election: Gladys Smiley Bell; Maria Carpenter; Min Chou; Stephen L. Matthews; Cristina Dominguez Ramirez; Ellen Hunter Ruffin; Rocco A. Staino; and Edward L. Sanchez. Four (4) Councilors will be elected for a one-year term (2015–2016). There were no nominations from the Council floor.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2015–2016 PLANNING AND BUDGET ASSEMBLY (PBA), ALA CD#12.1_51415_ACT. ALA President-Elect Sari Feldman, Committee on Committees chair, presented the slate of candidates for the 2015–2016 Planning and Budget Assembly Election: Councilors-at-Large: Denice C. Adkins; Mary Biblo; John C. DeSantis; and Eric D. Suess. Two (2) Councilors-at-Large are to be elected for 2-year terms (2015–2017). There were no floor nominations.

Chapter Councilors: Jennifer A. Alvino; Jason Hatton; Ben Allen Hunter; Sherry Machones; Kris Seerengan; and Patricia (Patty) M. Wong; Three (3) Chapter Councilors are to be elected for 2-year terms (2015–2017). There were no floor nominations.
The election results will be announced at ALA Council III on June 30, 2015, 7:45–9:15am.

**APPOINTMENT OF TELLERS, ALA CD#12.2_51515_INF.** Kathleen M. DeLong; Eboni M. Henry; Douglas K. Lehman; Suzanne L. Sager; Kent Slade; William (Bill ) E. Sudduth, III; and Denise M. Zielinski, chair, volunteered to serve as tellers for the elections.

**ALA AWARDS COMMITTEE REPORT, ALA CD#7_61815_ACT.** Eric D. Suess, chair, moved and the ALA Council

*APPROVED*, the establishment of the Ernest A. DiMattia, Jr. Award for Innovation, and Service to Community and Profession .

**ALA STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS DOCUMENT, ALA CD#37_62215_ACT.**

After providing background information on the process used to develop the Strategic Directions, Immediate Past President Barbara K. Stripling moved the adoption of the ALA Strategic Directions document, as identified in ALA CD#37_62215_ACT. The ALA Council

*ADOPTED*, ALA CD#37, Strategic Directions document, as amended to add new wording to the 8th bullet point of the “Goals” of “Professional and Leadership Development” (page 7). The revised language reads:

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

**CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT, ALA CD#25.1_62715_ACT.** James R. Rettig, chair, Constitution and Bylaws, noted that the purpose of amending the language in the below two Constitution sections is not substantive but to clarify the intent of the sections. Rettig then explained the amendment process for an ALA Constitution change, which requires Council at two consecutive meetings *at least two months apart* (e.g., an Annual and following Midwinter or vice versa) to approve the same text twice, and it then goes on the ALA spring ballot for ratification by the ALA membership.

Rettig moved that the following amendments 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.

Following a brief debate, the ALA Council REFERRED, the two Constitution amendments back to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee. The Constitution and Bylaws Committee was asked to provide clarification on the following points:

- A definition/clarification of the term “subdivision.”
- If the Association or any subdivision requests to become an affiliate with national or international organization, what’s the approval process?
- Are round tables considered subdivisions, and if so, what would happen to existing affiliations if Council approved the above amendments?

REVIEW OF EXECUTIVE BOARD ACTIONS SINCE THE 2015 MIDWINTER MEETING, ALA CD#15.1_61515_INF. Keith Michael Fiels, ALA Executive Director, highlighted the following actions taken by the ALA Executive Board since the 2015 ALA Midwinter Meeting:

- Expanded the number of Endowment Trustees to seven (7).
- Approved 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.
- Increased the number of Spectrum scholarships from 50 to 60 for 2016, 2017, and 2018 and allocated $25,000 in deferred revenue for each of these three years to support administration of the expanded scholarship program.
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2015 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.

NEW BUSINESS:

During the ALA Virtual Membership Meeting on Tuesday, June 2, 2015, and at the ALA Membership Meeting held at this conference on Saturday, June 27, 2015, the ALA membership adopted the following two resolutions: Resolution on the Importance of Sustainable Libraries, ALA CD#36_6515_act (ALA-VMM#3) and Resolution Denouncing the Systemic Racism that Motivated the South Carolina Shootings, ALA CD#43_62715_7:58pm_act (MMD#3). In accordance with ALA Policy A.7.4.10, “All resolutions approved by the membership will be presented to the next meeting of Council by the chair of the Resolutions Committee. The Resolutions Committee chair will indicate which membership resolutions are clearly policy matters…” Councilor Larry Romans, Resolutions Committee chair, informed the Council there were no policy implications related to the membership resolutions.

The ALA Council

**ADOPTED**, The Resolution on the Importance of Sustainable Libraries, ALA CD#36_6515_ACT, which read:

“This 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.”

RESOLUTION DENOUNCING THE SYSTEMIC RACISM THAT MOTIVATED THE SOUTH CAROLINA SHOOTING, ALA CD#43_62715_7:58PM_ACT (MMD#3). It was moved that the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members:

1. 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;

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 and information organizations to expand our collective understanding of the hidden, systemic nature of racism in American culture and its potential for violence.

By CONSENT, the ALA Council amended the 4th resolved clause of the above motion as follows: “will work with other professional associations to enable librarians library staff and information organizations…”

Councilor John Sandstrom and seconder moved to amend the title of ALA CD#43 to read: “Resolution Denouncing Systemic Racism” and strike the 1st resolved clause, 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.”

In speaking to the proposed amendment, Councilor John Sandstrom felt that the ALA Council should focus on the broader picture and denounce all systemic and institutional racism instead of denouncing racially and politically motivated shooting at one location.
Following a brief debate on the pros and cons of the proposed amendments, the ALA Council

**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 1st 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.”

The ALA Council then considered and debated several other amendments to the resolution. Following those discussions and actions, the ALA Council

**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.”
RESOLUTION ON LIBRARIES AND SCHOOLS AFFECTED BY THE CONFLICT IN THE GAZA AND ISRAEL IN 2014, ALA CD#40_REV_62615_11:09PM_ACT. ALA Councilors Jane Glasby and Al Kagan moved the adoption of the Resolution on Libraries and Schools affected by the Conflict in the Gaza and Israel in 2014 ALA CD#40_rev_62615_11:09pm_act, 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.”

The Intellectual Freedom Committee and the Committee on Legislation did not endorse the resolution. In addition, ALA is on record in support of the non-destruction of libraries, archives and other cultural resources in the Middle East through the adoption of similar resolutions. Furthermore, the International Relations Committee discussed the resolution but took no action.

Following more discussion of the resolution, the question was called and the debate was closed. The ALA Council then

**DEFEATED,** The motion to adopt the Resolution on Libraries and Schools Affected by the Conflict in Gaza and Israel in 2014, ALA CD#40_rev_62615_11:09pm_act, 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.”

RESOLUTION AGAINST MASS SURVEILLANCE OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. ALA CD#42_62615_ACT. ALA Councilors Al Kagan and Ed Garcia moved the adoption of the Resolution Against Mass Surveillance of the American People, ALA CD#42_62615_ACT. The ALA Council:

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."

ADJOURNMENT. After several brief announcements, the meeting was adjourned upon the completion of the agenda.
ALA COUNCIL II  
Monday, June 29, 2015  
8:30am–11:30am  
Moscone Convention Center (MCC), Room 134-135 North  
San Francisco, California

The second meeting of the ALA Council during the 2015 ALA Annual Conference was convened at 8:30am on Monday, June 29, 2015, in the Moscone Convention Center (MCC), Room 134-135 North.

INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS. South Carolina Chapter Councilor Nathan Flowers made a special request to acknowledge the memorial for Cynthia Hurd, colleague and advocate for libraries, who was murdered by gunfire along with eight other parishioners at the Emanuel A.M.E. Church on Wednesday, June 17, 2015, in Charleston, South Carolina. A moment of silence was given to honor the nine victims.

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

ESTABLISHING THE AGENDA, ALA CD#8.6 REV_62815_ 8:15PM_ACT.  
ALA CD#8.6 rev_62815, 8:15pm_act, ALA Council II Agenda, was adopted as amended to include under “New Business” the Resolution on Improving Access to Spanish & Bilingual Books for Children in Detention Centers, ALA CD#38_Revised-2_62915_ACT.

RECOGNITION OF RETIRING COUNCILORS AND EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS. President Courtney L. Young recognized the following Council members whose terms will expire at the adjournment of the 2015 ALA Annual Conference: Barbara K. Stripling, ALA Immediate Past President; Robert E. Banks, Executive Board Member (Rob will remain on the Board until the 2016 Midwinter Meeting to complete 6-months of Gail Schlachter’s unexpired term. At the 2016 Midwinter Meeting, a new successor will be elected to complete the remainder of Gail’s unexpired term. Gail passed away on April 27, 2015); Alexia Hudson-Ward, ALA Executive Board Member; and John Allyn Moorman, Executive Board Member; Carl Antonucci, Jr., Connecticut Chapter Councilor (reelected); Nancy L. Baumann, Councilor-at-Large; Liz Bishoff, Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies (ASLCA) Councilor; Jennifer Boettcher, Reference and User Services Association (RUSA) Councilor; Dana Braccia, Arizona Chapter
Councilor; Trisha A. Burns, Michigan Chapter Councilor; Nicolas (Nick) H. Buron, Councilor-at-Large; Lauren Andrea Comito, Councilor-at-Large (reelected); Christopher John Corrigan, D.C. Chapter Councilor (elected Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies (ASLCA) Councilor); Roberto C. Delgadoillo, Councilor-at-Large (reelected); Joseph (Bob) R. Diaz, Councilor-at-Large; Hadi Dudley, Arkansas Chapter Councilor; Valerie Edwards, Association of School Librarians (AASL) Councilor; Vicki Morris Emery, Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) Councilor (elected Councilor—at-Large); Robin Ewing, Minnesota Chapter Councilor; Susan Fichtelberg, Councilor-at-Large; Lorene Flanders, Georgia Chapter Councilor; Nathan Flowers, South Carolina Chapter Councilor; Courtney Fuson, Tennessee Chapter Councilor (reelected); Tracy-Lyn Geiser, Councilor-at-Large; Charlotte L. Gerstein, Vermont Chapter Councilor; Jane Glasby, Councilor-at-Large; Susan K.S. Grigsby, Councilor-at-Large; Meghan Harper, Councilor-at-Large; Carey Hartmann, Wyoming Chapter Councilor; Eboni M. Henry, Councilor-at-Large (reelected); Pamela J. Hickson-Stevenson, Ohio Chapter Councilor; Robert (Bob) P. Holley, Intellectual Freedom Round Table Councilor; Xudong Jin, Councilor-at-Large; Al Kagan, Social Responsibilities Round Table Councilor; Majed J. Khader, West Virginia Chapter Councilor (reelected); Jim Kuhn, Councilor-at-Large; Amy Lappin, New Hampshire Chapter Councilor (reelected); Haipeng Li, International Relations Round Table Councilor; Linda Louise Martin, Councilor-at-Large; Vickie Mix, South Dakota Chapter Councilor; Virginia (Ginny) B. Moore, Councilor-at-Large (reelected); Toni Negro, Councilor-at-Large; Angela Nolet, Councilor-at-Large; Kimberly A. Patton, Councilor-at-Large (reelected); Christine Peck, Washington Chapter Councilor (reelected); Lessa K. Pelayo-Lazada, Councilor-at-Large (reelected); Liz Philippi, Councilor-at-Large; Sue Polanka, Councilor-at-Large; Alexandra P. Rivera, Councilor-at-Large; Elena Rosenfeld, Colorado Chapter Councilor; John C. Sandstrom, Councilor-at-Large; Karen G. Schneider, Councilor-at-Large; Stacy Schrank, Oklahoma Chapter Councilor; Gary L. Shaffer, Councilor-at-Large; Kent Slade, Utah Chapter Councilor (reelected); Nancy J. Snyder, Councilor-at-Large; Carolyn J. Starkey, Councilor-at-Large; Henry R. Stewart, Alabama Chapter Councilor; Eric D. Suess, Councilor-at-Large (reelected); Lisa Von Drasek, Association for Library Services to Children (ALSC); Jamie Watson, Councilor-at-Large; Sandy Wee, Councilor-at-Large (reelected); Joan S. Weeks, Councilor-at-Large (reelected); and Denise Zielinski, Illinois Chapter Councilor.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE (IRC) REPORT, ALA CD#18.2. Loida A. Garcia-Febo, chair, reported on the following items:
• **International Participation and Activities at the 2016 ALA Annual Conference.** The IRC welcomed current IFLA President-elect Donna Scheeder and her newly elected successor, Glòria Pérez-Salmerón, President, Federación Española de Sociedades de Archivística, Biblioteconomía, Documentación y Museística (FESABID) in Spain, along with nearly 600 other librarians from 62 countries. International-focused programs and other events began Friday, June 26, and will end Monday, June 29, with the International Reception at the San Francisco Public Library.

• **The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA).** Donna Scheeder reported on IFLA’s efforts relating to the United Nations Post-2015 Development Agenda. The U.N. released the draft “Transforming Our World by 2030: A New Agenda for Global Action” on June 2, 2015. The final agenda will be launched at the UN Summit in September 2015.

The ALA-IRC Africa Subcommittee is partnering with the Library and Information Association of South Africa (LIASA) and the IFLA Section Libraries for Children and Young Adults in a call for books to be donated at the IFLA world Conference. LIASA will distribute the donated books to local public library services and others in the Cape Town area.

Preparations for the IFLA WLIC Congress in Columbus, Ohio, August 13–19, 2016, are in full gear. These efforts are led by co-chairs Carol Diedrichs, The Ohio State University, and Patrick Losinski, Columbus Metropolitan Library. James G. Neal, University Librarian Emeritus, Columbia University, is spearheading the National Committee’s scholarship effort. Over $250,000 has already been pledged.

• **Library Relief Efforts.** ALA partnered with the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA) to help replenish the collections in school libraries destroyed or damaged by Cyclone Pam that struck the islands of the Republic of Vanuatu in the South Pacific on March 13, 2015.

• ALA also partnered with READ Global, libraries, other NGOs, and government organizations in Nepal to collect donations to help rebuild and
restock libraries destroyed and damaged by the earthquake on April 25, 2015. The IRC thanked ALA President Courtney L. Young for highlighting the initiative at the Opening General Session at this conference.

Garcia-Febo then highlighted several other projects the IRC has underway.

**COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATIONS (COO) REPORT, ALA CD#27.1_62815_ACT.** Mary E. Rzepczynski, chair, moved and the ALA Council 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.

**FREEDOM TO READ FOUNDATION (FTRF) REPORT, ALA CD#22.1_62715_INF.** ALA Councilor and FTRF President Julius C. Jefferson, Jr., provided updates on FTRF activities since the 2015 ALA Midwinter Meeting:

- **Prison Legal News v. Kane.** This case challenges a Pennsylvania law that allows a victim to sue a convicted offender to stop any conduct—including
speech—that causes “mental anguish.” The Freedom to Read Foundation joined an _amicus curiae_ brief that argued that the statute violates the rights of offenders and deprives the public of information that it is willing to receive by allowing a court to issue an injunction barring the distribution of a broad variety of First Amendment-protected materials. On April 28, 2015, U.S. District Court Chief Judge Christopher Conner struck down the Pennsylvania law, finding the law “manifestly unconstitutional.”

- **Antigone Books and Horne.** As reported at the 2015 Midwinter Meeting, the FTRF joined several other organizations to challenge an Arizona statute that makes it a crime to publish, sell, loan, or disclose images that include nudity without the depicted person’s consent for each distribution. Under this law providing access to materials such as the iconic image of Kim Phúc, the so-called “Napalm Girl,” running unclothed from her village during the Vietnam War, or other such images would be a criminal offense. Unless FTRF and its fellow plaintiffs reach a settlement with the state, oral argument on the motion for a preliminary injunction will be heard on August 31, 2015.

- **Arce v. Huppenthal.** This lawsuit was filed by teachers and students in Tucson Unified School District 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 “designed primarily for pupils of a particular ethnic group,” or “advocate ethnic solidarity instead of the treatment of pupils in individuals.” FTRF is waiting for a decision in that case.

- **The Judith F. Krug Memorial Fund.** On June 11, 2015, FTRF announced the five recipients of this year’s grants to support their events celebrating Banned Books Week this fall. The five grantees are:
  - Chapel Hill (NC) Public Library
  - Kurt Vonnegut Memorial Library, Indianapolis, IN
  - Remembering for the Future Community Holocaust Initiative, Neptune Beach, FL
  - SA Youth, an organization that works with at-risk youth in San Antonio, TX
  - Virginia Beach (VA) Public Library
• **2015 Roll of Honor Award.** James G. Neal and Jonathan Bloom are the co-recipients of this year’s award.

• **2015 Conable Conference Scholarship.** Gretchen LeCheminant and Amy Steinbauer are the co-recipients of this year’s scholarship.

• **ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom (OIF).** Barbara Jones, OIF Director, will retire from her position at the end of the year. Barbara was thanked for her devoted service and leadership to OIF and the Freedom to Read Foundation over the past six years.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTION ON IMPROVING ACCESS TO SPANISH AND BILINGUAL BOOKS FOR CHILDREN IN DETENTION CENTERS, ALA CD#38-2_62915_ACT.** By **CONSENT,** Council 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.

**ADJOURNMENT.** After several announcements, the meeting was adjourned at the completion of the agenda.
ALA COUNCIL III
Tuesday, June 30, 2015
7:45am–9:15am
Moscone Convention Center (MCC), Room 134-135 North
San Francisco, California

The third meeting of the ALA Council during the 2015 Annual Conference was convened at 7:45am on Tuesday, June 30, 2015, in the Moscone Convention Center (MCC), Room 134-135 North.

ESTABLISHING THE AGENDA, ALA CD#8.7, REV_62915_8:00PM_ACT.
By CONSENT, ALA Council III Agenda, ALA CD#8.7_Rev_62915_8:00pm_ACT, as amended to include under “New Business”: Resolution on Gun Violence, ALA CD#45_62915_ACT; Resolution to Endorse the Statement From The Movement For Black Lives on the Charleston Shooting, Issued On Friday, June 19, 2015, ALA CD#46_62915_ACT; and Resolution to Improving Access to Spanish, Bilingual, and Books in Various Languages for Children in Detention Centers, ALA CD#38, Revised 2, 62915_ACT.

MEMORIALS, ALA M#18-27. 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 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.

TRIBUTES, ALA T#6-10. By ACCLAMATION, the ALA Council also adopted tribute resolutions for Jessie Carney Smith, T-#6; 25th Anniversary of the Signing of the American’s with Disabilities Act (ADA), T-#7; 35th Anniversary of the Asian/Pacific American Librarians Association (APALA), T-#8; Enoch Pratt Free Library in Baltimore, MD, T-#9; and the 50th Anniversary of the National Endowment for the Humanities, T-#10.

APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL ESTIMATES OF INCOME AND THE BUDGETARY CEILING FOR FY2016. ALA Treasurer Mario M. Gonzalez moved and the ALA Council
APPROVED, Annual Estimates of Income and ALA Budgetary Ceiling FY2016 of $67,087,027.

TELLERS REPORT ON THE ELECTION FOR THE 2015–2016 COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES AND THE 2015–2016 PLANNING AND BUDGET ASSEMBLY, ALA CD#12.3_62915_INF. Denise Zielinski, chair, reported the following election results:

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 B. Todaro.

ELECTED, To the 2015–2016 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.

RESOLUTION AGAINST MASS SURVEILLANCE OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, ALA CD#42_62615_ACT. At the ALA Council I meeting, the Council referred the Resolution against Mass Surveillance of the American People, ALA CD#42_62615_ACT, to the ALA Committee on Legislation (COL) and the Intellectual Freedom Committee (IFC), for a response at this meeting.

On behalf of the COL and the IFC, Ann Dutton Ewbank and Ma’Lis Wendt presented a substitute resolution entitled Resolution on the Passage of the USA Freedom Act and Reaffirming ALA’s Commitment to Surveillance Law Reform, ALA CD# 20.3 & CD#19.6, which read:

That the American Library Association, on behalf of its members: (1) commends the authors and primary supporters of the USA FREEDOM Act for their efforts, courage, and success in securing its passage; (2) recommits itself to the maximum possible restoration of the public’s privacy and civil liberties through statutory and other legal reforms; and (3) reaffirms its commitment to fostering maximum transparency in all workings of government.

It was voiced that (1) the COL and/or IFC offered no detail and specificity as to why the original resolution needed a substitute resolution, and (2) the substitute resolution seemed to reaffirm only what ALA has already reaffirmed previously. In addition, the
original resolution was referred to the COL and IFC with expectations the resolution would come back revised, not as an entirely new resolution.

Many councilors spoke against the substitution resolution in favor of the original resolution (ALA CD#42), which called for the Association taking more aggressive action to oppose mass surveillance and repeal of those laws which permit it.

After further debate on the proposed substitute resolution, Councilor Bernard A. Margolis moved and the ALA Council VOTED, that the substitute motion (ALA CD# 20.3 & CD#19.6) be amended by adding the resolved clauses of ALA CD#42. The amended resolved clause of ALA CD# 20.3 & CD#19.6 would now read:

“That the American Library Association calls on the U.S. President and Congress to end mass surveillance of the American people by:

1. commends the authors and primary supporters of the USA FREEDOM Act for their efforts, courage, and success in securing its passage;

2. recommits itself to the maximum possible restoration of the public’s privacy and civil liberties through statutory and other legal reforms;

3. reaffirms its commitment to fostering maximum transparency in all workings of government;

4. repealing Section 215 of the USA PATRIOT Act, and all other sections that authorize mass surveillance of the American public;

5. 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;

6. prohibiting the government from conducting warrantless reviews of Americans’ email and other communications under Section 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act; and

7. amending Executive Order 12333 on United States Intelligence Activities by deleting all authority for mass surveillance of the American People.”

Councilor Julius C. Jefferson, Jr. and seconder moved and the ALA Council 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 Committee on Legislation and the Intellectual Freedom Committee.

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION (COL) REPORT, ALA CD#20.2-20.3_62915_ACT. After a brief legislative update, Ann Dutton Ewbank, incoming COL chair, thanked the Washington Office staff and the members of COL for their hard work. Special thanks were extended to Vivian Wynn, outgoing COL chair, who was unable to attend this conference, for her active participation in the committee’s business meetings via telephone at this conference.

As President Courtney L. Young and President-Elect Sari Feldman needed to leave this meeting in order to participate in the ALA Closing General Session, ALA Immediate President Barbara K. Stripling chaired the remainder of meeting.

INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM COMMITTEE (IFC) REPORT, ALA CD#19.2-#19.7. Ma’Lis Wendt, IFC member, substituting for J. Douglas Archer, chair, who was unable to attend this conference, moved and the ALA Council 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

NEW BUSINESS:
RESOLUTION ON GUN VIOLENCE, ALA CD#45_62915_ACT. Councilors Al Kagan and Jane Glasby moved the adoption of ALA CD#45, Resolution on Gun Violence, which read: “That the American Library Association, on behalf of its members: (1) deplores 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.”

Following a brief discussion, the ALA Council

**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 prohibition of the carrying of guns in or near libraries and other educational institutions.”

By **CONSENT**, the ALA Council deleted the 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.”

The ALA Council then

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

RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE THE STATEMENT FROM THE MOVEMENT FOR BLACK LIVES ON THE CHARLESTON SHOOTING, ISSUED ON FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2015, ALA CD#46_62915_ACT. Councilors Jane Glasby and Al Kagan moved and the ALA Council

**ENDORSED**, the Statement from The Movement for Black Lives on the Charleston Shooting, issued on Friday, June 19, 2015.
RESOLUTION TO IMPROVING ACCESS TO SPANISH, BILINGUAL, AND BOOKS IN VARIOUS LANGUAGES FOR CHILDREN IN DETENTION CENTERS, ALA CD#38, REVISED 2, 62915_ACT. Councilors Denice Adkins and Mike Marlin moved and the ALA Council

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.”

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