Crafting Quality Resolutions: ALA Midwinter Council Orientation Edition

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**Resolution Thanking Congress and the President for Funding Libraries**

**Whereas,** The Museum and Library Services Act (MLSA) funds the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA); and

**Whereas,** LSTA has stimulated library innovation in a variety of ways; and

**Whereas,** The LSTA reauthorization received bipartisan support from Senators on both sides of the aisle; and

**Whereas,** The MLSA reauthorization was passed by the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee, the full Senate, and the House of Representatives.

**Whereas,** President Donald Trump threatened to not sign the MLSA into law, he eventually did so on December 22, 2017.

**Resolved,** The American Library Association would like to thank the Senate leadership, the Senate and House of Representatives, and President Trump for their efforts to sustain the federal role supporting library services, as the cornerstone of our nation’s information infrastructure.

**Mover:** Molly Mover, State Chapter Councilor, 555-222-5555

**Seconder:** Sam Seconder, Councilor-at-Large, 555-666-5555

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**Resolution Commending the U.S. Congress and the President on the Reauthorization of the Museum and Library Services Act**

**Whereas,** the Museum and Library Services Act (MLSA) reauthorizes the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA), ALA Policy A.6.1 (Management of ALA Funds);

**Whereas,** LSTA has stimulated library innovation, digital literacy, 21st century skills, improved services and facilities, literacy, interlibrary cooperation, resource sharing, workforce resources and services, and library and information science research;

**Whereas,** the LSTA reauthorization received bipartisan support from Senators Jack Reed (D-RI), Thad Cochran (R-MS), Richard Burr (R-NC), Tom Harkin (D-IA), Susan Collins (R-ME), Michael Enzi (RWY), and Jon Tester (D-MT);

**Whereas,** the MLSA reauthorization was quickly passed unanimously without amendments by the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee, the full Senate, and the House of Representatives; and

**Whereas,** President Donald Trump signed MLSA into law on December 22, 2017; now therefore be it

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

Commends the leadership of Senator Jack Reed, co-sponsors Senators Thad Cochran, Richard Burr, Tom Harkin, Susan Collins, Michael Enzi, and Jon Tester and the members of the United States Senate and House of Representatives, and President Donald Trump for their efforts to sustain the federal role supporting library services, as the cornerstone of our nation’s information infrastructure.

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1. Log in with your ALA membership. This will enable you to upload a file to the form without problems. If you don't log in, you will have to use this workaround: Browse for your file, but do not click the upload button. Your file will still be included when you submit.
2. Read through the Guidelines for Preparation of Resolutions.
3. Write and create an electronic version of your resolution (see example) and be prepared to upload it to this form.
4. Complete and submit this ALA Resolution and E-Form for Council, which will be received by the ALA Resolutions Committee. (Upon submission, you will not be able to re-edit this form.)
5. You will receive a confirmation email for the submission of this form.

If you require assistance with this process, visit the Resolutions Committee at their scheduled times at conference (PDF).

Date
Feb 10 2018

Resolution author(s) *
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1. Title of Resolution *
Resolution Commending the U.S. Congress and the

1a. Resolution File. Attach your MS Word file. *
Choose File: No file chosen

2. ALA Units and/or Committees Consulted (if any)
Committee on Legislation

3. Endorsements by ALA Units and/or Committees (if any)
Public Awareness Committee

4. Fiscal Implications: Specify the resources needed to carry out the resolution’s directive(s).
N/A

5. Let all parties to whom resolution should be sent
Senate Majority Leader; Speaker of the House; President

6. Impact on ALA Policies and Positions: Explain how the resolution supports ALA’s Strategic Plan, its mission, and/or its core values.
N/A

7a) ALA general policy or viewpoint: If the resolution sets forth a general policy or an ALA viewpoint, describe
N/A

7b) Change in existing policy: If this resolution necessitates a change in existing policy, state the policy number and the change.
N/A

7c) New policy: If this resolution establishes new policy, describe
N/A

7d) Policy conflict: If this resolution conflicts with existing policy, state provisions for resolving the conflict.
N/A

7. Intending Committee or Unit (if any)
N/A

8. Pertinent Background Information, e.g. bibliography citations, supportive quotes, URLs, etc.
N/A

9. Mover's Name
Molly Mover

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Sam Seconder

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Submit
Member Resolutions

1. Members
2. Resolution
3. Resolutions Committee
4. E-Form Complete?
   - no
5. Fiscal Implications?
   - yes → Resolutions with fiscal implications must be submitted to BARC — ALA Policy A.4.2.3
   - no
6. ALA/Council Committee or Unit Matters?
   - yes → IRC, COL, IFC, Units
   - no
7. ALA Policy?
   - yes → Policy cited Correctly
   - no
8. Adopted?
   - no → Consult with Sender
   - yes
9. Resolutions Committee Chair
10. Council I
11. Exec. Director Report
12. Directive
13. Dissemination
14. Implementation
Memorials, Tributes, and Testimonials

American Libraries Magazine
Memorial Page

Councilors
Membership
Committees

Memorials
Tributes
Testimonials

E-Form Complete?

yes
Resolutions Committee

no Consult with Sender

Council Secretariat

Council III Membership Meeting

Dissemination
Councilor Resolutions

ALA Councilors

Resolutions | Memorials | Tributes | Testimonials

ALA Council Listserv

E-Form Complete?

no → Consult with Sender

yes → Resolutions Committee

Fiscal Implications?

no → Resolutions with fiscal implications must be submitted to BARC — ALA Policy A.4.2.3

yes → Resolutions Committee

ALA/Council Committee or Unit Matters?

no → IRC, COL, IFC, Units

yes → ALA Policy?

no → Policy cited Correctly

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no → IRC, COL, IFC, Units

yes → Policy cited Correctly

Council Forum I-III

Council Secretariat

Council I-III

Adopted?

no → Directive

yes → Dissemination

Implementation

Exec. Director Report
ALA & Council Standing Committees

Committee Resolutions

Council Secretariat

Council I-III

Resolutions Committee

Resolutions with financial implications must be submitted to BARC
— ALA Policy A.4.2.3

Directed

Dissemination

Implementation

Exec. Director Report

yes

no

Adopted?

Directive
2018 ALA Midwinter Meeting
Resolutions Committee Table Schedule
Colorado Convention Center (CCC)
ALA Office Area, Four Seasons Ballroom 1-2
Table #11

Saturday, Feb. 10
9:30 – 11:00am
11:00 – 12:30pm

Sunday, Feb. 11
1:00pm-2:30pm
2:30-4:00pm

Monday, Feb. 12
1:00-2:30pm

Note:
Eli Mina, ALA Parliamentarian, will also be available at the Resolutions Table for consultation as his schedule permits.

Training Materials:

YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLRHvGxV5TIMgOkEsyEvwKZ3QuhF4nfShD

ALA website: http://www.ala.org/aboutala/committees/ala/ala-resolution

Thank you!