

**YALSA Board of Directors Meeting
ALA Annual Conference, Las Vegas
June 21 – July 1, 2014**

Topic: Pre-Meeting Division Councilor Report

Background: According to the YALSA bylaws the YALSA Division Councilor, “...shall attend all meetings of the ALA Council; shall report to YALSA about Council agenda before Council meets to request YALSA voting position on any agenda items; shall vote as directed by the YALSA Board on designated Council agenda items; shall represent YALSA positions before Council through necessary presentations and resolutions....” At Council meetings resolutions are typically put forward and other issues are discussed that may be of importance to YALSA. YALSA’s Councilor, Vicki Emery, has provided an update below. The Board will want to give feedback on how to cast YALSA’s vote on upcoming resolutions and/or determining the desirability of YALSA’s Board submitting a resolution.

Action Required: Action

Council Activities

Conversations on the listserv include:

- Some discussion on what it would take to move Annual out of Orlando in 2016 in opposition to the Florida “Stand Your Ground” law and the inequitable way in which it is administered. Ultimately, the fact that it would cost the association a great deal of money in broken contracts plus making it difficult to find another location on such short notice caused the topic to be dropped. There were many suggestions for how to demonstrate opposition to the law while in Florida for conference.
- Councilor-at-Large Karen Schneider sent out a survey to past and present members of Planning and Budget Assembly. Results are available on Connect: <http://connect.ala.org/node/220633>
- ALA’s 2006 Resolution Affirming Network Neutrality was posted to the listserv. Discussion on whether to address the issue again.
- The Committee on Organization has developed a procedure for review of “silent committees” as well as recommendations for promoting better communication with committees.

Action Items Approved at ALA Midwinter in Philadelphia, January 2014

Action items approved by ALA Council affect many areas of our organization and YALSA. Here are some highlights that may affect YALSA members:

ALA Council I
Sunday, January 26, 2014

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 email 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 should be adopted,
5. Determine a schedule for re-examining these issues.
6. Prepare an interim report for Annual 2014.
7. Prepare a final report and recommendations for Midwinter 2015.

ALA Council II
Monday, January 27, 2014

Voted: To approve the FY2015 programmatic priorities for the American Library Association (ALA CD#13):

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

Voted: That the following text be incorporated into the *ALA Policy Manual* as Policy A.7.4.1.2 as follows:

“The American Library Association refrains from having public Prayers during its meetings. Moments of silence may be observed during meetings.” (ALA CD#17)

Adopted: Resolution to Improve Member Access to ALA Unit Governing Information, ALA CD#35. Revised. 1/26/14, which read: “The American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members:

1. Adjust policy to include, “the governing bodies of ALA Divisions and Round Tables shall make drafts of their meeting minutes or their reports of actions taken available via the unit’s ALA-hosted web page within 30 days of the meeting;”

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2. Adjust policy to include, “the governing bodies of ALA Divisions and Round Tables shall make final versions of meeting minutes or other reports of actions taken available vis the unit’s ALA-hosted web page within 30 days of their approval;”
3. Require governing bodies to maintain an easily-available historical record of these meetings and action reports; and
4. Exempt sub-units of the divisions and sub-units of round tables from the policy.”

Defeated: Resolution on Whistleblower Edward Snowden, ALA CD#37.

Referred the Budget Analysis and Review Committee (BARC): Resolution to Allow Programs at American Library Association Midwinter Meetings, ALA CD#38.

ALA Council III
Tuesday, January 28, 2014

Elected: To a three-year term (2014-2017) on the Executive Board: Peter D. Hepburn, Gina A. Persichini, and Gail A. Schlachter. Mike L. Marlin was also elected to a 5-month term (January 28 through July 1, 2014) to complete the unexpired term of Sylvia K. Norton, recently appointed executive director of AASL.

Adopted: Resolution on Curbing Government Surveillance and Restoring Civil Liberties (ALA CD #19 and ALA CD#20) as amended to read

The American Library Association on behalf of its members calls upon Congress to pass legislation supporting the reforms embodied in H.R. 3361/S.1599 as introduced and upon the President to sign such legislation.

The American Library Association on behalf of its members commends Senator Patrick Leahy and Congressman James Sensenbrenner for sponsoring the USA FREEDOM Act, the 143 legislators in the Senate and the House who have co-sponsored it, and the 85 organizations that have endorsed it, as of January 27, 2014.

Adopted ALA CD#20.3: Resolution on Maintaining Government Websites during a Government Shutdown, as amended.

Approved the establishment of the Lemony Snicket Prize for Noble Librarians Faced with Adversity as outlined in ALA CD#36.

YALSA Division Councilor Activities

- I will be coming to the YALSA Board for input on any actions needed.

2012 ALA Midwinter Council and Other Meetings (which are open to all)

Saturday, June 28, 2013

- ALA Council Orientation, 8:00 – 10:30 AM
- ALA Council/Executive Board/Membership Information Session, 3:00 – 4:30 PM

- ALA Membership Meeting, 4:30 – 5:30 PM

Sunday, June 29, 2013

- ALA Council I, 8:30 – 11:00 AM
- Youth Council Caucus, 11:15 AM or 15 minutes after the close of Council I, in the Council Room
- ALA President's Program, 4:00-5:30 PM
- ALA President's Reception, 5:30-7:00 PM
- ALA Council Forum, 8:30-10:00 PM

Monday, July 1, 2013

- ALA Council II, 8:30-11:30 AM
- ALA Council Forum, 8:30-10:00 PM

Tuesday, July 2, 2013

- ALA Council III, 7:45-9:15 AM

*Respectfully submitted,
Vicki Emery
YALSA Division Councilor*

Memorial Resolution for Eliza Dresang

Whereas, Eliza Dresang, Beverly Cleary Professor for Children and Youth Services in the Information School at the University of Washington and member of the American Library Association for years, died on Monday, April 21, 2014;

Whereas, her theory called “Radical Change,” explained in her award-winning 1999 book, *Radical Change: Books for Youth in a Digital Age* and numerous journal articles, has been used to identify and analyze literature for youth reflecting the interactivity, connectivity, and access of the digital world and has now been adopted in the scholarly community to explain various aspects of information behavior;

Whereas, she modeled excellence as a professor of library science; exemplifying standards of excellence in teaching, research, and service in the field and in 2004 was awarded the Eliza Atkins Gleason Professorship at Florida State University and the singular Beverly Cleary Professor for Children and Youth Services in 2009 at the University of Washington Information School;

Whereas, she was currently engaged in a research project, ProjectVIEWS2, to measure early literacy outcomes for children from birth to entering kindergarten when leveraged by innovative public library and school partnerships, a 2011 \$635,000 National Leadership Research Grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services;

Whereas, she received a \$100,000 IMLS grant with faculty colleagues Karen Fisher and Katie Davis to host a Digital Youth iLab in which top scholars in the field will come to the

University of Washington to share their work and their ideas around the field of Digital Youth;

Whereas, she exemplified professional service through her entire career, including serving as one of 11 members of the Laura Bush Foundation for America’s Libraries Advisory Committee; chairing the Newbery Award, Pura Belpré Award, Batchelder Award, the ChLA Phoenix Award, and the Notable Children’s Books committees; and serving on the Jane Addams Children’s Book Award, Caldecott Award, Great Websites for Children, Odyssey Award, and Notable Audiobooks committees; and leading through her service as an ALA Councilor, Association for Library Service to Children Board of Director, and Freedom to Read Foundation trustee;

Whereas, she was the recipient of several awards, including the Florida State University School of Information Studies’ first Outstanding Faculty Award in 2000; the 2007 American Library Association’s Scholastic Library Publishing Award, presented to a librarian whose work promoting literacy and reading among young people exemplifies achievement in the profession; the 2001 University of Wisconsin School of Library and Information Science Distinguished Alumna Award;

Whereas, she promoted the leadership potential of school librarians with the development of the Project LEAD program and the establishment of a research center at Florida State University.

Whereas, she influenced generations of youth librarians with her passion, commitment, scholarship, and dedication to expanding children’s minds and hearts through library services and children’s literature;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the American Library Association, on behalf of its members,
(1) recognizes the remarkable achievements of Eliza Dresang and contributions to the library profession as a leader, innovator, and a valued and engaged colleague; and

(2) expresses its sincere sympathy to the Dresang family and to her colleagues in Wisconsin, Florida State University, and the University of Washington, as well as her colleagues and friends throughout the library profession.

Moved: Barbara Stripling, 917-848-0582

Seconded: Starr Latronica, 607-725-9604

Endorsed in Concept: ALSC

Additional Resources:

- Council meeting agendas:
http://www.ala.org/aboutala/governance/council/council_agendas
- Guidelines for Preparation of ALA Resolutions:
http://www.ala.org/aboutala/governance/council/resolution_guidelines