

**2020 Virtual Meeting**

**IMPLEMENTATION REPORT**

**ON ALA COUNCIL ACTIONS**

**TAKEN AT THE**

**2020 MIDWINTER MEETING**

**IN**

**PHILADELPHIA, PA**

ALA Policy A.4.2.4 requires the Executive Board or its delegates to report to Council on the status of implementation of motions and resolutions passed by Council during the preceding year. The report shall be entered in the Council minutes.

## **REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2020 MIDWINTER COUNCIL ACTIONS**

### **Document Number/Title of Document: ALA CD#31, Melvil Dewey Award**

**Implementation Action:** The ALA Council **APPROVED**, to rename the Melvil Dewey Award to the ALA Medal of Excellence

**Response:** The award will be given in 2021 under the new name, ALA Medal of Excellence

### **Document Number/Title of Document: ALA CD #40, Resolution Ensuring Intellectual Freedom and the Right to Peacefully Assemble at ALA Conferences and Meetings**

**Implementation Action:** The ALA Council **ADOPTED AS AMENDED**, Resolution Ensuring Intellectual Freedom and the Right to Peacefully Assemble at ALA Conferences and Meetings

*Resolved*, that the American Library Association, on behalf of its members, requires that the ALA Council approve all internal restrictions to First Amendment rights at all ALA events proposed by all ALA offices, ALA committees, or other ALA bodies.

**Response:** The Adopted resolution was added to the ALA website:

<http://www.ala.org/aboutala/annual-and-midwinter-2020>

### **Document Number/Title of Document: ALA CD #27, ALA Committee on Organization\_Action**

**Implementation Action:** The ALA Council **APPROVED**, that Council Forum be an official subcommittee of the ALA Council Orientation Committee.

**Response:** The ALA Council Orientation Committee works in conjunction with a subcommittee that will handle logistical components of the ALA Council forums.

### **Document Number/Title of Document: ALA CD #27.1, ALA Committee on Organization\_Action**

**Implementation Action:** The ALA Council **APPROVED**, the Committee Information Update Report.

**Response:** The website has been updated to reflect new report format.

**Document Number/Title of Document: ALA CD #37, Task Force on Online Deliberation and Voting**

**Implementation Action:** The ALA Council **ACCEPTED**, the recommendation that work continue within SCOE Forward Together phase 2 in the area of online voting and deliberation in order to clarify and codify best practices across the organization.

**Response:** The work will continue within SCOE Forward Together phase 2.

**Document Number/Title of Document: ALA CD #39, Affiliate Request Polish American Library Association**

**Implementation Action:** The ALA Council **APPROVED**, the Polish American Library Association be granted affiliate status with ALA in accordance with the ALA Policy A.10.2.

**Response:** Please visit: <http://palalib.org/news/its-official-pala-is-ala-affiliate/> to view the press release. Cheryl Malden will serve as ALA Staff Liaison to this new ALA affiliate.

**Document Number/Title of Document: ALA CD #41, Resolution in Opposition to Charging Prisoners to Read**

**Implementation Action:** The ALA Council **ADOPTED**, the **Resolution in Opposition to Charging Prisoners to Read**

*Resolved*, that the American Library Association, ALA, on behalf of its members: Condemns the existence of for-profit programs that charge incarcerated people for access to reading material, acknowledging such programs only serve to deepen existing inequities barring free access to information for all people. And strongly encourages all library workers, particularly those in states with for-profit prison reading programs, to contact their state legislatures to express their concern over the denial of access to information these programs pose to incarcerated people.

**Response:** The Adopted resolution was added to the ALA website:  
<http://www.ala.org/aboutala/annual-and-midwinter-2020>

**Document Number/Title of Document: ALA CD #18.1, International Relations Committee**

**Implementation Action:** The ALA Council **ADOPTED**, the **Resolution Celebrating the Centennial Anniversary of the American Library in Paris**

*Resolved*, that the American Library Association and its eleven membership divisions and many offices congratulate the American Library in Paris and its staff on the 100th anniversary of its founding.

**Response:** The Adopted resolution was added to the ALA website:  
<http://www.ala.org/aboutala/annual-and-midwinter-2020>

**Document Number/Title of Document: ALA CD #19.4, ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee**

**Implementation Action:** The ALA Council **ADOPTED**, Access to Library Resources and Services Regardless of Sex, Gender Identity, Gender Expression, or Sexual Orientation: An interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights”

**Response:** The [online version](#) of "Access to Library Resources and Services Regardless of Sex, Gender Identity, Gender Expression, or Sexual Orientation: An Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights” has been updated to reflect the revisions that were voted on by ALA Council at the 2020 Midwinter Meeting. The updated interpretation will also be printed in the upcoming 10th edition of the *Intellectual Freedom Manual*, edited by Martin Garnar and Trina Magi and published by ALA Editions.

**Document Number/Title of Document: ALA CD #19.5, ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee**

**Implementation Action:** The ALA Council **ADOPTED**, Resolution on Forming a Working Group to Align Vendor Privacy Policies with ALA Policies and Ethics

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

1. Instructs the Intellectual Freedom Committee to create a working group that will be composed of representatives from libraries, vendors, and service providers.
2. The working group will be tasked with:
  1. completing a study of current vendor privacy policies and identifying key issues within 12 months;
  2. developing a shared set of privacy guidelines;
  3. exploring the requirements for turning guidelines into standards supported by ALA;
  4. exploring the creation of a transparent online resource where libraries can view vendors’ alignment with the standards, and
  5. drafting any additional guidelines and/or resources deemed necessary by the joint working group.

**Response:** The Intellectual Freedom Committee and its Privacy Subcommittee have reached out to vendors to join the Working Group to Align Vendor Privacy Policies with ALA Policies and Ethics. The formation and tasks of the working group have been delayed due to COVID-19. The committee anticipates that the working group will begin its tasks this summer or early fall and update ALA on its findings and progress during the 2021 Midwinter Meeting.