

**2015 MIDWINTER MEETING
IMPLEMENTATION REPORT
ON ALA COUNCIL ACTIONS
TAKEN AT THE
2014 ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2014 ANNUAL CONFERENCE COUNCIL ACTIONS

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.

Document Number/Title of Document: ALA CD#10, Report of the Presidential Task Force on Electronic Communication for the ALA Council

Implementation Action: The ALA Council *ADOPTED*, The following three (3) action items contained in ALA CD#10, Report of the Presidential Task Force on Electronic Communication for the ALA Council:

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 email address(es). Each Councilor is responsible for keeping his/her email 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.”

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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. (*approved as amended*)

Response: Council’s directives will be carried out as specified.

Document Number/Title of Document: ALA CD#43, Resolution in Support of Stable Funding for Air Force Libraries

Implementation Action: The ALA Council *ADOPTED* ALA CD#43, Resolution in Support of Stable Funding for Air Force Libraries, which read: “That the American Library Association (ALA), 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.
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.”

Response: The resolution has been shared with Congress and the Washington Office will be working with the Federal and Armed Forces Library Round Table (FAFLRT) to determine how best to move this effort forward.

Document Number/Title of Document: ALA CD#17.1, Policy Monitoring Committee Report.

Implementation Action: The ALA Council *VOTED* that the following 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.

Response: The policy language will be incorporated into the online *ALA Policy Manual*.

Document Number/Title of Document: ALA CD#27.1, Committee on Organization (COO) Report.

Implementation Action: The ALA Council *APPROVED* the following two (2) action items contained in ALA CD#27.1, Report of the Committee on Organization (COO):

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.”

Response: At the 2015 Midwinter Meeting, the Council Policy Monitoring Committee will bring its recommendations to Council regarding the placement of the above statements into the online *ALA Policy Manual*.

Document Number/Title of Document: ALA CD#45, Resolution on Granting the District of Columbia Government Budget Autonomy to Allow City Services, including Libraries, to Remain Open during a Federal Government Shutdown.

Implementation Action: The ALA 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.”

Response: The ALA Washington Office is been working closely with the District of Columbia Library Association (DCLA) on this issue.

If Congress takes up legislation related to budget autonomy for the District of Columbia, the ALA Washington Office will notify all of the necessary lawmakers and legislative committees of ALA’s support of budget autonomy for the District of Columbia.

Document Number/Title of Document: Memorial Resolutions, M-#5-M-#12

The ALA Council *ADOPTED* the following memorials: 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 (written memorial resolution will be presented at Midwinter).

Dissemination: Memorial resolutions were disseminated to the friends, families, and colleagues of the above persons.

Document Number/Title of Document: Tribute Resolutions, T-#2

Implementation Action: The ALA Council *ADOPTED* the Honoring 75th Anniversary of the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL), T-#2.

Dissemination: Tribute resolutions were appropriately disseminated.

Document Number/Title of Document: Committee on Legislation (COL) Report on ALA CD#20.6, Resolution on Digitization of U.S. Government Documents, ALA CD#20.6.

Implementation Action: The ALA Council *ADOPTED* 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.

Response: The Washington Office has informed staff of the Government Publications Office (previously the Government Printing Office) about this resolution and will share it with the new 114th Congress as germane opportunities are presented in the coming months. This resolution also will be used to guide the Committee on Legislation’s (COL) Government Information Subcommittee as they continue the work of COL’s Federal Depository Library Program Task Force.

The GPO thanked ALA for its efforts and acknowledged that its leadership knows we stand ready to support a national preservation plan.

Document Number/Title of Document: Committee on Legislation (COL) Report on ALA CD#20.7, Resolution Reaffirming Support for National Open Internet Policies and “Network Neutrality

The ALA Council *ADOPTED*, 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;

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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.

Response: The ALA Washington Office submitted Reply Comments and a letter to the FCC affirming ALA’s support for network neutrality and open Internet policies. Lobbyists for ALA also made Congressional visits to Republicans and Democrats from the House Energy and Commerce Committee and Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee.

They expressed appreciation for ALA’s input.

Document Number/Title of Document: Intellectual Freedom Committee Report on 14 revised Interpretations of the *Library Bill of Rights*, ALA CD#19.4-19.7.

Implementation Action: The ALA Council ***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*)
- 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

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Response: At the 2015 ALA Midwinter Meeting, the Policy Monitoring Committee will report to Council on placement of the revised Interpretations into the online *ALA Policy Manual*.

Document Number/Title of Document: Committee on Professional Ethics Report on New Interpretation of the Code of Ethics.

Implementation Action: The ALA Council *ADOPTED*, The Copyright: An Interpretation of the Code of Ethics, as outlined in ALA CD#40.1.

Response: At the 2015 ALA Midwinter Meeting, the Policy Monitoring Committee will bring its recommendation to Council regarding the placement of the new Interpretation into the online *ALA Policy Manual*.

Document Number/Title of Document: International Relations Committee Report on *Lyon Declaration of Access to Information and Development*, ALA CD#18.1.

Implementation Action: The ALA Council *ADOPTED* that the Council of the American Library Association directs that ALA become a signatory to the *Lyon Declaration of Access to Information and Development*.

Response: ALA did become a signatory to the Lyon Declaration, which was announced at the IFLA 2015 World Library and Information Congress in Lyon, France in August 2014. ALA is listed at <http://www.lyondeclaration.org/>