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presented a draft set of guidelines.

COO recommends that the ALA Committee Internship Program be reinstated after Annual Conference, 1992, by which time the ALA Membership Committee will have developed guidelines for the program, and that the Membership Committee assume responsibility for the program.

To accommodate the assignment of this responsibility,

COO recommends that the charge of the Membership Committee be revised as follows:

To establish general policies, programs, and procedures to secure new members; to be responsible for the implementation of these programs; to coordinate membership promotion activities of all units and chapters of the Association; to coordinate the ALA committee internship program; to make recommendations concerning membership dues; and to serve the Association as a sounding board on membership. VOTED unanimously.

III. ALA Representation

In 1990, COO was charged with examining the issue of ALA representation to other organizations and to consider, at a minimum, the questions:

- o is there a difference between official representation and informal liaisons?
- o can divisions appoint representatives and/or liaisons?
- o who decides which individual will be the representative/liaison?

COO recommends the acceptance of the following definitions of terms involved in the issue of ALA representation to other organizations:

This definition was adopted by the ALA Council at the 1992 Meeting

1. AFFILIATE: A group having purpose or interests similar to those of the Association or its Divisions/Round Tables which has made formal application for affiliate status to Council (national or international group) or Division/Round Table (local, state or regional groups.) No subdivision of the Association may separately affiliate itself with an organization with which ALA as a whole is affiliated.

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On motion by Councilors Janet Swan Hill and Tony Leisner, it was

VOTED, To insert the word "successful" between the words "made" and "formal" in line 3 of the definition of Affiliate.

By CONSENT, Council accepted the definition of Affiliate as amended, to read: "A group having purpose or interests similar to those of the Association or its Divisions/Round Tables which has made successful formal application for affiliate status to Council (national or international groups) or Division/Round Table (local, state or regional groups). No subdivision of the Association may separately affiliate itself with an organization with which ALA as a whole is affiliated."

On motion by Suzanne LeBarron, Councilor and COO Chair, it was moved to accept the definition of Task Force as follows: "A task force is an action-oriented membership group whose charge is to address specific goals, complete a specific task, or to consider a particular issue. There may be a designated time frame defined by the nature of the task or set forth in the function statement. Functions of a task force may included the following: (1) gathering information and making recommendations; (2) studying an issue and preparing a report; (3) carrying out a specific project or activity; (4) conducting programs at conferences; and (5) establishing committees or other sub-units." The motion was amended.

On motion by Councilors Bernard A. Margolis and Robert H. Rohlf, it was moved that in the definition of Task Force, 3rd line, the word "shall" be substituted for the word "may", with the recommendation to read: "...There shall be a designated time frame..." The motion was DEFEATED.

In speaking to the motion, Suzanne LeBarron said the word "may" was one of the most controversial words in the definition. There are several task forces that have lasted for along time, e.g., the Feminist Task Force and task forces within GODORT and SRRT. While COO felt that many of the task forces would be time-limited, they did not wish the groups to be restricted. Councilor Margolis said this would not hinder a task force from continuing for some time but would guarantee an appropriate and timely review of their work. After discussion of the pros and cons of the substitute motion, it was then

VOTED, That the original motion on the definition of Task Force be accepted.

On motion by Councilor Norman Horrocks and Treasurer Carla Stoffle, it was

VOTED, That the Committee on Organization examine and report back on defining "Discussion Group."

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS. Councilor Paul Mosher said that at a meeting of division planning committee chairs with the ALA Planning Committee, there was a question about whether Membership I might be shortened or eliminated in the interest of cost and efficiency. The Bylaws Article II, Sec. 4 simply say "...A membership meeting shall be held during the annual conference and at such other times as may be set by the Executive Board, Council or by membership petition...." It was suggested that this issue be brought before Council for discussion. Shortening Membership II would allow Council to meet earlier and adjourn earlier.