

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION**ALA MEMBERSHIP MEETING****SAN FRANCISCO****JULY 1975**

... The Opening Session of the ALA Membership Meeting, American Library Association, convened in San Francisco at The San Francisco Hilton in the Continental Ballroom on July 2, 1975, at 8:30 o'clock, p. m., Mr. Edward G. Holley, President, presiding ...

PRESIDENT HOLLEY: As President of the American Library Association I am convening the First Membership Meeting during the 1975 ALA Annual Conference. Seats have been provided for ALA members in the center of the room and for those attending the Conference, and registered at the Conference who are not ALA members, on each side of the room.

Seats have been reserved near the platform for our colleagues with a hearing problem, and will their friends ask them to come forward for better viewing of our interpreter. Our interpreter is to my right on the platform over there.

According to the rules we have followed for several years, members are separated and are seated separately from non-members, and, so, if you are in the wrong section, we will

Page 51 of the official program. The Establishment of the Agenda. A report on plans of the ALA Centennial by President Elect Martin and Dr. Petty Sullivan. A report on the State of the Association by the Executive Director, Mr. Wedgeworth. Also, the following resolutions which have been received:

Resolution No. 1, Status of Permanent Part-Time Library Employees. Resolution No. 2, Prohibition of Smoking in conference-controlled meetings. Resolution No. 3, Library Services Materials for Vietnam Refugees. Resolution No. 4, Opposing subminimum Wages for Full-time Students. Resolution No. 5, Sexist Terminology and Sexist Advertising.

Resolution No. 6, Protest the Failure of Illinois to Ratify the Equal Rights Amendment. Resolution No. 7, Union Printing. Resolution No. 8, Kingsport Press Strike. Resolution No. 9, Portability Retirement Plans. Resolution No. 10, Reviewing Nominations for the Post of Librarian of Congress. And I understand there is a Resolution No. 11, Resolution on the Nomination of Dr. Daniel J. Boorstin to be Librarian of Congress.

May we first adopt the rules? Those without badges will not be admitted to meetings. Members will be seated separately from non-members. Only ALA members may speak, and they should identify themselves at a microphone, giving name,

you. Please be seated. The motion to close debate has carried, and we will call the question. Microphone 11.

VOICE: In the Resolved it says something about -- I can't find it now.

PRESIDENT ELECT MARTIN: I am sorry. We are going to call the question. We will call for the vote. Those in favor of Resolution No. 5, Resolution on sexist terminology and sexist advertising will please rise. (standing vote) You may be seated. Those opposed to Resolution No. 5 will please rise. (standing vote) The resolution is carried. Resolution No. 6. Microphone 5.

MS. LEBER: Suzanne Leber, Personal Member. I would like to move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas, the American Library Association has manifested a position supporting equal rights for women, for example, in ALA Policy 196.6.1 entitled Racial and Sexual Parity, and in the resolution on sex-stereotyping terminology, and

Whereas, the ALA Headquarters is located in Chicago, Illinois, and the ALA Annual Conference for 1976 is scheduled to be held in Chicago, Illinois, and

Whereas, the General Assembly of the State of Illinois has failed to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment to the

United States Constitution

Be it therefore resolved that the Executive Director of ALA be instructed to send telegrams of protest not later than five days after the adoption of this resolution to the President of the Senate of the Illinois General Assembly and to the Speaker of the House of the Illinois General Assembly, stating: The American Library Association, ALA, protests the failure of the Illinois General Assembly to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution; ALA strongly supports equal rights for women; ALA deeply regrets that its Annual Conference for 1976 -- the Nation's Bicentennial year and the Centennial year of the Association -- is scheduled to be held in a state which has not yet shown its support for women's equality by ratifying this important measure. Were it feasible to change the location of the 1976 Conference or to relocate the Association's permanent Headquarters which are currently in Chicago, ALA would do so. The American Library Association urges the Illinois General Assembly to ratify the ERA without delay, and

Be it further resolved that the Executive Director simultaneously release copies of this resolution and the text of the telegrams to the national wire services.

Submitted by the Social Responsibilities Round Table Task Force on Women.

I would like to speak to this briefly. We have heard quite a bit of talk this morning about people who were very concerned about the principle of ERA but, and the major "but" was the fiscal implication. There are no fiscal implications here, so I would like to see those who were saying this morning that they are truly concerned about the principle vote for the passage of this motion.

PRESIDENT ELECT MARTIN: I am sorry, I should have stopped you earlier. Do you have a seconder?

... The motion was seconded ...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WEDGEWORTH: For your information the ALA Council debated a similar resolution today and made a decision not to enact such a resolution. I believe that this resolution, if passed by the Membership, would put it in conflict with the decision by the Council. To refer to what I think were pertinent parts of that discussion for your information, the State of Illinois has a recent constitutional revision, which gives it possibly one of the strongest equal rights provisions of the constitutions of any of the states of this country.

I certainly would not speak for or against this, but I think the membership assembled should be aware that this was debated by the Council and that a decision was taken. I am not sure what I would recommend to you under the circumstances, but it does put me in conflict between the Membership and the Council if you were to pass this resolution. I wouldn't know what to do with it.

PRESIDENT ELECT MARTIN: Microphone No. 5.

MS. HUGHES: I think Suzanne LeBaron did mention that this resolution is not directly related to the resolution this morning. We did talk to several of the Councilors that did enter into this debate many of whom turned down the Council resolution that was submitted to Council because of the fiscal implications. This resolution has no fiscal implications. I am not quite sure that the turning down of the Council resolution would be in conflict. I really don't think it would, but I don't know. They did say that we should move the meeting, which this does not.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WEDGEWORTH: In that case I would suggest that it be referred to Council on Friday, and I will stand by whatever the Council tells me to do.

MS. HUGHES: If it is passed here, we will.

PRESIDENT ELECT MARTIN: Microphone 4.

MR. HYDE: Hyde, University of Missouri, Columbia.

I also talked with one Councilor who said that he was thoroughly in favor of the Equal Rights Amendment, but the resolution as presented to Council today would have involved \$45,000 or so and meeting the meetings elsewhere and there would be a possibility of having no convention next year, and this resolution presented this evening we are not committing ourselves to anything of the sort. Also, I would think as a citizen of Missouri the neighboring State of Illinois the Federal Equal Rights Amendment will affect all of us. The fact that Illinois has an equal rights law does not do away with their responsibility to help the women and the men who would benefit by the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment in other parts of the United States. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ELECT MARTIN: Microphone 4.

MR. MOORE: Bill Moore of Missouri. This has been a very long day, and, if you look around you, you can see a lot of people have left. I think this is an extremely important issue that deserves the attention of more people than we have here at the present time for a proper decision. So, I move we adjourn.

PRESIDENT ELECT MARTIN: Is there a second?

... The motion was seconded ...

PRESIDENT ELECT MARTIN: The vote is on the motion to adjourn. Those in favor will rise. (standing vote) Be seated. Those opposed will please rise. (standing vote) I think we will have to count. Please be seated, and we will take a count.

We will vote on the motion to adjourn. Those in favor will please rise. (standing vote) Those opposed please rise and remain standing until the count is completed. (standing vote) The result of the vote is 155 affirmative for adjournment and 150 opposed. The motion is carried. The meeting is adjourned.

... Whereupon, at 11:30 o'clock, p. m., the proceedings were adjourned to July 4, 1975, at 8:00 o'clock, a. m. ...

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... The Closing Session of the ALA Membership Meeting, American Library Association, convened in San Francisco at the San Francisco Hilton on July 4, 1975, at 10:00 o'clock, a. m., Mr. Edward G. Holley, President, presiding ...

PRESIDENT HOLLEY: The meeting will please come to order. I am happy to convene the Second Membership Meeting during the 94th ALA Annual Conference. A quorum of 200 appears to be present. There have been seats reserved near the platform for our colleagues who have a hearing problem, and will their friends ask them to come forward for a better view of our interpreter? Our interpreter is to my right on the platform. Please, those of you in the back of the room, come on down to occupy the Council seats. This is a Membership Meeting. There are some chairs in front, so, please come to the front.

I have been asked to indicate -- would someone help me and tell me where the "No Smoking" signs are? On the right-hand side of the auditorium for the smokers. On my right non-smokers in this section and this section.

to library funds made to many national groups since its inception in 1965. Thank you.

PRESIDENT HOLLEY: Thank you, Mr. Jay. We hope for further fruitful contributions from the National Endowment for the Humanities for lots of libraries and library programs.

Those of you who are in the back, there are still some seats up front if you would like to come forward. This session is scheduled for two hours, and the remainder of the agenda for the meeting, for the Second Membership Meeting, as adopted at the first meeting is as follows:

Resolution No. 6 -- Protest the Failure of Illinois to Ratify the Equal Rights Amendment. This is the pending question which will be taken up, because when we adjourned at the First Membership Meeting this item was on the floor.

Resolution No. 7 -- Union Printing. Resolution No. 8 -- Kingsport Press Strike. Resolution No. 9 -- Portability Retirement Plans. Resolution No. 10 -- Reviewing Nominations to the Post of Librarian of Congress. Resolution No. 11 -- Nomination of Dr. Daniel Boorstin to be Librarian of Congress.

The rules, as previously adopted, stipulate that after the adoption of the agenda new topics will be considered as time permits by consent or a two-thirds vote after the agreed-

upon agenda has been completed. We are going to have to adjourn at noon because of the Inaugural Luncheon. Again, I state, this is in accordance with the schedule set by Membership in New York that Membership should meet after Monday and before Friday noon.

Membership Resolution No. 6 - Protest the Failure of Illinois to Ratify the Equal Rights Amendment. The Chair reminds the Membership that when we adjourned Wednesday evening we were discussing Resolution No. 6, Protest the Failure of Illinois to Ratify the Equal Rights Amendment, and, therefore, this matter was automatically postponed until this meeting. Let us resume the discussion. If adopted, this resolution would be referred to the Council at the 1976 Midwinter Meeting.

We are resuming the discussion of Membership Resolution No. 6. Microphone 5.

MS. LE BARRON: Sally LeBarron, personal member. I would just like to restate something that was said during the original discussion that this is an opportunity for those who said they support the principle of the ERA not having been passed in Illinois but did not wish to take on the fiscal implications of the Council resolution. This has no fiscal implications but does, indeed, express our support, which I

think is very necessary when we remember that there are 80 percent women in our Association.

PRESIDENT HOLLEY: Is there further discussion of Membership Resolution No. 6? Microphone 4.

MS. CREECY: Rachel Alice Creecy from Montana, Great Falls Public Library. It would seem to me that in view of the fact that this resolution will have to be acted on by Council in the 1976 Midwinter Conference, which is six months away, eight months away, and in view of the fact that it is more a legal question than a library question, it would seem to me that this resolution should not be passed by the Membership.

PRESIDENT HOLLEY: Microphone 7.

MS. REAL: Marilyn Real from the Chicago Public Library, and I am from Chicago, and I think the resolution is too narrow. Just because ALA is headquartered in Chicago, we are a national organization so we should protest the failure of other states as well for not passing ERA.

PRESIDENT HOLLEY: Thank you. Is there further discussion on Membership Resolution No. 6? The discussion is on Membership Resolution No. 6. Seeing no one at the microphone, the Chair will take the vote, and I have been told that we can vote by "ayes" and "nays". Those in favor of Resolution No. 6

will please signify by saying "aye". (ayes) Those opposed? (noes) We will have to stand anyway. I had a feeling that might be true. Once more. The Resolution to Protest the Failure of Illinois to Ratify the Equal Rights Amendment, are the tellers ready to count?

Those in favor of the Resolution to Protest the Failure of Illinois to Ratify the Equal Rights Amendment will please rise and remain standing until you have been counted. (standing vote) Those opposed to the adoption of Resolution No. 6 please rise. (standing vote) The vote is, in favor of the resolution 311, opposed to the resolution 324, and, so, the resolution is not adopted. Microphone 5.

MR. BULMAN: Leonard Bulman, Member At Large, East Orange, New Jersey. Would I be permitted, remembering the near problem on the Boorstin Amendment of Council, would I be permitted to make a motion that Resolutions 10 and 11, providing two-thirds of this body agreed, be moved immediately to the next item on the agenda?

PRESIDENT HOLLEY: I think that is in order. The parliamentarian tells me that it is in order that we may move items 10 and 11 to this point in the agenda if this is the will of the body.