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ALA CONFERENCE SITES - CD #29 calling for the 1980 ALA Conference to be located in a northeastern city and to establish a policy of meeting in the northeastern area of the country at least every five years, was moved by Councilor Mott and seconded by Councilor Bloss. Mr. Mott commented that the large number of librarians in the northeast area, as well as the financial gains ALA has realized at past meetings there warrant consideration by Council. The Executive Director saw no problems and stated that the policy proposed has in fact been implemented in spirit, noting the ALA conferences in New York (1966 and 1974) and Atlantic City (1969), and the 1980 conference is tentatively scheduled for New York City. Councilor Ihrig, since 1980 is taken care of, moved, and it was

VOTED, That consideration of CD #29 be postponed to San Francisco at which time Council requests the Executive Board and staff to present some idea of the propriety and effect of so regionalizing the ALA conferences.

RESOLUTION ON SEX-STEREOTYPING TERMINOLOGY - CD #32 revised.

In presenting the Resolution, Councilor Schuman pointed out that similar policies have been adopted by the American Association of University Professors, the Modern Language Association, the National Council of Teachers of English, and the California, Minnesota and Washington Library Associations, and at the Midwinter Meeting, the Resources and Technical Services Division Code Revision Committee adopted a similar resolution. Guidelines to help editors and writers with this problem are available from publishers such as McGraw-Hill. The motion, seconded by Councilor Darling, was put to a vote, and it was

VOTED, That Whereas many American Library Association publications and official documents use nouns and pronouns with strictly male connotations in referring to members of the Association, and to specific positions and titles; and Whereas the consistent or exclusive use of the masculine gender perpetuates the traditional language of society which discriminates against women; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That future publications and official documents of the American Library Association avoid terminology which perpetuates sex stereotypes and existing publications and official documents, as they are revised, be changed to avoid such terminology.