

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

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WHEREAS, most people, youth and adults alike, confined in local jails and detention facilities are without library and information services,

WHEREAS, people confined in such facilities reside within the taxing district of the local public library or system,

WHEREAS, public libraries and systems are responsible for providing library and information services to all persons living within their taxing areas,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALA encourage public libraries and systems to make a concerted effort to extend their services to residents of jails and detention facilities within their taxing areas, and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT ALA, through the Health and Rehabilitative Services Division (HRLSD), with the cooperation of Public Library Association (PLA), American Library Trustee Association (ALTA), and other interested divisions, design a plan to assist public libraries in extending their services to local jails and detention facilities.

RESOLUTION ON HEADQUARTERS LOCATION - CD #13. In submitting the Resolution, Dale Brown asked the privilege of revising the motion that renewed efforts be made to locate Headquarters in the Washington, DC, metropolitan area with a membership referendum on the issue being conducted prior to the 1976 Annual Conference, to delete the referendum request and substitute, "And that a feasibility study be undertaken in relation to the above." Mr. Brown, with Council's consent, moved the revised Resolution with an unidentified second. Immediate Past President Holley pointed out that the three membership referenda conducted over the past twenty-five years failed and felt that unless the membership has changed significantly since the last one in the late sixties time and funds will be wasted by having another ballot. After a number of opposing comments and none in support of the Resolution, the Resolution was put to a vote and FAILED.

RESOLUTION ON CONFEDERATION OF LIBRARY SERVICE -- CD #12. Dale Brown requested and received consent to change the date requesting a report on progress on achieving a union or confederation of all library and information services related to organizations to strengthen the total profession. Aware of ALA's membership in the Council of National Library Associations since its institution and the current efforts to establish meaningful relationships between ALA and its affiliates and other related organizations, Mr. Trezza suggested to Council the Resolution was unnecessary. A motion to close debate carried, and the Resolution was NOT ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION ON LIBRARY SERVICE TO PRISONERS - CD #35 (Exhibit 11). Zoia Horn submitted the Resolution and moved its adoption with an unidentified second. A number of supportive comments on record, debate was closed and the Resolution was ADOPTED.

THE REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE FREEDOM TO READ FOUNDATION is attached as Exhibit 12. The Wyoming Library Association contributed \$50 to the Foundation. (p7).

President Elect Jones assumed the chair at this time.

THE TREASURERS' REPORT was distributed widely (in preliminary form) at the Midwinter Meeting and is not therefore attached to these Minutes; copies are available upon request. Frank Sessa, Treasurer, prefaced his remarks and the slide description by stating, "Lowering the lights, incidentally, is not symbolic of the state of our finances at the present time. I am very happy to report to you that for the first time in the four years that I have come here to make a report at Midwinter, we have ended our previous fiscal year with a favorable balance, and we have done so without taking any money from endowment."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM EVALUATION AND SUPPORT. In the absence of the chairperson, Jessie Carney Smith, Thomas Childers announced that COPEs will give more attention, with representative groups, to the revision of the Organization Dues schedule during the Spring. His information report on the status of membership renewals and income also was augmented by slides. Mr. Childers pointed out that COPEs has noted that options remain for existing life members in the Bylaws to purchase additional divisional life memberships for \$50, and inasmuch as the Bylaws no longer allow the purchase of life membership in ALA, for consistency, it is recommended that this provision be deleted.