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The formal Council meetings during the 1978 ALA Midwinter Meeting were preceded by the Orientation Meeting (planned by the ad hoc Council committee) and the Council/Executive Board Information Meetings on Monday, January 23, 8:00 A.M. to 11:50 M. The President and Executive Director, and members of the Executive Board, reviewed the various actions taken by the Board between the Annual and Conference and this Midwinter Meeting; the President reviewed the Council's agenda also. Questions from Council centered mainly on the Board's 1977 Fall Meeting actions with regard to the film, THE SPEAKER... as recorded the the Board's Minutes, with the request from Council that these matters be placed on the formal agenda. The President informed Council that Dan Rather's office has indicated that the Council Meetings will be covered by Rather and other "Sixty Minutes" staff.

Inasmuch as the Information Meetings and Orientation Sessions are informal where no action can be taken, formal records are not kept.

First Meeting

The first meeting of the ALA Council during the 1978 ALA Midwinter Meeting convened at 10:00 A.M., Tuesday, January 24, in the Palmer House Grand Ballroom, President Eric Moon presiding. Russell F. Anderson, Registered Parliamentarian from Chicago, again served as Parliamentarian. The meetings were signed.

THE QUORUM of seventy-five members of Council was established at the opening of each meeting.

THE ATTENDANCE RECORD is attached as Exhibit 1.

THE RULES (CD#3) were ADOPTED on motion by Jane Anne Hannigan, seconded by Alphonse F. Trezza, after a motion by Jean-Anne South, seconded by Richard Buck which sought to remove the twenty-four hour rule in order to admit a resolution outside that rule was withdrawn. It was noted that the Rules may be suspended by a two-thirds vote at any time.

NEW BUSINESS AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA. The Agenda was reviewed by the presiding officer at the beginning of each meeting, and new business was accepted by consent for discussion as time permitted. During the First Meeting, however, on motion by Eli Oboler, seconded by Grace Slocum, it was VOTED, That the three actions (proposals and statements), concerning THE SPEAKER... as stated on pages 2 and 3 of the Fall 1977 ALA Executive Board Minutes be submitted to the ALA Council as the first order of business today, Tuesday, January 24, 1978, for approval or disapproval, regardless of previous agenda.
Historical Files (to be available at all Council Meetings) items so labeled; (3) That the Council approves the Committee's recommendation to shift material so labeled to some other location, such as Executive Board procedures or Publishing; (4) That the Council instructs the Committee to prepare an edited and rearranged version of the ALA Policy Manual for action at the 1978 Annual Conference.

The Council expressed its appreciation to the Committee by applause.

The Executive Director made the following announcements: The National Library Week Committee has announced that the $1,000 Grolier National Library Week grant for 1978 has been awarded to the Mississippi Library Association. The annual grant is awarded to the state library association submitting the best proposal for a public relations program. And, copies of CORNERSTONES, the publication of the White House Conference Planning Committee, are available to pick up as Councilors leave the room.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 P.M.

Third Meeting

The third meeting of the ALA Council during the 1978 ALA Midwinter Meeting, convened at 2:00 P.M., Thursday, January 26, in the Palmer House Grand Ballroom, President Elect Russell Shank, presiding; Russell F. Anderson, parliamentarian, and the interpreter for hearing impaired were again present. The meeting convened as a continuation of the Second Council Meeting for the unfinished business. President Eric Moon resumed the chair after the midafternoon recess.

THE REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT, submitted by President Moon, is attached as Exhibit 8. With Council's consent this and the report of the Executive Director were deferred until this meeting.

THE REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, submitted by Robert Wedgeworth, is attached as Exhibit 9.

NEW ENGLAND LIBRARY ASSOCIATION CHAPTER STATUS (CD #7). At the conclusion of the Executive Director's report, Robert Wedgeworth referred to NELA's September 13, 1977, application for regional chapter status supported by the affirmative vote of the ALA members in New England. The Executive Board found the application to be in compliance with the provisions of Bylaw Article V, as did the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws (see Exhibit 15). In accordance with Constitution Article X, Section 3, and on motion by George Bailey, seconded by Alphonse F. Trezza, it was

VOTED, That the ALA Council accepts the New England Library Association's application for recognition as a regional ALA chapter.
RESOLUTION ON ALA'S ROLE IN THE WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE - Exhibit 21. William Emerson, chair, Resolutions Committee reported that the resolution does not wholly fulfill the Guidelines for preparation of Resolutions, particularly in the use of "support." The Resolutions Committee had referred the Resolution to COPES. Thomas Galvin, who moved the adoption of the Resolution with Brooke Sheldon's second, reviewed each clause explaining the reasoning for each. In response to Mr. Emerson's comment Mr. Galvin pointed out that he had in so far as possible attempted to define the support, but specific proposals for ALA support, such as public information assistance are still being developed. An editorial change to clarify the intent of the final Whereas clause was accepted by consent, and it now reads, "And be it Further Resolved that Council authorize the ALA White House Conference Planning Committee to initiate immediately a program to assure the involvement of ALA divisions, units and state chapters in planning state conferences on the White House Conference and to coordinate all unit and chapter programs having to do with the White House Conference." The President announced that the Executive Board endorsed the Resolution, and it was

VOTED, That the ALA Council adopts the Resolution on ALA's Role in the White House Conference as amended (above).

Council's attention was drawn to the availability of the Executive Director's Report to the Board on the ALA's Role in the White House Conference (see Executive Board 1978 Midwinter Meeting Minutes, Exhibit 8).

RESOLUTION ON THE ALA IMPRIMATUR ON FILMS (CD #22) - Exhibit 22. Judith Farley presented the Resolution in the absence of the maker, E. J. Josey, and asked Council to accept the following editorial changes: Strike the word "films," in the title and line 4 and the word "film" in lines 8 and 12 and substitute in each place the phrase, "non-print media formats." Peggy Sullivan seconded the motion to adopt and moved that the title and the text throughout be changed to read, "imprint" where "imprimatur," appears. She stated that "imprimatur" means "let it be printed" and suggests control from without and connotes censorship, whereas "imprint" is commonly used in publishing and relates to having the ALA name indeed on materials as the originator. Mr. Shank concurred and the amendments were put to a vote and were APPROVED. Peggy Sullivan pointed out that the ALA Publishing Committee, a Committee of Council, has within its charge from Council, the control of the use of the ALA imprint and therefore, moved to refer the Resolution as amended to the Council Committee on Publishing. Ms. Farley felt referral would only mean delay and the actions during Midwinter indicated there should be no delay; James A. Norsworthy expressed concern about the exclusion of printed media and separation of print and non-print media in the Resolution. Edward Howard stated, ALA Publishing is more than books; it is most unfortunate that the Office for Intellectual Freedom is a publisher with THE SPEAKER and the Discussion guide carries the imprint of the OIF. He urged Council to refer the Resolution to the Publishing Committee and make certain that in the future others do not assume some of the function of its standing committee. Ruth Tighe who expressed some concern at some of the terminology recommended that such a policy statement should be put on record without delay. Alice Ihrig
suggested that it would be appropriate to instruct the Committee to take the 

sense of the statement for inclusion in the appropriate language in its 

own policies and procedures for working with all the Association's print, 

non-print and other kinds of materials; she did not want to lose the 

instruction of membership as represented in Council and felt such action 

would accomplish what all parties are attempting to do with the resolu­

 tion. A motion from Ruth Tighe and Learned T. Bulman to close debate on 

all previous questions passed, whereupon Alice Ihrig's motion was put to 

the vote and it was 

VOTED, That the ALA Council amends the motion 
to refer by adding the words "for inclusion in 
appropriate form and place in the procedures of 
the Publishing Committee."

It was also 

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in the procedures of the Publishing Committee.

On motion by Norman Horrocks and several seconds, it was 

VOTED, That Council extend its session by twenty 

minutes to 6:30 P.M.

Elliot Shelkrot moved that Council suspend the rules for a brief period to con­
sider a short resolution on sexism awareness training program for 1979; the 
motion was seconded and put to a vote which lost.

RESOLUTION ON MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS (CD #23). Dorothy Broderick, with a second 

by Mary K. Chelton moved adoption of the motion which read, Whereas American 
Libraries does not serve as a journal of record for the activities of the Asso­

ciation; Therefore, be it Resolved that Article I of the bylaws be amended 

so that membership applications offer all members the choice of one free 
division or a subscription to American Libraries. Whereupon Ms. Broderick, 

seconded by Ms. Chelton, moved to amend by substitution the following: 

"Whereas American Libraries does not serve as a journal of record of the 
activities of the Association, Be it Resolved, That Article I of the Bylaws 
be amended so that membership applications offer all members the choice of 
allocating the percapita dollar subsidy to AL, prorated on the current budget 
allocation, to the ALA unit of their choice, or to one of the ALA scholarship 

funds instead of a subscription to AL." The original Resolution had been 
referred by the Resolutions Committee to COPES. Johnnie Givens reported that 

COPES could not endorse the original motion and had not received the subsi­
tute and therefore COPES was not prepared with sufficient information on the 
fiscal implications to advise Council at this time. Stephen R. Salmon moved, 

Jean-Anne South seconded, and it was
RESOLUTION ON THE ALA IMPRINT ON NON-PRINT MEDIA FORMATS

WHEREAS, The influence and name of the American Library Association are instruments for good which must be carefully guarded and judiciously used, and

WHEREAS, Non-print formats carrying the Association's imprint have far-reaching impact on our members, libraries, and those our libraries serve, and

WHEREAS, To safeguard the Association’s name, the development and production of any non-print formats with our imprint requires careful study and research,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That it is the policy of the American Library Association that any unit producing non-print formats with the ALA imprint shall, as they begin their research, publicize their plans widely among ALA members and construct a timetable for consultation with interested groups who could contribute information, ideas, and interpretations which would strengthen and enhance the finished product.

The ALA Council, on January 26, 1978, VOTED, That the ALA Council refers CD #22 as amended to the Council Committee on Publishing for inclusion in appropriate form and place in the procedures of the Publishing Committee.