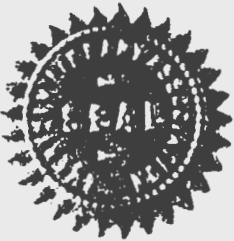


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RESOLUTION ON LEGISLATIVE PROTECTION FOR STUDENTS
FROM THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

- Whereas, Efforts to waive the requirement under J-1 exchange visas that sends students back to China for two years before they are allowed to seek a change of status such as residency or additional education were vetoed by the President in 1989; and
- Whereas, Chinese student organizations have reported that such returns to China by students currently or recently in the U.S. have and can be used by the People's Republic of China government as reason for harassment or formal charges of treason; and
- Whereas, The Office of the Presidency will grant new visa status to students wishing to remain in the United States, it turns the names of such applicants over to the People's Republic of China, thus causing the families of said students to be subject to harassment and arrest; now, therefore be it
- Resolved, That the American Library Association reaffirms its support for those legislative efforts that will seek to prevent the forced return of students, scholars and others, and the revelation of the names of those students seeking to remain in the U.S. instead of returning to the People's Republic of China under conditions known to endanger their lives and the well-being of their families.



ADOPTED BY THE
COUNCIL OF THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
January 9, 1990, in Chicago, Illinois

Linda F. Crismond, Secretary of Council

THE IMPLEMENTATION MEMO is attached as Exhibit 10 in accordance with Policy 5.5. Council raised no questions.

COMMITTEE ON ACCREDITATION INFORMATION REPORT--STANDARDS REVISION (CD#12--Exhibit 11). Herman L. Totten, COA Chair, presented the report and offered to respond to questions. Councilor E.J. Josey asked whether the Revision Subcommittee followed any guiding principles and the rationale involved in changing the Standards of Accreditation in Section 9. Dr. Totten stated that the Subcommittee, at its initial meeting, did feel it should have guiding principles for the standards are to accredit, and sought appropriate nomenclature for schools of library information science, library information management, studies, school library media science. Councilor Beverly Lynch stated that library education is a vital issue that should be on everyone's agenda and requested that COA report to Council at each meeting; President Berger stated that the suggestion for frequent reports would be followed up. Dr. Horrocks, in offering his motion, pointed out that the proposed action is part of his concerns with policy monitoring that he expressed at Council I, and on his/E. J. Josey's motion, it was

VOTED, That the Committee on Accreditation report back to Council at the 1990 Annual Conference on the Status of Policy 56.2, Affirmative Action, and 59.4, Education for Spanish-speaking populations.

AWARDS COMMITTEE REPORT (CD#35--Exhibit 12). Carol Turner, Chair, presented the report stating that the Executive Board had endorsed and approved the proposal for the establishing of the Bessie Boehm Moore Award. President Berger responded to Councilor Linda Pierce's query, that contributions will be solicited in further support of the Award. It was on motion by Executive Board Member/Councilor Agnes Griffen/Councilor Sharon Hogan, without dissent

VOTED, To approve the Bessie Boehm Moore Award Proposal as recommended in CD#35.

NEW BUSINESS.

RESOLUTION ON LEGISLATIVE PROTECTION FOR STUDENTS FROM PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA (CD#29--Exhibit 13). Councilor Shields submitted the Resolution, stating that it is an extension of 1988-89 CD#67, Resolution Condemning Suppression of Human Rights Peoples in the Republic of China, which Council approved at Dallas. While the President has guaranteed extensions to students, Mr. Shields maintained that legislative measures would provide protection to the students and their families. Councilor Elisabeth Knauff suggested, and the movers accepted, the addition of "scholars and others" to the resolution.

On motion by Councilors Gerald Shields/Bob Razer it was

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RESOLUTION ON MIDWINTER MEETING PURPOSE (CD#30). Councilors Gerald Shields/Herbert White moved approval of CD#30, which posed a substitute for Policy 7.4.7 for review and recommendation by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee. The proposed language reserved for Annual Conference, except by specific Executive Board authorization, those programs designed for continuing education and development of fields of library service. It provided, "Hearings seeking membership contributions; provisions for observers and petitioners at meetings of Council, committees and boards are to be publicized; programs of orientation or leadership development to association business are encouraged; assemblies of groups of individuals for information sharing vital to the development of association business shall be accepted as appropriate to the purposes of the Midwinter Meeting..." "Questions were raised as to who would determine what meetings are appropriate to Midwinter, what are the implications for units' information gathering activities and members' edification, and why the resolution to amend policy 7.4.7 should be referred to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee instead of the Policy Monitoring Committee. Councilor Suzanne LeBarron reported that ASCLA is concerned about the implications of the revision and recommended that more unit input should be gathered before any change is forwarded to whatever group is appropriate for implementation. Dr. Horrocks reminded Council that the policy-making body is Council, not C&B or PMC. F. William Summers supported the suggested postponement, reminding Council that, considering the ALA structure (discussion groups, forums, assemblies), seeking a definition of "program,"--escapes resolution. He pointed out that COO is seeking to develop definitions that will lead to determining where these groups fit so that decisions on Midwinter's purpose may be facilitated. On motion by Councilors Norman Horrocks/Herbert White, it was

VOTED, That discussion of the review of ALA Policy 7.4.7 be placed on the Council's agenda for the 1990 Annual Conference.

RESOLUTION ON LIBRARIES IN ROMANIA (CD#37--Exhibit 14). With endorsement of the International Relations Committee, the Executive Committees of ACRL and its Slavic and East European Section, and the International Relations Round Table, Councilors S. Michael Malinconico/Lydia Acosta moved That ALA take a leadership role in formulating a campaign to work with the appropriate