RESOLUTION TO MEMBERSHIP

Closure of California Library Schools

WHEREAS, in February, 1993, the University of California-Berkeley announced the suspension of admissions to its School of Library and Information Studies;

Whereas, in June, 1993, the University of California-Los Angeles proposed the imminent closure of its Graduate School of Library and Information Science;

Whereas, the American Library Association, in a 1990 resolution, affirmed its support and respect for professional library education in American research universities;

Whereas libraries and librarians are essential to democracy, to education, and to the quality of life;

Whereas libraries, now and as they evolve, require professional librarians to help fulfill the public’s right to know;

Whereas the actions taken against library schools at Berkeley and Los Angeles jeopardize the future of libraries, library service and the public interest in California and in the western United States;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the American Library Association supports the continued existence of degree programs in library and information studies at U.C. Berkeley and U.C.L.A.;

And Be It Further Resolved that, within these ongoing programs of library and information studies, ALA encourages a strong commitment to educating library professionals in the public interest and the public’s right to know, and that copies of this resolution be sent to the governor and state legislators of California, to U.C. officials, to the U.C. Regents, and to the California and library press.

PASSED BY THE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES ROUND TABLE
JUNE 26, 1993

Melissa Riley
Sig Stillwell
Resolution in Support of the Graduate School of Library and Information Science (GSLIS) at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)

WHEREAS, The need for competent and well educated information professionals continues to grow in our information society; and

WHEREAS, The GSLIS, UCLA has provided leadership to the profession in terms of curriculum innovation and transformation, executive development programs, education for service to culturally diverse populations, and integration of technology; and

WHEREAS, The faculty, administrators, and students of GSLIS, UCLA work consistently at the highest levels of teaching, research and service; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the American Library Association urge the University of California, Los Angeles to reconsider the proposal to disestablish the GSLIS, UCLA, and urge the Regents of the University of California, Los Angeles to not approve the proposal put forth by the administration of the University of California-Los Angeles to disestablish the GSLIS, UCLA; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That this action be communicated to Chancellor Charles E. Young, Executive Vice Chancellor Andrea L. Rich, and Chair of the Regents of the University of California Meredith Khachigian.

ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (ALA) June 30, 1993

Peggy Sullivan Executive Director
RESOLUTION ON THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA-BERKELEY

WHEREAS, In February, 1993, the University of California-Berkeley announced the suspension of admissions to its School of Library and Information Studies; and

WHEREAS, The American Library Association, in a 1990 resolution had affirmed its support and respect for professional library education in American research universities; and

WHEREAS, Libraries and librarians are essential to democracy, to education, and to the quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Libraries, now and as they evolve, require professional librarians to help fulfill the public's right to know; and

WHEREAS, The actions taken against the library school at Berkeley jeopardize the future of libraries, library service and the public interest in California and in the western United States; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the American Library Association supports the continued existence of graduate degree programs in library and information studies at U.C. Berkeley; and, be it

RESOLVED, That by expressing this support of this ongoing program of library and information studies, ALA affirms its encouragement to educating library professionals in the public interest and the public's right to know; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the dean of the library school at the University of California-Berkeley to be used in such manner as she deems appropriate.

ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (ALA)
June 30, 1993

Peggy Sullivan
Executive Director
REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE. Judith Farley, chair, presented the following membership resolutions for Council's consideration:

Resolution on ALA Council Voting Record, MD#11, CD#75, Exhibit 28: "That the members of ALA go on record against the proposal by the Committee on Program Evaluation and Support (COPES) made in CD#4.1 presented at the Midwinter Meeting of 1993 to cease the publication and dissemination of the Council voting records to all ALA members, and that this objection be made known to the members of ALA Council."

Since the Council had already taken action at the 1993 ALA Midwinter Meeting to continue the publication of its voting record in American Libraries, the following motion was proposed by Councilors Janice Feye-Stukas and Ginnie Cooper, and Council

VOTED, To accept CD#75, Resolution on ALA Council Voting Record, as an information item.

Closure of California Library Schools Resolution, MD#13, CD#76 & CD#76.1, Exhibit 29, which read: "That the American Library Association supports the continued existence of degree programs in library and information studies at U.C. Berkeley and U.C.L.A, and that within these ongoing programs of library and information studies, ALA encourages a strong interest in the public's right to know, and that copies of this resolution be sent to the governor and state legislators of California, to U.C. officials, to the U.C. Regents, and to the California and library press."

Ms. Farley reported that the Membership voted to endorse separate resolutions for each library school. Council first considered the Resolution on the University of California-Berkeley, CD#76. Councilors Regina U. Minudri and Joseph Boisse moved and Council

VOTED, To amend the resolution by adding a final resolved clause to read: "That a copy of this resolution be sent to the dean of the library school at the University of California-Berkeley to be used in such manner as she deems appropriate."
Upon a motion by Councilors Charles Bunge and Beverly D. Papai, Council

VOTED, To amend the second resolved clause by deleting "...within these...encourages a strong...." and adding: "That by expressing this support of this ongoing program of library and information studies, ALA affirms its encouragement to educating library professionals in the public interest and the public's right to know..."

Council then

VOTED, To approve the Resolution on the University of California-Berkeley, CD#76, as amended.

Resolution on the University of California-Los Angeles, CD#76.1. Councilors Regina U. Minudri and Joseph Boisse moved and by CONSENT, Council voted to substitute CD#70, Resolution in Support of GSLIS, UCLA, for the split Membership resolution, CD#76.1. Then by CONSENT, Council adopted CD#70, Resolution in Support of GSLIS, UCLA:

That the American Library Association urge the University of California, Los Angeles to reconsider the proposal to disestablish the GSLIS, UCLA, and urge the Regents of the University of California, Los Angeles to not approve the proposal put forth by the administration of the University of California-Los Angeles to disestablish the GSLIS, UCLA, and that this action be communicated to Chancellor Charles E. Young, Executive Vice Chancellor Andrea L. Rich, and Chair of the Regents of the University of California Meredith Khachigian.
INTRODUCTIONS. President-Elect Hardy R. Franklin reintroduced President Marilyn L. Miller, Parliamentarian Edwin C. Bliss, Executive Director Peggy Sullivan, and ALA staff members assisting with these meetings.

AGENDA, MD#2, Exhibit 44. ALA members Beverly Lynch and Beverly Papai moved that the agenda be reordered in the following manner: (1) Memorials and Tributes; (2) Reports: President, Treasurer and Self-Study; and (3) Unfinished Business. The motion was DEFEATED.

By CONSENT, the original agenda was adopted.

MEMORIALS AND TRIBUTE RESOLUTIONS, Exhibit 27. The following Memorials were adopted:

(M-11) William Pène duBois
(M-12) Claire Huchet Bishop
(M-13) Sandra Pelos & Tom Ballard
(M-14) Bruni Vergés
(M-15) Charles Mikolaycak
(M-16) Maureen Hayes
(M-17) Frances Anna Sullivan
(M-18) Elizabeth A. Widenmann

Also noted was the recent death of Kenneth E. Vance, Professor Emeritus, University of Michigan School of Information and Library Studies, Ann Arbor.

The following tributes were adopted:

(T-3) Warren Tsuneishi
(T-4) Hannah V. McCauley
(T-5) 100th Year Anniversary of the Drexel University College of Information Studies
(T-6) Dorothy L. Glasby
RESOLUTION ON CLOSURE OF CALIFORNIA LIBRARY SCHOOLS, MD#13, Exhibit 29. On motion by ALA members Melissa Riley and Stephen Stillwell, it was moved that the American Library Association supports the continued existence of graduate degree programs in library and information studies at U.C. Berkeley and U.C.L.A.; and that within these ongoing programs of library and information studies, ALA encourages a strong commitment to educating library professionals in the public interest and the public's right to know, and that copies of this resolution be sent to the governor and state legislators of California, to U.C. officials, to the U.C. Regents, and to the California and library press.

By CONSENT, the resolution was split into two identical resolutions—one for U.C. Berkeley and one for U.C.L.A. The second resolved clause was amended to strike everything after the words, "the public's right to know."

By CONSENT, the ALA Membership urged the ALA Council to take appropriate, effective actions to express support for the continued existence of each program.

The membership took no action on the Treasurer's Report, MD#4, Exhibit 53; ALA Self-Study Committee Report, MD#5, Exhibit 54; Resolution on ALA Library School Support, MD#17, Exhibit 55; and the Resolution Concerning the Executive Director, MD#14, Exhibit 56, due to the lack of a quorum (200 members). Therefore, these items will be placed on the agenda for Membership I at the 1994 Annual Conference.

ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.