

1992-93 CD# 75

RESOLUTION TO MEMBERSHIP

ALA Council Voting Record

Whereas, the United States of America is a democracy dedicated to the concepts of democracy and the freedom of information;

Whereas, the American Library Association is a champion of that freedom within this country and the world;

Whereas, the members of any society need to be informed in order to make intelligent decisions at the ballot box;

Whereas, ALA Council went on record in 1982 that the voting records of its sessions should be available to the members of the Association by the easiest and cheapest means possible; and

Whereas, that means was determined to be through publication of these records in American Libraries;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the members of ALA...
on record against the proposal by the Committee on Program Evaluation and Support (COPES) made in Document #4.1 presented at the Midwinter Conference of 1993 to cease the publication and dissemination of these voting records to all ALA members;

Be It Further Resolved that this objection be made known
to the members of ALA Council.

PASSED BY THE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES ROUND TABLE
JUNE 26, 1993

Moved THOMAS L. WILDING
Seconded STEPHEN STICHEL

ALA MEMBERSHIP MEETING II
Wednesday, June 30, 1993, 9 a.m.-12 Noon
New Orleans Convention Center, Ballroom I

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:

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| (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:

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| (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 ALA COUNCIL VOTING RECORD, MD#11, Exhibit 28. On motion by ALA members Thomas L. Wilding and Stephen Stillwell, it was

VOTED, That the members of ALA go on record against the proposal by the Committee on Program Evaluation and Support (COPEs) made in CD#5 presented at the Midwinter Meeting of 1993 to cease the publication and dissemination of these voting records to ALA members; and, that this objection be made known to the members of ALA Council.

RESOLUTION ON *NEW STATESMAN AND SOCIETY* DEFENSE, MD#12, Exhibit 52. ALA members Mark Rosenzweig and Stephen Stillwell moved that the American Library Association condemn British Prime Minister John Major for pursuing a libel suit against the radical magazine, *New Statesman and Society*, an effort which has constituted a serious attack on freedom of the press; and, that ALA supports the *New Statesman and Society* defense which is fighting to change the British libel laws so that the threat of lawsuit is not used to squelch the free press and stamp out what little dissidence and diversity there are in the media; and, that ALA opposes reported British Library censorship of the January 29, 1993 issue of the *New Statesman and Society* even if done in anticipation of possible legal action; and that ALA membership, Council, and appropriate committees endorse the above resolution and express solidarity with *New Statesman and Society* on this their eightieth anniversary in their campaign to protect the rights to free press and dissent; and that this resolution be sent to *New Statesman and Society*, British Prime Minister Major, and the library press of Britain and the United States.

After a brief discussion, ALA members Julie Cummins and Patricia Berger moved and it was

VOTED, To table the Resolution on *New Statesman and Society* Defense, MD#12.

COUNCIL MINUTES
Annual Conference
June 1993

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.*"