RESOLUTION TO MEMBERSHIP

Domestic Partnership

Whereas, many local governments, corporations, colleges, and universities are recognizing the need to cover homosexual couples under benefit packages;

Whereas, the American Library Association has traditionally been in the fore on the promotion of equality for gays and lesbians, most notably with their Policy 54.3 and others;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the members of ALA urge that a committee be established to review all ALA Headquarters personnel policies and employee benefits to ensure that no discrimination exists and that domestic partnership is recognized; and

Be It Further Resolved that any necessary arrangements with insurers and others to bring this into effect be implemented by 1 January, 1994.

PASSED BY SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES ROUND TABLE
JUNE 26, 1993

moved STEPHENS STILLWELL, JR.

Seconded THOMAS L. WILDE}
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 Vergès
- (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 THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS, MD#8, Exhibit 48. ALA members Elaine Harger and Stephen Stillwell moved that the American Library Association urges the Librarian of Congress to recognize that closed stacks, Saturday closings of the Manuscript Reading Room, and reduced hours for use of other research rooms severely imperil the research of some scholars and hinder the day-to-day work of the Library of Congress staff; and urge the Librarian of Congress to reopen the Manuscript Reading Room on Saturday, to reopen the Library on Tuesday and Friday evenings, and to seek a middle ground on access to the stacks that would reflect the needs of security concerns, scholars, and Library of Congress staff.

After a brief discussion, ALA members Sandra Stephan and Beverly Papai moved and Membership

VOTED, To table the Resolution on the Library of Congress, MD#8.

RESOLUTION ON IFLA CONFERENCE IN HAVANA, CUBA, MD#9 Exhibit 49, AND RESOLUTION ON UNITED STATES MILITARY SURVEILLANCE INFORMATION, MD# 15, Exhibit 50. These resolutions were withdrawn from the agenda.

RESOLUTION ON DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP, MD#10, Exhibit 51. ALA members Stephen Stillwell and Thomas L. Wilding moved the members of ALA urge that a committee be established to review all ALA Headquarters personnel policies and employee benefits to ensure that no discrimination exists and that domestic partnership is recognized; and, that any necessary arrangements with insurers and others to bring this into effect be implemented by January 1, 1994.

ALA members Betty J. Blackman and Nancy M. Bolt moved and Membership then

VOTED, That since the Personnel Subcommittee of the Executive Board is charged with reviewing and recommending to the Executive Board personnel policies and practices for the ALA staff, and it has reviewed the issues of domestic partnership, the Executive Director will report to the ALA membership on the arrangements that have been investigated and implemented on these issues by January 1, 1994.