

1992-93 MD#7

## RESOLUTION ON ISRAELI CENSORSHIP

WHEREAS ALA Membership and Council during the 1992 Annual Conference in San Francisco extensively debated and ultimately approved a resolution that called upon the government of Israel "to end all censorship and human rights violations in the Occupied West Bank and Gaza, and in Israel itself," encouraged Israeli and Palestinian representatives "in the quest for a peaceful and just solution of their conflict," and encouraged ALA members "to develop ways to support librarians, journalists, educators and others working for peace, human rights and freedom of information and expression in the Middle East," expressly asking the International Relations Committee to "develop strategies" towards those ends; and

WHEREAS ALA Council at its 1993 Midwinter Meeting in Denver "amended" the original resolution by referring it back to the International Relations Committee and voting to notify all recipients of the original resolution of this action;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the American Library Association Membership now fully reaffirms the original 1992 resolution and urges ALA Council to do likewise, directing the International Relations Committee to immediately proceed with implementation;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to all the original recipients.

--Moved by Sanford Berman  
Minnesota

--Second: Alfred Kagan  
Illinois

**ALA MEMBERSHIP MEETING I**  
**Monday, June 28, 8-10 p.m.**  
**New Orleans Hilton Riverside, Grand Ballroom**

**INTRODUCTIONS.** President-Elect Hardy R. Franklin introduced newly elected 1993-94 President-Elect Arthur Curley, President Marilyn L. Miller, Parliamentarian Edwin C. Bliss, Executive Director Peggy Sullivan, ALA staff members assisting with these meetings, and guests.

**QUORUM.** A quorum was established at the beginning of each meeting.

**AGENDA, MD#1, Exhibit 44.** On motion by ALA members Bernard A. Margolis and Kathleen Imhoff, it was moved and Membership

**VOTED,** That the following items be moved to the top of the Agenda: Discussion on ALA's Involvement in International Issues; Reaffirming ALA's Support of the 1992 Resolution on Israeli Censorship, MD#7; Resolution on Mail Vote on Social Issues Policy, MD#16; and Resolution on Membership Meetings at Annual Conference, MD#18.

By **CONSENT**, the agenda was adopted as amended.

**AWARDS.** Bob Smith, chair, ALA Awards Committee, conducted the awards presentation. A list of the award recipients follows:

<b>Louise Giles Minority Scholarship</b>	<b>Roberta E. Kemp, Reference Department, Hennepin County Library, Minnetonka, MN; and Fran Martinez-Scott, Circulation Desk Manager, George Washington University Himmelfarb Medical Library, NM.</b>
<b>David Clift Scholarship</b>	<b>Marylou Hale, Library Acquisitions, University of Nevada, Las Vegas; and Karen F. Everham, St. Claire Shores, MI.</b>
<b>Tony Leisner Scholarship</b>	<b>Patricia Anne Scott, Maps Processing, Pennsylvania State University.</b>

**COUNCIL MINUTES**  
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**ALA'S INVOLVEMENT IN INTERNATIONAL ISSUES.** Beverly Lynch, incoming chair of the ALA International Relations Committee, moderated the discussion of three case studies on international issues: (1) 1994 IFLA Conference in Havana, Cuba; (2) the Seville Statement on Violence; and (3) the Resolution on Israeli Censorship. Panelists involved in the discussions were Nancy R. John, chair, International Relations Committee; Stephen J. Stillwell, Jr., Coordinator, SRRT Action Council; and Candace Morgan, chair, Intellectual Freedom Committee.

**1994 IFLA CONFERENCE IN HAVANA CUBA.** Ms. Lynch pointed out that since 1986, ALA has been involved in seeking ways to change U.S. policy prohibiting travel to Cuba in order permit United States delegates to attend the 1994 IFLA Conference. To date, no progress has been made.

Nancy John said that the IRC will continue to try to obtain an exemption for Americans to participate in the meeting, although, at this point, the Treasury Department, under the Bush administration, has ruled that an international meeting held on regular basis does not qualify for the educational exemption.

Stephen Stillwell referred to a SRRT-supported resolution on the Membership agenda that encouraged ALA to continue to try to resolve this situation.

**THE SEVILLE STATEMENT ON VIOLENCE.** Although copies of the statement were not available for distribution at this meeting, Mr. Stillwell said the statement in essence says "that human kind is not by nature violent." The statement has received endorsements from a variety of associations, and ALA's endorsement, too, is being sought.

Candace Morgan said that if the library profession went on record opposing violence, it would undermine its credibility and ability to defend certain library collections, since materials on violence are in libraries because they are part of the diversity of ideas.

**1992 RESOLUTION ON ISRAELI CENSORSHIP.** Beverly Lynch pointed out that the IRC had raised a number of policy and procedural questions with Council related to the 1992 adoption of the Resolution on Israeli Censorship. She said that the IRC was committed to helping ALA define the appropriate process and scope for acting on international concerns and for developing a policy to address those issues.

Stephen Stillwell addressed some of the criticisms directed at the Resolution on Israeli Censorship. In conclusion, he said that no one had challenged the truthfulness of the document.

**REAFFIRMING ALA'S SUPPORT OF THE 1992 RESOLUTION ON ISRAELI CENSORSHIP, MD#7, Exhibit 45.** Sanford Berman, the sponsor of the resolution, made two amendments to the resolution: (1) added the word "*and*" after the semi-colon in the second whereas clause; and (2) added a third whereas clause: "*...ALA Council on June 17, 1993 totally revoked the original resolution....*"

Then on motion by Sanford Berman and Alfred Kagan, it was moved "the American Library Association Membership now fully reaffirms the original 1992 resolution and urges ALA Council to do likewise, directing the International Relations Committee to immediately proceed with implementation; and that copies of this resolution be sent to all the original recipients." The motion was **DEFEATED**.

**RESOLUTION FOR MAIL VOTE ON SOCIAL ISSUES POLICY, MD#16, Exhibit 46.** ALA members Bernard A. Margolis and Marvin Scilken moved "that the Council of the American Library Association submit to the Association's membership, for a vote by mail on the next annual ballot, the following policy: Policy on Social Issues: 1) Issues that are of fundamental importance to the profession of librarianship. 2) Issues that are directly and clearly identified as consistent with ALA's mission and goals. 3) Issues that are ones for which ALA is recognized as an authoritative and knowledgeable source for both its membership and the national and international communities." The motion was **DEFEATED**.

**RESOLUTION ON MEMBERSHIP MEETING AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE, MD#18, Exhibit 47.** ALA members Jack Forman and Joseph A. Boisse moved and Membership

VOTED, To urge the Council of the ALA to consider amending Article II, Section 4 of the ALA Bylaws to read: "...A membership meeting shall be held during *the first two days* of the Annual Conference (*excluding days when preconferences are held*) and at other such times as may be set by the Executive Board."

**ADJOURNMENT.** The meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.