

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION ON MEMBERSHIP DUES, CD#55 (Exhibit 29). Councilor Kay Ann Cassell, chair, ALA Membership Committee, moved and by *CONSENT*, Council withdrew CD#55 from the Council III Agenda.

RESOLUTION ON ALSC ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE BOY SCOUTS, CD#56-56.1 (Exhibit 30). Councilors Michael Malinconico and Frank Iacono moved: "That the membership of the American Library Association request that the ALA Council and Executive Board enforce established ALA policy and instruct ALSC to end a formal relationship with the Boy Scouts of America."

Councilor Malinconico said that the resolution asked Council to reaffirm and act in accordance with Policy 9.5 (Relationships with Organizations Violating Human Rights), which states: "The American Library Association shall have no affiliation with, memberships in, or formal relationships with organizations which violate ALA principles and commitments to human rights and social justice as set forth in ALA's policies, procedures and position statements and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights."

He stated that the American Library Association has had an affiliation with the Boy Scouts of America for at least seventy-five years. ALA had maintained that affiliation because the Boy Scouts and the American Library Association jointly sought to promote reading among children. He said that recently, however, the Boy Scouts of America had excluded various segments of the population from its activities. Malinconico said it seemed that the Boy Scouts were teaching and promoting not only reading, but also intolerance and discrimination. He pointed out what he felt this resolution did not speak to ALA offering or denying services to the Boy Scouts of America or to public libraries or any other libraries extending services to the Boy Scouts. He said the resolution only spoke to formal affiliation between ALA and the Boy Scouts and that he hoped Council could make that distinction and not get bogged down in questions of whether ALA would continue to produce and disseminate bibliographies to the Boy Scouts.

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Councilor Mary Jane Anderson and Marilyn L. Miller, Immediate Past President, moved to amend by substitution of the following:

"Whereas, for several years questions have been raised about external groups with which ALA and its units have engaged in short-or-long term relationships, liaisons, affiliations, alliances, coalitions, promotions, etc.; and

Whereas, it has become apparent that ALA lacks clear policy, definitions and guidelines for these varying types of relationships; therefore be it

Resolved, that the ALA Council direct its Executive Board to develop a mechanism for the full review of the Association's external relationships and the drafting of policy, definitions, guidelines, and review procedures for those relationships."

Anderson said that for several years questions about different types of affiliations and relationships had arisen and that the current issue was only one piece of a larger problem. Therefore, said Anderson, it seemed appropriate that a process to address the issue start at the Executive Board level. She said that if the Board chose to refer this motion to a committee or set up a special review committee, that was its prerogative.

Councilors Norman Horrocks and Joseph Boisse moved and by *CONSENT*, Council III was extended ten minutes to complete the item on the floor.

Horrocks said he felt that the substitute motion was not germane to the main motion. He asked that the chair rule on this issue.

President Franklin asked Council to vote on whether the substitute motion was germane to the main motion, and Council

***VOTED*, That the substitute motion was germane.**

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Council then

***VOTED*, To consider the substitute motion.**

Council then

***VOTED*, To adopt the substitute motion.**

INFORMATION ITEMS, CD#62-62.9 (Exhibit 31). The following division reports were distributed as information items with no action required: CD#62, AASL; CD#62.1, ACRL; CD# 62.2, ALCTS; CD#62.3, ALSC; CD#62.4, ALTA; CD#62.5, LAMA; CD#62.6, LITA; CD#62.7, PLA; CD#62.8, RASD; and CD#62.9, YALSA.

ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

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1993-1994 Membership Document #5

ALSC Advisory Committee to the Boy Scouts of America

Whereas the American Library Association's Policy 9.5 clearly states that the "Association shall have no affiliation with, memberships in, or formal relationships with organizations which violate ALA principles and commitments to human rights and social justice as set forth in ALA's policies";

Whereas the American Library Association's policies and pronouncements have been consistently, for nearly a quarter of a century, in support of gay rights;

Whereas the Association for Library Service to Children maintains an Advisory Committee to the Boy Scouts of America;

And whereas the Boy Scouts of America has been an outspoken opponent of the rights of gays and repeatedly denied membership to gay youth and gay adult leaders;

Therefore be it resolved that the Membership of the American Library Association requests that the ALA Council and Executive Board enforce established ALA policy, and instruct ALSC to end the formal relationship with the Boy Scouts of America.

*Moved by Councilor
Michael Melencos
Fontainebleau*

Moved by: Stephen J. Stillwell, Jr.
ALA member (Fontainebleau)

*Seconded by Frank Jacono, Chapter Councilor
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Seconded by Thomas L. Wilding
ALA member (Fontainebleau)

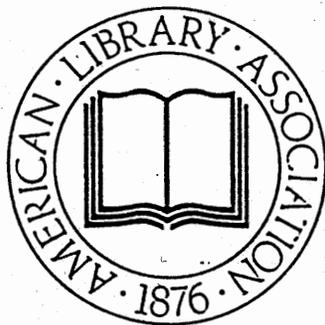
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MEMORANDUM

June 1994

TO: ALSC Executive Committee
FROM: Susan Roman
RE: Boy Scouts of America

In response to your request to provide background information regarding the Boy Scouts of America (BSA), here is a fact sheet that presents a brief chronology of the history of the BSA and its relationship with the American Library Association (ALA). It is not a comprehensive listing, rather it is intended to highlight major actions or major issues presented to the Association regarding the Scouts.

- 1915 Franklin K. Mathiews, librarian of the Boy Scouts, speaking at the American Booksellers Association Convention, proposes that the last week in November or the first in December, be designated Children's Book Week. His intention is to give the boys more direction in reading and to call the attention of parents and others to the importance of worthwhile reading for young people.
- October 1916 Frederic G. Melcher plays decisive role in making Book Week a universally accepted observance. *Publishers Weekly*, October 14, 1916, carries full account of progress toward a Good Book Week by ABA, BSA, and ALA. The Parent-Teachers Association joins in the promotion.
- June 1919 At the ALA Annual Conference the Children's Services Division votes to cooperate in promotion of Children's Book Week.
- November 1919 First Children's Book Week is held.
- 1950s-60s Establishment of Boy Scouts of America

Advisory Committee. The Committee is established to develop booklists for Merit Badge Books.

August 1973

ALSC members have their first booth on the Merit Badge Midway of the quadrennial Boy Scout National Jamboree. Over 50,000 Scouts visit the booth, where free books donated by publishers are distributed. Scouts can earn a reading badge at the Jamboree.

Summer 1985

Exhibit at BSA Jamboree attracts 30,000 scouts and their families as well as visitors. Of these, 110 scouts worked on Reading Badge, with 63 partially completing the work.

January 1988

ALSC Board votes to have Organization and Bylaws (O&B) Committee study charge of BSA Advisory Committee and Liaison with National Organizations Serving the Child Committee and report to Board at Annual Conference 1988. This study is to examine why the committee is a stand-alone committee and why it has its own budget.

May 1988

In regard to questions raised by ALSC members, BSA responds by letter to questions asked by ALSC pertaining to women in scouting, scouts with disabilities, and homosexuality.

June 1988

O&B recommends that 1) ALSC's BSA Advisory Committee continue its current relationship with BSA, and 2) that ALSC approach again other organizations such as Campfire Girls and Girl Scouts and renew offer to work with them. The Board discusses BSA's exclusion of children who are not in accordance with their principles. The Board also discusses the possibility of having a more positive influence by working with the scouts. The Board votes to table O&B's recommendations until an appointed task force studies the matter and reports at Midwinter 1989.

January 1989

Task force reports to ALSC Board after considering the following:

- o O&B recommendations;

- o ALA policies including Section One, subsection 9, Relationships to Other Organizations; Library Bill of Rights, policy 53.1; Gay Rights, policy 54.17; Equal Employment Opportunity, policy 54.2; and "Affiliation with other Organizations", policy 9.2; and
- o correspondence from concerned members.

Other items discussed are expenses for Jamboree travel, costs of reading patches (which are recouped), and BSA policies. Votes that Boy Scouts of America Advisory Committee continue to fulfill its charge as stated in the The ALA Handbook of Organization.

June 1993

Task Force to Examine the Structure and Function of the Liaison to National Organizations Serving the Child Committee reports back. They revisited the 1988 Task Force findings and considered recent memo from several ALSC Board members expressing concern over BSA policies. The Board reaffirms that providing access to high quality literature to a hard-to-reach group outweighs the concerns.

During the Annual Conference, ALSC learned through the rumor-mill that SRRT planned to introduce a resolution to question ALSC's working with the BSA.

July 1993

Stephen Stillwell, Coordinator of the SRRT Action Council, writes to ALSC President Kathy East informing her that SRRT sees ALSC's BSA Advisory Committee as being in conflict with ALA policy 9.5

Nancy Hackett, past chair of the BSA Advisory Committee, sends draft resolution for the ALSC Board to consider reaffirming the relationship between ALSC and BSA.

Mary Kay Chelton, ALSC member and SRRT member, challenges Sanford Berman regarding the cutting off of information service to kids, thereby punishing them doubly: first, by the restrictive nature of BSA and its lack of diversity, and second, by withdrawing bibliographies and assistance with Reading

Merit Badge. There ensues a flurry of mail and e-mail discussion.

November 1993

ALSC Executive Committee considers SRRT's concerns. In a letter back to S. Stillwell, K. East responds that the ALSC Executive Committee reaffirms the reports of the 1988 Task Force and the 1993 Task Force, both supporting the BSA Advisory Committee's fulfillment of its charge as stated in *The ALA Handbook of Organization*. The Executive Committee members feel strongly that ALSC is operating within ALA's guidelines and policies. The primary goal of ALSC is to provide the best possible library service to all children.

December 1993

S. Berman writes to ALA Executive Director Peggy Sullivan requesting that the BSA Advisory Committee be disbanded immediately until such time as the BSA no longer discriminate against homosexuals.

March/April 1994

S. Stillwell writes to the ALA Executive Board advising of his displeasure with ALSC's response and his intention of bringing a resolution to the Membership Meeting at the Miami Annual Conference.

April 1994

S. Berman requests that the ALA Executive Board order ALSC to sever its relationship with BSA, because he views this relationship as being in conflict with ALA policies #9.2 and #9.5.

April 1994

At its spring meeting, the ALA Executive Board discusses the issues raised by S. Berman. They note that ALA policies may be in conflict if strictly enforced; for example, the Human Rights Policy (#9.5) with Access to Information Policy (#1.2 and 1.3.1) or the Library Bill of Rights (#53.1). They also note that BSA is only one of many organizations that may possibly be in conflict with portions of ALA policy. Viewing this as a bigger issue than just ALSC and BSA, they refer the matter to Policy Monitoring Committee to look for possible conflict in policy and for examination of

ALA's relationship with all of the organizations listed in The ALA Handbook of Organization. The Policy Monitoring Committee is to report back to the Executive Board.

cc: Peggy Sullivan
Donna Dziedzic

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