

Councilor Beverly Lynch cited the 1993 disbanding of the similar Standing Committee on Review, Inquiry, and Mediation (SCRIM) and pointed out that because ALA is made up of personal and institutional members, it was never clear whom ALA ought to represent when it was asked to investigate disputes between parties. After hearing varying other opinions,

Council then

VOTED, To defeat the adoption of CD#72, Resolution on ALA and Professional Disputes in Libraries Involving the Infringement of Librarians' Rights and Responsibilities, which read: "That the association creates a standing committee to deal with egregious violations of professional rights and responsibilities of librarians within libraries themselves; and, that such a committee should be empowered to investigate and come to judgment about appropriate instances brought to its attention; and, that the committee can propose censure, remedies or the mediation of such disputes as involve infringement of librarians' rights as spelled out in our policy manual."

RESOLUTION ON ALA MEMBERSHIP MEETING QUORUM, CD#73, Exhibit 12. Councilor Mark Rosenzweig moved and Council

VOTED, To defeat the adoption of CD#73, Resolution on ALA Membership Meeting Quorum, which read: "That ALA modifies the quorum requirements by setting it at 100; and, that ALA schedule membership meetings at a time and place which facilitates the convening of such a meeting; and, that ALA affirm the importance of membership meetings at Annual Conferences by recognizing those quorum rules are meant to facilitate rather than render impossible the convening of such meetings; and, that the Bylaws change on the quorum be re-submitted for a membership vote at the earliest opportunity with a recommendation from Council to adjust the quorum for the purpose of facilitating the holding, once again, of membership meetings."

RESOLUTION ON COMPENSATION FOR SPEAKERS AT ALA'S ANNUAL CONFERENCES AND MIDWINTER MEETINGS, CD#74, Exhibit 13. Councilor Stephen Peter LaBash moved the adoption of CD#74, Resolution on Compensation for Speakers at ALA's Annual Conferences and Midwinter Meetings, which read: "That no speaker be provided compensation in the form of payments or honoraria of more than \$15,000 from Association funds; and, that expenditures for travel, housing, food and other incidentals be no more that \$5,000 from Association funds; and, that increases in such funding be limited to 6% per year from the date of implementation of this resolution."

Although this resolution was prompted by General Colin Powell's invitation to be the keynote speaker at the 1999 ALA Opening General Session and the dispute over his speaker fee, LaBash said that CD#74 was not intended as a referendum against Colin Powell. He said it was intended only to direct how much ALA could spend on program speakers, but did not prohibit ALA from seeking private or corporate sponsors for speakers. LaBash denied that offering guidance to the leadership on how ALA funds should be spent in certain areas is micromangement.

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Resolution

ALA Membership Meeting Quorum

Whereas ALA is a membership organization and

Whereas the quorum for convening membership meetings has been set so high that no membership meeting has been able to convene since the upward change in attendees needed for a quorum was instituted and

Whereas a membership organization should have membership meetings at Annual conferences which can consider proposals etc. and refer items to be voted on by an elected Council

Therefore, be it resolved that ALA modifies the quorum requirements by setting it at 100 and

Be it further resolved that ALA schedule membership meetings at a time and place which facilitates the convening of such a meeting and

Be it resolved as well that ALA affirms the importance of membership meetings at Annual conferences by recognizing those quorum rules are meant to facilitate rather than render impossible the convening of such meetings and finally,

Be it resolved that the by-laws change on the quorum be re-submitted for a membership vote at the earliest opportunity with a recommendation from Council to adjust the quorum for the purpose of facilitating the holding, once again, of membership meetings.

Submitted by Mark C. Rosenzweig – Councilor – at- Large
Seconded by:
Michael A. Golrick Connecticut Chapter Councilor
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Resolutions Committee Notes: Implications in the area of Article II, Sec. 4 of ALA Bylaws for time of meeting. Further implications in Article II, Sec. 6 of Bylaws regarding quorum. May need Constitution and By-Laws Committee attention and/or addressing by Conference Committee.

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