

ALA Council II
Tuesday, June 27, 2006, 9:15am-12:45pm
Morial Convention Center, La Nouvelle Orleans Ballroom
New Orleans, LA

Presiding: Michael Gorman, ALA President
Assisting: Leslie B. Burger, ALA President-Elect
Secretary of Council: Keith Michael Fiels, ALA Executive Director
Parliamentarian: Eli Mina

Order of Business

****Time Allowance**

- **Call to Order** 10 Mins
 - Introductions and Announcements,
Michael Gorman, ALA President
 - Establishing the Quorum, *(75 Councillors constitute a quorum)*
Michael Gorman, ALA President
 - Agenda Review, **Michael Gorman, ALA President,**
ALA CD#8.6 Revised

(New Items May be Introduced Here)
- **Reports of ALA/Council Committees**
 - Policy Monitoring Committee Report, 10 Mins.
Councilor Stephen L. Matthews, Chair, ALA CD#17.1
 - Budget Analysis and Review Committee 10 Mins.
on Resolution for a Graduated Dues Structure Study,
Patty M. Wong, Chair, BARC, ALA CD#33.2

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****The estimated time allowance is for advisory purposes only. If additional time is needed for any item, it will be taken, subject to the wishes of Council.**

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- **Reports of Officers**

- ALA Treasurer's Report, 20 Mins.
Teri R. Switzer, ALA Treasurer, ALA CD#13.4
- Approval of the Annual Estimates of Income FY2007/
Budgetary Ceiling for FY2007 10 Mins
Teri R. Switzer, ALA Treasurer, ALA CD#13.4

- **Reports of Special Committees/Groups**

- Freedom to Read Foundation Report, 10 Mins.
John W. Berry, President, ALA CD#22.1

- **New Business**

- Resolution on the Darfur Genocide , **ALA CD#50** 10 Mins.

New Business and/or Continuance of the Agenda

- **Announcements, Keith Michael Fiels, ALA Executive Director and ALA Secretary of Council**

- **Adjournment, Michael Gorman, ALA President**

(Laughter)

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So, thank you for your time.

>> PRES. MICHAEL GORMAN: Are there any questions or comments for the Freedom to Read Board foundation President, John W. Berry? Well, thank you for your usual excellent report.

(Applause)

>> JOHN W. BERRY: Thank you.

RESOLUTION ON THE DARFUR GENOCIDE, ALA CD#50

>> PRES. MICHAEL GORMAN: The chair now calls on Larry Hardesty, chair of the resolutions committee, to inform Council of any policy implications related to the following ALA membership resolution, which is now ALA Council Document 50, the resolution on the Darfur genocide.

Microphone number 5.

>> LARRY HARDESTY: Councilor-at-Large and chair of the resolutions committee. The resolutions committee looked at this and there are no policy implications.

>> PRES. MICHAEL GORMAN: Thank you. I was informed that you were going to read the resolved clause, is that -- this resolution comes to us from the membership meeting. So...

>> LARRY HARDESTY: "Therefore, be it resolved that the American Library Association Council urge all the relevant ALA units and the profession at large to highlight and explain that Darfur

genocide through collections, program, display, resource guides and other suitable means."

>> PRES. MICHAEL GORMAN: Thank you. Any discussion?
Microphone number 3.

>> CAROLYN CAYWOOD: IFRT Councilor. I have an amendment to add a second resolved clause, which has been submitted and seconded. The resolved clause would be "And be it further resolved that the American Library Association call upon publishers to actively seek material at both lay and scholarly levels to add to public understanding of Darfur and other genocidal conflicts." And my second is Al Kagan.

>> PRES. MICHAEL GORMAN: Darfur I'm informed is spelled that way. So the amendment --

>> CAROLYN CAYWOOD: Thank you.

>> PRES. MICHAEL GORMAN: Do you have a second?

>> CAROLYN CAYWOOD: Al Kagan.

>> PRES. MICHAEL GORMAN: Any discussion on the amendment?
Say it again?

Maybe it's just me, but I don't really understand what "actively seeking materials" means.

Microphone number 3.

>> CAROLYN CAYWOOD: Well, I meant to find materials and publish it.

>> PRES. MICHAEL GORMAN: Actively seek to publish materials?
Something like that?

>> CAROLYN CAYWOOD: Okay.

>> PRES. MICHAEL GORMAN: I'm just asking a clarification. It's not for me to change the resolution.

Microphone number 6.

>> PETER McDONALD: Councilor-at-Large. I suggested that we have a friendly amendment that it be "seek and publish." Just seeking it out as publishers.

I don't know whether -- do I have a fill out a form if that is a friendly amendment?

>> PRES. MICHAEL GORMAN: I think a friendly amendment,

if accepted by Councilor Caywood, is typed into the projected edition.

>> CAROLYN CAYWOOD: Accepted.

>> PETER McDONALD: I believe it clarifies it.

>> PRES. MICHAEL GORMAN: So it's still Councilor Carolyn Caywood's amendment as clarified.

>> CAROLYN CAYWOOD: Thank you both.

>> PRES. MICHAEL GORMAN: Discussion on the amendment? Microphone number 2. Any discussion on the amendment to add this clause as amended in a friendly manner?

Do you wish to wait until it's up on the screen again? Or can we proceed? There we are. "Resolved that the ALA call upon publishers to actively" -- we have another typo. " -- to actively seek and publish materials at both lay and scholarly levels" --

(Laughter)

Just so we're clear, "Resolved that the ALA call upon publishers to actively seek and publish materials at both lay and scholarly levels to add to public understanding of Darfur and other genocidal conflicts."

Any discussion of the amendment?

All those in favor -- microphone number 3.

>> JANET SWAN HILL: Clarification, please. Janet Swan Hill, member of the Executive Board. How do we call upon -- how does ALA call upon publishers?

>> Cell phone!

>> PRES. MICHAEL GORMAN: I think the answer is by a method to be selected by the Executive Director.

Microphone number 5.

>> MELORA RANNEY NORMAN: Maine Chapter Councilor. And I'm thinking that if this might end up in the policy manual, might it be acceptable or reasonable to remove "Of Darfur" and "other?" And say that "the ALA call upon publishers to actively seek and publish materials at both lay and scholarly levels to add to public understanding of genocidal conflicts. Having said Darfur, we made this point for resolution but for policy. It's better to not be rooted in Darfur, in my opinion.

>> PRES. MICHAEL GORMAN: Sorry. This motion to amend now belongs to the Council. I don't know how the Council collectively accepts a friendly amendment.

Any objection to removing the words "Darfur and other" from the additional clause? Any objection? Yes, I see objection. Carry on discussion of the amendment. Microphone number 8.

>> NANCY BOLT: Chapter Councilor from Colorado. I want to follow up again on what Janet Swan Hill asked. There is a lot of publishers. And just -- this is another example where the intention behind this is a really good intention to highlight the Darfur genocide and other genocides, and to ask publishers, but are we going to ask the romance publishers to do a romance book about it?

>> Yes!

>> NANCY BOLT: So where does this put poor Executive Director Fiels in trying how to contact all the publishers --

>> PRES. MICHAEL GORMAN: Poor Executive Director Fiels will now respond.

>> EXEC. DIR. KEITH MICHAEL FIELDS: What we would do is obviously to issue a press release, publicize it in American Libraries online, because of the library connection, post it on our Web site, and in addition we do have a joint committee with the American Association of Publishers. So I would share this with that organization and let them if they would be kind to let their membership know through their communication methods. I think that would be the most effective method.

(Applause)

>> PRES. MICHAEL GORMAN: Thank you. I know the humor in the last few minutes is directed at ourselves, but this is a very serious matter, and maybe we should approach it with due seriousness.

>> JIM RETTIG: Member of the Executive Board. I think it would also be not too onerous for either the Executive Director or the President to write a letter to publishers.

>> PRES. MICHAEL GORMAN: Thank you for the suggestion. Any further discussion on the amendment? Seeing none, all those in favor of the amendment, please raise one of your hands.

(Showing of hands)

Opposed?

(Showing of hands)

The resolution is amended. Mark your ballot CD 50 amend.

Any further discussion of the resolution as amended? Microphone number 4.

>> SUE KAMM: Councilor-at-Large. In the first whereas clause, I believe there is a typo. It should be the "country of Sudan," not "Susan."

(Laughter)

>> PRES. MICHAEL GORMAN: My resolve to approach this with all due seriousness is under undue strain.

Any further discussion of the resolution?

Seeing none, all in favor of the resolution as amended, please raise one of your hands.

(Showing of hands)

All opposed?

(Showing of hands.)

The resolution as amended carries. Please mark your ballot CD 50 as amended.

The Council is -- I already said that.

NEW BUSINESS

There being no new business during this morning's session of Council, I now -- actually, before I call upon Keith Michael Fiels, I may have made a lame joke about being listed as President-Elect before the break. That was in no way intended to criticize our wonderful captionist, Patricia Graves, who does such a fantastic job.

(Applause)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

I will now call upon Keith Michael Fiels, ALA Executive Director and Secretary of the ALA Council, for announcements.

>> EXEC. DIR. KEITH MICHAEL FIELS: Hello. I'd like to provide