

ACTIONS OF THE ALA COUNCIL 2019 ALA Annual Conference

ALA COUNCIL I Sunday, June 23, 2019

By CONSENT, Adopted ALA CD#2.1, 2019 Midwinter Meeting Council Minutes as distributed.

By CONSENT, Approved the following slate of candidates for the elections of (4) councilors to serve on the ALA Committee on Committees.

The first four (4) candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be elected to 1-year term (2019-2020). Candidates: **Raymond Pun**, Instruction and Research Librarian, Alder Graduate School of Education, Palo Alto, CA; **Oscar Baeza** Librarian/Associate Professor, El Paso Community College, El Paso, TX; **Emily Clasper**, Director of Strategic Strategies, University of Rochester, Rochester, NY; **Ana Elisa De Campos Salles**, Senior Librarian, Palo Alto City Library, Palo Alto, CA; **Johana Orellana Cabrera**, Adult Services Librarian, North Richland Hills Library Eules, TX; **Sarah Thornbery**, Teacher-Librarian, Springboro Jr. High School Library Springboro, OH; **Elissia Buell**, Librarian, Oxnard, CA; **Leslie Preddy**, Library Media Specialist, Perry Meridian Middle School Greenwood, IN

NO FLOOR NOMINATIONS

(Report of the ALA Council Committee on Committees, ALA CD#12)

By CONSENT, Approved the following slate of candidates for the elections of (5) councilors to serve on the ALA Planning and Budget Assembly.

The first three (3) Chapter Councilor candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be elected to 2-year term (2019-2021). Candidates: **Sarah Robbins** Director, Public Services & Strategic Initiatives, University of Oklahoma Libraries, Norman, OK; **Jayne Blodgett**, Assistant Dean, University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, CO; **Kevin Reynolds**, Dean of the Library, Wofford College Sandor Teszler Library, Spartanburg, SC; **Jennifer Dean**, Dean of University Libraries & Instructional Technology, University of Detroit Mercy, Detroit, MI; **Susan Jennings**, Dean of Library Services, Chattanooga State Community College, Chattanooga, TN and **Paula Laurita**, Director, Athens-Limestone Public Library, Athens, AL

The first two (2) Councilor At-Large candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be elected to 2-year term (2019-2021). Candidates: **Muzghan Israfil Nazarova** Turkic Languages Librarian, Library of Congress, Durham, NC; **Brenda Pruitt-Annisette**, Adjunct Faculty, University of Houston - Clear Lake, Houston, TX; **Catherine Damiani**, Library Director, Tiverton Public Library, East Providence, RI and **Mario Gonzalez**, Executive Director, Passaic Public Library, Passaic, NJ

NO FLOOR NOMINATIONS

(Report of the ALA Council Committee on Committees, ALA CD#12.1)

VOTED, to refer ALA CD#49, Resolution in Defense of the Free Speech of Supporters of the Movement for Palestinian Rights to the Committee on Legislation, Committee on Intellectual Freedom & International Relations Committee, which will report to Council at ALA Midwinter Meeting 2020.

ADOPTED AS AMENDED, ALA CD #50, under “Resolved Clause”-Resolution on Renaming the Melvil Dewey Medal:

Resolved, that the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members, rename the Melvil Dewey Medal to remove Melvil Dewey's association with the award. The Resolution will go to the Awards Committee for renaming and any structural changes to the award that need to be made.

ADOPTED AS AMENDED, ALA CD #50, under “Whereas Clause”-Resolution on Renaming the Melvil Dewey Medal:

Whereas ~~Melvil Dewey~~ **the resort owned by Melvil Dewey and his wife Annie Roberts Godfrey** did not permit Jewish people, African Americans, or other minorities admittance; ² ~~to the resort owned by Dewey and his wife~~

ALA COUNCIL II Monday, June 24, 2019

APPROVED, ALA CD#27.1, ALA Committee on Organization, added representatives to the Rural, Native and Tribal Library of All Kinds Committee (RNTLOAK)

Resolved, that the Council approves two additional representatives from Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services (ABOS) and from Association for Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL) respectively to the Rural, Native, and Tribal Libraries of All Kinds Committee (RNTLOAK).

(Report of the ALA Committee on Organization, ALA CD#27.1)

APPROVED, ALA CD#25.1, ALA Constitution and Bylaws Committee, proposed changes to ALA Bylaws Article VI, Section 1& Article VII, Section 1

1. New language to clarify the status of a councilor of a division or round table going through the discontinuance process.

Revised language of Article VI and VII:

Article VI. Divisions

Section 1. **The Council may establish divisions under the following conditions:**
(Delete)

- a. The Council may authorize the organization as a division of any group of not less than 500 members of the Association who are interested in the same field of librarianship, upon petition of such group. Under exceptional circumstances, the Council may admit as divisions, groups having fewer than 500 members.
- b. The Council by a vote of two consecutive meetings may discontinue a division when, in the opinion of the Council, the usefulness of the division as ceased.
- c. **A division that is going through the process of discontinuance is entitled to council representation until it is officially discontinued. (Add)**

Article VII. Round Tables

Section 1. **The Council may establish round tables under the following conditions: (Delete)**

- a. The Council may authorize the organization as a round table of any group of not less than 500 members of the Association who are interested in the same field of librarianship not within the scope of any division, upon petition of such group which shall include a statement of purpose.
- b. The Council may discontinue a round table, when in the opinion of the Council, the usefulness of that round table has cease.
- c. **A roundtable that is entitled to a councilor and is going through the process of discontinuance is entitled to council representation until it is officially discontinued. (Add)**

APPROVED, ALA CD#25.1, ALA Constitution and Bylaws, proposed changes to ALA Bylaws Article II, Section 5

2. Insertion of “electronic voting”

Revised language of Article II. Meetings:

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Section 5. *Votes by Mail/Electronic voting*

- a. By petition of one percent of the personal voting membership, as certified by the Executive Director, membership referenda shall be placed on the annual ballot for a vote by mail/**electronic voting**. A petition for a membership referenda must be filed with the Executive Director at least four months before the annual conference.
- b. The Executive Board may authorize votes by mail/**electronic voting** of both the Association and of the Council between meetings.
- c. For votes by Council, fifty percent of the voting membership shall constitute a quorum and a **majority** of those voting shall be required to carry.
- d. For votes by the Association, twenty-five percent of the voting membership shall constitute a quorum and a majority of those voting shall be required to carry.
- e. The Executive Board shall have authority to set the time limit during which votes will be recorded but if no such time limit is set no vote shall be counted unless received within thirty days from the day the text of the ballot or question voted upon was mailed/**electronic voting**, properly addressed, to those entitled to vote on the matter involved. In the case of a vote by mail by the Association, the Executive Board may designate publication of the ballot or question submitted in the official journal of the Association as the appropriate method of submitting the matter to the members for their determination.

3. changing the majority needed to carry a Council vote taken by mail/electronic vote

(Report of the ALA Constitution and Bylaws, ALA CD#25.1)

ADOPTED, ALA CD 19.7, ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee, “Library-Initiated Programs and Displays as a Resource: An Interpretation of the *Library Bill of Rights*”

ADOPTED, ALA CD 19.8, ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee, “Diverse Collections: An Interpretation of the *Library Bill of Rights*”

ADOPTED, ALA CD 19.9, ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee, “Minors and Online Activity: An Interpretation of the *Library Bill of Rights*”

ADOPTED, ALA CD 19.10, ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee, “Privacy: An Interpretation of the *Library Bill of Rights*”

ADOPTED, ALA CD 19.11, ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee, “User-Generated Content in Library Discovery Systems: An Interpretation of the *Library Bill of Rights*”

(Report of the ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee, ALA CD#19.5-19.11)

ALA COUNCIL III
TUESDAY, June 25, 2019

ADOPTED, ALA CD 19.13, ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee, “Education and Information Literacy: An Interpretation of the *Library Bill of Rights*”

ADOPTED, ALA CD 19.14, ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee, “Economic Barriers to Information Access: An Interpretation of the *Library Bill of Rights*”

ADOPTED, ALA CD 19.15, ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee, “User Initiated Exhibits, Displays, and Bulletin Boards: An Interpretation of the *Library Bill of Rights*”

ADOPTED, ALA CD 19.16, ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee, “Access to Digital Resources and Services: An Interpretation of the *Library Bill of Rights*”

ADOPTED, ALA CD 19.17, ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee, “Evaluating Library Collections: An Interpretation of the *Library Bill of Rights*”

ADOPTED, ALA CD 19.18, ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee, “Access to Library Resources and Services for Minors: An Interpretation of the *Library Bill of Rights*”

ADOPTED, ALA CD 19.19, ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee, “Rating Systems: An Interpretation of the *Library Bill of Rights*”

ADOPTED, ALA CD 19.20 and 24.3, ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee and the Committee on Professional Ethics, “Intellectual Freedom Advocacy and Education

(Report of the ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee, ALA CD#19.12-19.20)

APPROVED, ALA CD 42, to extend the Taskforce for Online Deliberation & Voting until Midwinter 2020.

(Report of the ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee, ALA CD#42)

ADOPTED, ALA CD 52, Resolution on Library Service for Children in Detention at Migrant Detention Centers

Resolved, that the American Library Association

1. Denounces the existence of family and youth detention centers;
2. Denounces the ongoing deplorable conditions in family and youth detention centers;
3. Denounces the removal of educational and recreational programming, such as storytimes, from youth detention centers and calls for the reestablishment of these programs;
4. Urges libraries with detention centers in or near their service areas to reach out to and work with local authorities, schools, and governmental support agencies;
5. Strongly encourages libraries to perform outreach and provide access to materials for both education and entertainment in a variety of formats and media in as many languages as possible as appropriate for the populations being served;
6. Strongly encourages libraries and library workers to provide services to migrant families and reexamine their policies to resolve any barriers to access presented to the access to services.

VOTED TO SUPPORT, ALA CD 53, Resolution on Digital Content Pricing for libraries

Resolved, that the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members:

1. Creates a joint working group of representatives from ALA, ULC, ASGCLA, COSLA, PLA, LITA, ALCTS, RUSA, SLA and other members to be determined to address library concerns with publishers and content providers specifically:
 - a. to develop a variety of digital content license models that will allow libraries to provide content more effectively, allowing options to choose between one-at-a-time, metered, and other options to be made at point of sale;
 - b. to make all content available in print and for which digital variants have been created to make the digital content equally available to libraries without moratorium or embargo;
 - c. to explore all fair options for delivering content digitally in libraries;
 - d. to urge Congress to explore digital content pricing and licensing models to ensure democratic access to information
2. Develops an advocacy and public awareness campaign to provide accurate information about the true value of library purchasing of digital, all library materials to publishers.