

Policy Monitoring Committee: Report to ALA Council
2014 Midwinter Meeting

Based on a review of Council actions at the 2013 ALA Annual Conference in Chicago, IL, the Policy Monitoring Committee finds one item that requires Council action.

Action Item #1: Prayer in ALA Meetings

At the 2013 ALA Annual Conference, the ALA Council adopted a Resolution on Prayer in ALA Meetings (2012-2013 ALA CD #44), as amended to read:

“The American Library Association, as a secular institution in a country that is increasingly diverse religiously, refrains from having public prayers during its meetings. Moments of silence may be observed during meetings.”

PMC moves that the text be incorporated without the secondary phrasing into the *ALA Policy Manual* as Policy A.7.4.1.2 as follows:

“The American Library Association refrains from having public prayers during its meetings. Moments of silence may be observed during meetings.”

The Committee would like to thank our staff liaison, Lois Ann Gregory Wood, for her knowledge sharing, her patience, and her cheerful, ready assistance.

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