

**2014 MIDWINTER MEETING
IMPLEMENTATION REPORT
ON ALA COUNCIL ACTIONS
TAKEN AT THE
2013 ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2013 ANNUAL CONFERENCE COUNCIL ACTIONS

ALA Policy A.4.2.4 requires the Executive Board or its delegates to report to Council on the status of implementation of motions and resolutions passed by Council during the preceding year. The report shall be entered in the Council minutes.

Document Number/Title of Document: ALA CD#37 (rev. 6/28/13), Resolution Reaffirming ALA's Commitment to Basic Literacy

Implementation Action: The ALA Council *ADOPTED*, ALA CD#37 (rev. 6/28/13), Resolution Reaffirming ALA's Commitment to Basic Literacy, which read: "That the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members:

1. reaffirms and supports the principle that lifelong literacy is a basic right for all individuals in our society and is essential to the welfare of the nation;
2. reaffirms the core value of basic literacy as foundational for people of all ages and is the building block for developing other literacies.
3. urges all ALA units and libraries of all types to actively seek and develop partnerships with other literacy providers; and
4. urges all ALA units and libraries of all types to make learning to read a high priority by incorporating literacy initiatives into programs and services for all users."

Dissemination: Council's action on the resolution was sent to the following: the ALA Council; *American Libraries*; a press release was also issued by the ALA Public Information Office, which was picked up for distribution by *AL Direct*.

Document Number/Title of Document: ALA CD#40, Declaration for the Right to Libraries Resolution

Implementation Action: The ALA Council *ADOPTED* ALA CD#40, *Declaration for the Right to Libraries* Resolution, as amended to read: "That the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members:

1. endorses the *Declaration for the Right to Libraries*; and
2. urges that the American Library Association work to support and engage libraries and communities across the country in signing the *Declaration for the Right to Libraries*."

Document Number/Title of Document: ALA CD#40, Declaration for the Right to Libraries Resolution (*cont.*)

Dissemination: Council’s action on the resolution was sent to the following: the ALA Council; *American Libraries*; a press release was also issued by the ALA Public Information Office, which was picked up for distribution by *AL Direct*.

Posters, signing sheets and other materials for the Declaration are [available now](#). Additionally, individual library supporters have the option to [sign the Declaration](#) online. Advocates can follow the Declaration campaign on social media.

Document Number/Title of Document: ALA CD#47, Resolution Commending the Freedom to Read Foundation (FTRF) for Defending Videogames

Implementation Action: The ALA Council ***ADOPTED*** ALA CD#47, Resolution Commending the Freedom to Read Foundation (FTRF) for Defending Videogames, which read: “That the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members:

1. commends the FTRF for recognizing videogames as a non-print medium in libraries worthy of First Amendment protections;
2. continues to support the Freedom to Read Foundation (FTRF) in defense of libraries when presented with challenges to videogames included in gaming collections;
3. continues to support the Freedom to Read Foundation (FTRF) and supports Game-RT so that it may be a ‘force for initiating and supporting game programming in libraries’; and
4. continues to stand by the Freedom to Read Foundation (FTRF) in alignment with the researchers, politicians and institutions that challenge unscientific studies attributing violent behavior to videogames.”

Dissemination: Council’s action on the resolution was sent to Jonathan Kelley FTRF program officer, for appropriate distribution.

Document Number/Title of Document: ALA CD#49, Draft Resolution on Digitization of U.S. Government Documents

Implementation Action: The ALA Council *REFERRED* ALA CD#49, Draft Resolution on Digitization of U.S. Government Documents, to the Committee on Legislation. The resolution read: “That the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members:

1. supports and encourages the preservation of Federal Depository Libraries’ (FDL) paper collections;
2. opposes policies that would result in the destruction of FDL paper collections;
3. supports technologies that guarantee long-term, robust, verifiable, complete, accurate, authentic, preservable, and usable digital formats; and
4. works with the Government Printing Office (GPO) and the FDL community on developing procedures to authenticate and ingest digital content into FDsys digitizations that come from FDL libraries and federal agencies; and
5. supports the creation of an inventory of digitized government publications with records that include information on quality, completeness, accuracy, features, availability, limitations, costs, utility, and trusted preservation, and provide links to records in OCLC and GPO's *Catalog of U.S. Government Publications* so that libraries can download batch MARC metadata.”

Response: The Committee on Legislation (COL) will report to Council on the resolution at the 2014 Midwinter Meeting.

Document Number/Title of Document: Council Committee on Organization, ALA CD#27.1, Item #1

Implementation Action: The ALA Council *VOTED* that all members of the ALA Scholarships and Study Grants Committee (SSCG) be appointed by the president-elect and the size of the committee be reduced from 11 members to 7 members, including the chair.

Response: The Scholarships and Study Grants Committee (SSCG) is now operating under its new size and composition.

Document Number/Title of Document: Council Committee on Organization, ALA CD#27.1, Item #2

Implementation Action: The ALA Council *VOTED* to retire the current Committee Information Update form, to be replaced by a semi-annual report by each ALA committee and each Council committee that, as appropriate, addresses:

- Accomplishments
- Planned activities
- Issues that affect the committee's work and their implications for the future
- Interactions with other units within ALA
- Relationship of the committee's work to the ALA strategic plan
- Current level of committee members' involvement (more substantive than an attendance roll)
- Committee self-check on its value and viability (update charge, discontinue committee, consolidate with another, change structure, other observations)
- Other issues of each committee's own devising (ALA CD#27.1, Item #2)

Dissemination: Council's action was sent to all of the ALA and Council committees for their implementation.

Document Number/Title of Document: Policy Monitoring Committee Report, Items#1-3.

Implementation Action: The ALA Council *APPROVED* the following recommendations:

1. That the following text be incorporated into the *ALA Policy Manual* as Policy B.8.5.2.1:

B.8.5.2.1. Protect Library User Confidentiality in Self-Service Hold Practices.

ALA urges all libraries that implement self-service holds to protect patron identity by adopting practices and procedures that conceal the library user's personally identifiable information in connection with the materials being borrowed; and, urges libraries, librarians, and the responsible bodies of ALA to work with vendors to incorporate applications into integrated library systems that enable libraries to conceal a library user's identity in a cost-effective manner. (ALA CD#17.1, Item #1)

Document Number/Title of Document: Policy Monitoring Committee Report, Items#1-3
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Implementation Action: The ALA Council **APPROVED** the following recommendations:

2. That the revised text of the Guidelines for Preparation of Council Resolutions, as outlined in ALA CD#17.1, Item #2, be incorporated into Policy A.4.2.3 of the *ALA Policy Manual*.
3. That the revised text of Guidelines for Preparation of Resolution for Membership Meetings, as out lined in ALA CD#17.1, Item #3, be incorporated into Policy A.7.4.10 of the *ALA Policy Manual*.

Response: The policy changes have been incorporated into the online *ALA Policy Manual*.

Document Number/Title of Document: Constitution and Bylaws Committee Report, ALA CD#25, Item #1

Implementation Action: The ALA Council **VOTED** to approve the application for affiliate status for the Library and Information Association of New Zealand Aotearoa (LIANZA).

Response: Council's action was transmitted to the Library and Information Association of New Zealand Aotearoa (LIANZA). It is now an official ALA affiliate organization.

Document Number/Title of Document: Constitution and Bylaws Committee Report, ALA CD#25, Item #2

Implementation Action: The ALA Council **VOTED** to approve the following two editorial changes to the ALA Bylaws, pursuant to Article XI, Section 2 of the ALA Bylaws.

Under Article I, Membership, Section 5: "The category to which any personal member belongs, except Honorary and Life Members, shall not be specified in the Directory and shall be regarded as confidential." Since ALA no longer has a directory, C&B proposes that the phrase: "shall not be specified in the Directory" be removed. The section will now read:

"The category to which any personal member belongs, except Honorary and Life Members, shall be regarded as confidential."

Document Number/Title of Document: Constitution and Bylaws Committee Report, ALA CD#25, Item #2. (*cont.*)

Implementation Action: The ALA Council **VOTED** to approve the following two editorial changes to the ALA Bylaws, pursuant to Article XI, Section 2 of the ALA Bylaws.

Under Article IV, Council, Section 6: “A vacancy in the membership of Council representing a state, provincial or territorial chapter, division or round table of the Association may be filled by the chapter or division on an interim basis.” For consistency the C&B proposes inserting the words, “or round table” in the last portion of the sentence. The section will now read: “A vacancy in the membership of Council representing a state, provincial or territorial chapter, division or round table of the Association may be filled by the chapter, division or round table on an interim basis.”

Response: The editorial changes have been incorporated into the ALA Bylaws.

Document Number/Title of Document: ALA CD#44 (REV. 7/1/13), Resolution on Prayer in ALA Meetings.

Implementation Action: The ALA Council **ADOPTED**, ALA CD#44 (REV. 7/1/13), Resolution on Prayer in ALA Meetings, 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.”

Response: At the 2014 Midwinter Meeting, the Council Policy Monitoring Committee will bring its recommendation to Council on the placement of the above statement into the ALA *Policy Manual*.

Document Number/Title of Document: ALA CD#38, Resolution in Support of Whistleblower Bradley Manning

Implementation Action: The ALA Council **REFERRED** ALA CD#38, Resolution in Support of Whistleblower Bradley Manning, as amended the Committee on Legislation (COL) and the Intellectual Freedom Committee (IFC). The resolution was amended as amended to add three (3) new “Whereas” clauses, and a revised “Resolved” clause, which read:

“Whereas in 2013 ALA recognized "Edward Snowden as a whistleblower who, in releasing information that documents government attacks on privacy, free speech, and freedom of association, has performed a valuable service in launching a national

Document Number/Title of Document: ALA CD#38, Resolution in Support of Whistleblower Bradley Manning (*cont.*)

dialogue about transparency, domestic surveillance, and overclassification" (CD#39, 2013); and

Whereas West's defines whistleblowing as "the disclosure by a person, usually an employee, in a government agency or private enterprise; to the public or to those in authority, of mismanagement, corruption, illegality, or some other wrongdoing" (West's Encyclopedia of Law, 2005); and

Whereas Bradley Manning had an obligation under US Army Subject Schedule No. 27-1 based on the Geneva Conventions to report war crimes; and

Resolved, that the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members: recognizes Bradley Manning as a whistleblower who fulfilled his duty to report war crimes under U.S. law and the Geneva Conventions.”

NOTE: The ALA Council also **VOTED** to reconsider and refer ALA CD#39 (6/29/13), Resolution in Support of Whistleblower Edward Snowden, to the Intellectual Freedom Committee and the Committee on Legislation for a report back at Council III.

Response: The COL and IFC recommendations on the above resolutions will follow later in this report.

Document Number/Title of Document: ALA CD#41, Rev. 7/1/13, Resolution on Library Service to the Community in a ~~Natural~~ Disaster

Implementation Action: The ALA Council **ADOPTED**, ALA CD#41, Rev. 7/1/13, Resolution on Library Service to the Community in a ~~Natural~~ Disaster, as amended to revise resolution heading; add a new “Whereas” clause; and revise the “Resolved” clause to read:

“Whereas the American Library Association has recognized and encouraged library service to local communities during disasters in the past;

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

1. acknowledges that many libraries across the country have provided library and emergency services in disasters including storms, fires, earthquakes and floods and applauds those actions;

Document Number/Title of Document: ALA CD#41, Rev. 7/1/13, Resolution on Library Service to the Community in a ~~Natural~~ Disaster (*cont.*)

1. recognizes the significant contributions of libraries and library staff who have provided effective emergency response/recovery services, and responded to the needs of their communities following hurricanes Sandy and Irene in ways that go above and beyond the regular call of duty; and
2. sends a letter acknowledging the work and contributions of libraries and library staff to the State Chapters in the affected states to be passed on to the appropriate parties and ensure that such a letter is sent whenever libraries lead community recovery.”

Response: Council’s action on the resolution was sent to the following: the ALA Council; *American Libraries*; a press release was issued by the ALA Public Information Office, which was picked up for distribution by *AL Direct*; and the ALA Chapter Relations Office sent the resolution to state chapters as directed.

Document Number/Title of Document: ALA CD#42, Resolution on Divestment of Holdings in Fossil Fuel Companies and ~~Libraries’ Role in a Peaceful Transition to a Fossil-Free Economy~~

Implementation Action: The ALA Council **DEFEATED** ALA CD#42, Resolution on Divestment of Holdings in Fossil Fuel Companies and ~~Libraries’ Role in a Peaceful Transition to a Fossil-Free Economy~~, as amended to read: “The American Library Association, on behalf of its members:

1. begins divesting in the fossil fuel industry by excluding our three holdings in the “Filthy Fifteen” named in the Endowment Trustees’ Information Report to BARC that have ‘little or no significant negative impact’ in the short term on ALA.”

Response: No further action on ALA CD# 42, Resolution on Divestment of Holdings in Fossil Fuel Companies and ~~Libraries’ Role in a Peaceful Transition to a Fossil-Free Economy~~, is required.

Document Number/Title of Document: Memorial Resolutions, M-#12-M-#24

Implementation Action: The ALA Council *ADOPTED*, The following memorials: Brooke E. Sheldon, M-#12; Lillian Miles Lewis, M-#13; Jack C. Gerts, II, M-#14; Herb Davis, M-#15; Carolyn Forsman, M-#16; Russell Shank, M-#17; Connie Van Fleet, M-#18; Jacqueline Mancall, M-#19; eva efron, M-#20; Ed Johnson, M-#21; Margaret “Peg” Hallisey, M-#22; Robert O. Ellett, Jr., M-#23; and Fredrick McKissack, M-#24.

Dissemination: Memorial resolutions were disseminated to the friends, families, and colleagues of the above persons.

Document Number/Title of Document: Tribute Resolutions, T-#2-T-#4

Implementation Action: The ALA Council *ADOPTED* the following tributes: 40th Anniversary of the Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA), T-#2; Abba Al Hadi, T-#3; and 15th Anniversary of the Spectrum Scholarship Program, T-#4 .

Dissemination: Tribute resolutions were appropriately disseminated.

Document Number/Title of Document: Council Tellers Report, ALA CD#12.3, Item #1

Implementation Action: The ALA Council *ELECTED* the following councilor to serve on the 2013-2014 Council Committee on Committees (COC) for One-Year Terms: Roberto Carlos Delgadillo; John D. DeSantis; Eboni M. Henry; and Julius C. Jefferson, Jr. COC will be chaired by 2013-2014 ALA President-Elect Courtney L. Young.

Response: 1) The 2013-2014 Committee on Committees will report on its slate of candidates for the 2014 ALA Midwinter Council ALA Executive Board election; 2) the 2013-2014 Committee on Committees will complete its recommended appointments to the seventeen (17) ALA Council committees at the 2014 Midwinter Meeting; and 3) the 2013-2014 Committee on Committees will develop its slates of Council candidates for the upcoming 2014-2015 Committee on Committees and Planning and Budget Assembly Council elections at the 2014 ALA Annual Conference in Las Vegas, NV.

Document Number/Title of Document: Council Tellers Report, ALA CD#12.3, Item #2

Implementation Action: The ALA Council *ELECTED*, the following councilors to serve as Planning and Budget Assembly (PBA) representatives: *Chapters* (2013-2015): Hadi S. Dudley; Pamela J. Hickson-Stevenson; and Elena Rosenfeld. *Councilors-at-Large* (2013-2015): Nicolas (Nick) H. Buron and Karen G. Schneider; and Sue Polanka (2013-2014).

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Response: The PBA will meet on Sunday, January 26, 1- 2:00 pm, PCC-111 B. The invitation to attend the meeting, along with an agenda was sent Council, Committee, Division and Round Table PBA representatives.

Document Number/Title of Document: ALA CD# 20.4 (COL) and ALA CD#19.2 (IFC), Resolution on the Need for Reforms for the Intelligence Community to Support Privacy, Open Government, Government Transparency, and Accountability

Implementation Action: The ALA Council *ADOPTED*, ALA CD# 20.4 (COL) and ALA CD#19.2 (IFC), Resolution on the Need for Reforms for the Intelligence Community to Support Privacy, Open Government, Government Transparency, and Accountability, as amended to read: “That the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members:

1. reaffirms its unwavering support for the fundamental principles that are the foundation of our free and democratic society, including a system of public accountability, government transparency, and oversight that supports people's right to know about and participate in our government;
2. calls upon the U.S. Congress, President Obama, and the Courts, in light of present revelations related to NSA's surveillance activities conducted pursuant to orders issued by the Foreign Intelligent Surveillance Court (FISC) under Sections 215 and 702 of the USA PATRIOT Act, to reform our nation's climate of secrecy, overclassification, and secret law regarding national security and surveillance, to align with these democratic principles;
3. urges the U.S. Congress and President Obama to provide authentic protections that prevent government intimidation and criminal prosecution of government employees and private contractors who make lawful disclosures of wrong doing in the intelligence community;
4. calls upon the public to engage in and our members to lead public dialogues discussing the right to privacy, open government and balancing civil liberties and national security;

Document Number/Title of Document: ALA CD# 20.4 (COL) and ALA CD#19.2 (IFC), Resolution on the Need for Reforms for the Intelligence Community to Support Privacy, Open Government, Government Transparency, and Accountability (*cont.*)

5. encourages the public to support bills and other proposals that both secure and protect our rights to privacy, free expression and free association and promote a more open, transparent government; and
6. expresses its thanks and appreciation to the members of Congress who work to protect our privacy and civil liberties.”

NOTE: The above resolution was adopted as a substitute resolution for the following resolutions referred to the Committee on Legislation (COL) and the Intellectual Freedom Committee (IFC): 2013 MW CD#36, Resolution Reaffirming ALA Support for Whistleblowers; 2013 AC CD#38, Resolution in Support of Whistleblower Bradley Manning; and 2013 AC CD# 39, Resolution in Support of Whistleblower Edward Snowden.

Response: Council’s action on the resolution was sent to the following: the ALA Council; *American Libraries*; a press release was also issued by the ALA Public Information Office, which was picked up for distribution by *AL Direct*.

The Washington Office has shared ALA’s position with our allies on all the coalitions we work with on this issue, signed onto numerous letters to the Congress, brought the resolution to Congressional meetings on this topic and encouraged our grassroots to support the USA Freedom Act and oppose the FISA Amendments.

OIF and the Office for Government Relations at the Washington Office have worked on surveillance issues intensively for 6 plus months following the resolution.

- We have attended dozens of meetings in DC held by such groups as Openthegovernment.org, so that ALA is at the forefront of groups pushing for NSA reform.
- We have participated in dozens of conference calls as well.
- The Washington Office has shared ALA’s position with our allies on all the coalitions we work with on this issue, signed onto numerous letters to the Congress, brought the resolution to Congressional meetings on this topic and encouraged our grassroots to support the USA Freedom Act and oppose the FISA Amendments at all of the above, ALA voices its commitment to NSA reform, signs onto joint letters calling for reform, and supports such groups as the Electronic Frontier Foundation to educate the public.
- Choose Privacy Week, held in May by the Office for Intellectual Freedom, has a website with several videos covering the issues of surveillance and immigration, NSA, and other timely topics to be used for library programming.

Document Number/Title of Document: ALA CD#20.5, Resolution Urging Congress to Designate the Government Printing Office as the Lead Agency to Manage the Lifecycle of Digital United States Government Information

Implementation Action: The ALA Council *ADOPTED* ALA CD# 20.5, Resolution Urging Congress to Designate the Government Printing Office as the Lead Agency to Manage the Lifecycle of Digital United States Government Information, which read:

“That the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members:

1. urges Congress designate the Government Printing Office the lead agency to develop a United States federal government-wide strategy for managing the lifecycle of digital government publications, documents, information, and web sites;
2. urges Congress authorize the Government Printing Office to develop and administer standards and procedures for the United States federal government which include rules for dismantling sites and archiving web content, including the preservation of all pertinent data protocols, documentation, and software programs for evaluating and manipulating the content for permanent public access;
3. urges Congress require that the Government Printing Office consult with the United States federal publishing agencies, the National Libraries, and professional library and archiving groups in the development of these standards and procedures; and
4. urges Congress provide the Government Printing Office sufficient funding to handle the archiving of web content, to perform its duties on an ongoing basis and additional funding as necessary to fully assist agencies when they are forced to decommission a web site.”

Response: The Washington Office has been in preliminary discussion with the Government Printing Office’s Superintendent of Documents, as well as the Director of Government Relations of the American Association of Law Libraries. In February we will begin meeting with Congress to discuss the lifecycle of digital government information and to urge that:

1. Congress designate the Government Printing Office the lead agency to develop a United States federal government-wide strategy for managing the lifecycle of digital government publications, documents, information, and web sites;

Document Number/Title of Document: ALA CD# 20.5, Resolution Urging Congress to Designate the Government Printing Office as the Lead Agency to Manage the Lifecycle of Digital United States Government Information (*cont.*)

Response: (*cont.*)

2. Congress authorize the Government Printing Office to develop and administer standards and procedures for the United States federal government which include rules for dismantling sites and archiving web content, including the preservation of all pertinent data protocols, documentation, and software programs for evaluating and manipulating the content for permanent public access;
3. Congress require that the Government Printing Office consult with the United States federal publishing agencies, the National Libraries, and professional library and archiving groups in the development of these standards and procedures;
4. Congress provide the Government Printing Office sufficient funding to handle the archiving of web content, to perform its duties on an ongoing basis and additional funding as necessary to fully assist agencies when they are forced to decommission a web site.

Document Number/Title of Document: ALA CD#19.3, Resolution Supporting Librarians Sued for Doing Their Professional Duty

Implementation Action: The ALA Council *ADOPTED* ALA CD#19.3, Resolution Supporting Librarians Sued for Doing Their Professional Duty, which read: “That the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members:

1. most strongly urges publishers to refrain from actions such as filing libel suits when in disagreement with librarians who have publically shared their professional opinions and instead to rely upon the free exchange of views in the marketplace of ideas to defend their interests as publishers.”

Response: Council’s action on the resolution was sent to the following: the ALA Council; *American Libraries*; a press release was also issued by the ALA Public Information Office, which was picked up for distribution by *AL Direct*.

On January 15, 2014, Barbara Jones, IFO director, wrote: “As of today it appears that Dale Askey is still being sued by the Mellen Press. It is a second lawsuit. However, AAUP, ACRL, and numerous other organizations have asked for the lawsuits to stop. No decision has been made, and certainly ACRL and IFC are monitoring this closely.”

Document Number/Title of Document: ALA CD#50, A Resolution to Decrease Printing for Council Meetings

Implementation Action: The ALA Council *ADOPTED*, ALA CD#50, A Resolution to Decrease Printing for Council Meetings, which read: “That the American Library Association (ALA) Council, on behalf of its members:

1. requests the Executive Director to develop and implement an opt-in program for Councilors to elect to receive electronic-only Council documents and reduce the number of regularly printed copies of documents.”

Response: On January 7, 2014 8:52 AM, ALA Executive Director Keith Michael Fiels sent the following email to the ALA Council:

“In response to Council’s action, I would like to propose the following:

(1) To determine how many of you would like to receive electronic-only Council documents, I am asking each of you to complete a brief survey available at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/VPFCQTX>. The survey asks whether you would like paper or electronic copies of documents at the Midwinter Meeting. In order to have sufficient time to prepare, we ask that you complete this survey by next Tuesday, January 14, 2014. If you have not completed the survey by the deadline, we will assume you prefer electronic copies.

(2) A limited number of paper copies will be available for guests (and for any Council members who stay with paper). For those of you who opt-in to receive electronic-only Council documents, we recommend that you download Council documents to your devices in case we experience difficulties with wireless service in the Council chambers. You may also wish to print out some of the documents yourself and bring them with you. We also ask that if you do opt-in to receive electronic-only documents, you do not change your mind during the conference. We will closely monitor how many of you choose the electronic-only option and will not have enough paper copies of documents to accommodate everyone as we have in the past.

(3) We will no longer be emailing documents to you or posting them to ALA Connect. Instead, all Council documents will be posted to the Council page on the ALA Web site as soon as they are received from their authors throughout the Midwinter Meeting (<http://www.ala.org/aboutala/governance/council/council-documents>). Lois Ann Gregory-Wood, ALA Council Secretariat, will send a message to the Council list announcing when documents have been posted. This means that you will need to be diligent about checking your email prior to each Council session.

(4) We will be working with the staff in ALA Conference Services to make sure there are sufficient power strips in the Council chambers for everyone who needs to plug in a device.

While finding the best way to make the transition to decrease printing for Council meetings, we want to make absolutely sure that everyone is comfortable with the new arrangements. After Midwinter, we will assess the effectiveness of this procedure.

NOTE: It is estimated that approximately \$3,800 is currently being expended for printing Council documents at each Midwinter Meeting and Annual Conference. That does not account for the staff time required to reproduce the Council documents.

Thanks for your help. If you have any questions or suggestions, please let me know.”

Further Response: As of this date, 87 councilors have responded to the survey; with 23 opting to continue to receive paper document. For those councilors who indicate their preference for hard copies and for the councilors who did not response to the survey, paper copies will be available at the Council Document Pick Up Table in the Council room.