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Chicago, IL

The customary information session was held in accordance with Policy A.4.2.5.2, which states that at least one joint session of the Membership and Council with the Executive Board shall be held for information only prior to other meetings of Council and Membership. The information session was convened at 3:00pm on Saturday, June 24, 2017, in Room W475e of the McCormick Place Convention Center (MCP).

INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS. ALA President-Elect James (Jim) G. Neal chaired this session on behalf of ALA President Julie B. Todaro, who was presiding at her President’s Program. Neal introduced ALA Parliamentarian Eli Mina; ALA Executive Director and Secretary of the Council Keith Michael Fiels; JoAnne Kempf, Director, Office of ALA Governance; Lois Ann Gregory-Wood, ALA Council Secretariat; Danielle Alderson, Projectionist; and Heather Theriaque, Captionist.

ALA PRESIDENT-ELECT’S REPORT, ALA CD#29.1_61217_INF. Neal said his president-elect year has been focused on orientation, consultation, preparation, planning of initiatives, and developing ideas for his presidential year. In addition, he has visited many individual libraries and ALA chapters across the country.

Neal said there are some clear priorities to focus on inside the organization (e.g., the recruitment, appointment, and orientation of a new ALA executive director and several key directors).

Neal spoke of the significant changes in Annual Conference programming, meeting schedule, and the campus of the 2018 Annual Conference in New Orleans.

Neal then spoke of the aggressive work to improve working relationships between ALA and its chapter partners. He noted a report from the Chapter Relations Committee that outlines several initiatives, which are already being implemented.

During his presidential year, Neal will be convening a meeting to examine how to expand outreach and pipeline development to promote librarianship as a career choice for high school and college students.

Further details on his presidential initiatives are available in his report, ALA CD#29.1.

ALA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT, ALA CD#23.1_61917_INF.

Keith Michael Fiels, ALA Executive Director and Secretary of Council, noted that his written report—distributed eight (8) times a year—encapsulates a record of Association accomplishments.

Fiels noted the Office for Intellectual Freedom (OIF) will commemorate its 50th anniversary at this conference. All are invited to join in the festivities on Saturday, June 24, 10:30am, Room W180 in McCormick Place West.

Fiels spoke of a series of advocacy boot camps led by OIF Director Jamie LaRue and Office for Library Advocacy Director Marci Merola being conducted in conjunction with ALA chapter annual conferences. The goal of these boot camps is to begin creating the next generation of advocates for intellectual freedom, libraries, and library funding.

In conclusion, Fiels spoke about current and future initiatives to address how to increase ALA membership.

BUDGET ANALYSIS AND REVIEW COMMITTEE (BARC) REPORT, ALA CD#33.1. At the 1987 Midwinter Meeting, the ALA Council voted that the ALA Budget Analysis and Review Committee (BARC) should report to Council at each ALA Midwinter Meeting and Annual Conference. BARC Chair Ann M. Martin reported on the FY 17 YTD Results (8 months ending 4/30/17), and Resolution on Library Services to Refugees and Displaced Persons.

FY 17 YTD Results (September 16-April 17). In the general fund, the revenues are less than budgeted; the expenses are less than budgeted; and there is a variance. The revenues were lower than budget by \$1.5 million, and that's primarily from publishing services. The 2017 Midwinter revenues were \$299,070 less than projected. ALA membership and dues are also below anticipated figures. At the same time, total expenses are under budget, with savings of \$543,478. The net revenue is \$993,418.

Division revenues were less than budgeted by \$370,408, and that was primarily in PLA and CHOICE. Division expenses were less than budget by \$702,659, primarily in ACRL's CHOICE magazine, PLA, and ALSC, with a net revenue of \$332,251.

With regards to round tables, their total revenues were \$283,701, which is \$22,440 more than budget. Expenses were less by \$38,195, for a net revenue of \$60,635.

At the 2017 Midwinter Meeting, BARC received a referral from the ALA Council for a resolution to create a working group for library services to refugees and displaced persons and was asked to determine if this would have any fiscal impact. After reviewing the proposed scope and charge of the working group, BARC determined that there would be significant fiscal impact in terms of staff support. Results of the review included examining the efforts of Office for Diversity, Literacy, and Outreach Services (ODLOS) including the ODLOS Advisory Committee. To preserve the sustainability and effective organizational structure of ALA, BARC determined it is both most effective and most cost efficient for ALA units to accomplish this work rather than create a new working group.

ALA TREASURER'S REPORT, ALA CD#13.2. Susan H. Hildreth, ALA Treasurer, presented information on the upcoming FY2018 budget, which begins on September 1, 2017, and ends August 31, 2018.

Hildreth talked about the ALA infographic dollar, which was designed to depict ALA's sources of revenues and show how the funds are spend. More Information about the ALA dollar is available at: <http://www.ala.org/aboutala/treasurerspage>

Hildreth then provided detailed explanation of ALA's operating structure and how the different funds within the structure are organized.

Hildreth said the publishing world continues to change and remains challenging. She noted the appointment of Mary Mackay as the new ALA Associate Executive Director, Publishing.

Divisions are using their net assets to develop new revenue opportunities in FY18. ACRL's CHOICE magazine staff is developing an open education resources evaluation platform to create a new sustainable source of revenue.

ALA continues its investment in IT, focusing on a fully functioning e-store, NextGen online learning site, and ALA Connect enhancements.

Hildreth mentioned the continuing discussion on rather or not ALA should hold Midwinter Meetings. She said it was important for members to understand that publishing and conferences make huge contributions to the ALA general fund to support all of ALA's mission-related activities. If revenue from publishing and conferences is not achieved, this results in less funding for general fund activities, like the Washington Office or the Office of Intellectual Freedom, etc.

In conclusion, Hildreth explained how ALA net assets and the ALA general fund balance are determined. The combination of these two components create the budgetary ceiling, which Council will be asked to approve during its Council III meeting at this conference.

ALA ENDOWMENT TRUSTEES REPORT, ALA CD#16.1. Rodney Hersberger, Senior Endowment Trustee, begin by saying, “I wish I had a bigger audience to do this, but I want to tell everyone what a pleasure it’s been to know and work with Keith Michael Fiels these last dozen years that I have been involved at ALA at a prominent level.” Keith Michael Fiels will retire this July after serving as ALA Executive Director for 15 years.

Hersberger then spoke of issues impacting the financial market. He noted that while the market seems to be unfazed by the political uncertainty, he said he is “waiting for the big shoe to drop on the market.” The recent election results in the UK cast even more uncertainty over Brexit resolution.

Market value as of 5/31/17 stands at \$42 million. That’s up over \$12 million since 2007. Claiming to be mildly aggressive, the Endowment Trustees are nonetheless pleased with that rate of investment returns.

Hersberger noted that the Trustees, at the urging of the ALA Council, made their first investment in Environmental, Governance and Social (EGS) Investing (formally called socially responsible investing) by hiring ALA’s first ESG manager in 2004. The initial manager was replaced in 2016, and the investment now represents over 20 percent of the portfolio at \$8.7 million. The Trustees are totally committed to EGS investment and are urging ALA’s investment advisor for more EGS managers to consider.

ADJOURNMENT. The Council/Executive Board/Membership Information Session was adjourned at the completion of its agenda.

ALA Council I
Sunday, June 25, 2017
8:30-11:00am
McCormick Place Convention Center (MCP), Level 3, W375e/Skyline
Chicago, IL

The first meeting of the ALA Council during the 2017 ALA Annual Conference was convened at 8:30am on Sunday, June 27, 2017, in the McCormick Place Convention Center (MCP) Level 3, W375e/Skyline.

INTRODUCTIONS. President Julie B. Todaro reintroduced Parliamentarian Eli Mina, President-Elect James (Jim) G. Neal, and ALA Executive Director and Secretary of the Council Keith Michael Fiels. Also reintroduced were JoAnne Kempf, Director, Office of ALA Governance; Lois Ann Gregory-Wood, Council Secretariat; Danielle Alderson, Projectionist; and Heather Theriaque, Captionist.

Special guests included ALA Executive Board Member and 2017-2018 ALA President-Elect Loida Garcia-Febo; Lessa Kanani'opua Pelayo-Lozada, 2017-2018 ALA Incoming ALA Executive Board Member and President-Elect, Asian Pacific American Librarians Association President; Dora T. Ho, ALA Councilor and Vice President/President-Elect, Asian Pacific American Librarians Association; Ronald E. Wheeler, President, American Association of Law Libraries; Dietmar Wolfram, President, Association for Library and Information Science Education; Ann Plazek, President, Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services; Lisha Li, President, Patent and Trademark Resource Center Association; Tess Tobin, President-Elect, REFORMA; Samuel L. Morrison, ALA Honorary Member; Jennifer A. Alvino, ALA Councilor and President-Elect, Maine Library Association; Steven K. Bowers, ALA Councilor and President, Michigan Library Association; Dan Compton, President and Rebekah Cummings, President-Elect, Utah Library Association; Denise Davis, President-Elect, Maryland Library Association; David Eckert, President, Arkansas Library Association; Erin Hollingsworth, President-Elect, Alaska Library Association; Sonya Jordan, President, Alabama Library Association; Rodney Lippard, President, North Carolina Library Association; Gina Macaluso, President-Elect, Arizona Library Association; Sarah Mangrum, President-Elect, Mississippi Library Association; Pattie Piotrowski, President, Illinois Library Association; Dave Schroeder, President, Kentucky Library Association; Candice Townsend, President-Elect, District of Columbia Library Association; Kara Plamann Wagoner, President, Hawaii Library Association; Cindy Weber, President-Elect, Vermont Library Association; and Michael Wright, President-Elect, Iowa Library Association; ALA Past Presidents: Carol Brey; Sari Feldman; James R. Rettig; Maureen Sullivan; and Courtney L. Young;

and Ann K. Symons, ALA Past President, Honorary Member, and ALA Councilor.

THE ATTENDANCE AND VOTING RECORD is attached as **Exhibit#1**.

QUORUM. A quorum was established at the beginning of each meeting.

RULES FOR ALA COUNCIL MEETINGS, ALA CD#5. By **CONSENT**, the ALA Council adopted the Rules for ALA Council Meetings.

ESTABLISHING THE AGENDA, ALA CD#8.5 Revised, 2417_5:00pm_ACT. During the ALA Virtual Membership Meeting on June 8, 2017, the ALA membership adopted the statement: “An American Library Association Statement on Global Climate Change and a Call for Support for Libraries and Librarians,” ALA CD#41_6817_ACT.

In accordance with ALA Virtual Membership Meeting guidelines, all resolutions approved by the membership will be presented at the first meeting of the ALA Council at the Annual Conference.

By **CONSENT**, the ALA Council adopted the ALA Council I agenda, as amended to include the above statement.

2017 ALA MIDWINTER MEETING MINUTES, ALA CD#2.1_42116_ACT. The 2017 ALA Midwinter Meeting Minutes were **ADOPTED** as distributed.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2017-2018 COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES, CD#12_6217_ACT. President-Elect James (Jim) G. Neal presented the slate of candidates for the 2017-2018 Council Committee on Committees: Ismail Abdullahi; Lauren Comito; Roberto Carlos Delgadillo; Martin L. Garnar; Mel Gooch; Jenna Nemec-Loise; Eboni Henry; and Kimberly Anne Patton. Four (4) councilors to be elected for a one-year term (2017-2018). This committee will be chaired by the 2017-2018 ALA President-Elect Loida Garcia-Febo. There were no nominations from the Council floor.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2017-2018 PLANNING AND BUDGET ASSEMBLY, CD#12.1_6217_ACT. President-Elect James (Jim) G. Neal then presented the slate of candidates for the 2017-2018 Planning and Budget Assembly: **Councilors-at-Large**: Erica Findley; Maria Taesil McCauley; Melissa Cardenas-Dow; Rachel G. Rubin; Kathy Carroll; and Tyler Dzuba. Three (3) councilors-at-large to be elected for two-year terms (2017-2019), and one (1) councilor-at-large to be elected

for one-year term (2017-2018) to fill a vacancy. *Chapter:* Jackie Dean; Jennifer Ferriss; Rob Leshner; Jayne Beline; Danielle Jones; and Vivian McCain. Three (3) chapter councilors to be elected for two-year terms. There were no nominations from the Council floor.

The election results will be announced at ALA Council III on June 27, 2017, 7:30–9:30am.

APPOINTMENT OF THE TELLERS COMMITTEE FOR THE 2017-2018 ALA COC AND PBA ELECTIONS, CD#12.2_61417_INF. Tamika Barnes, Matthew P. Ciszek, and Vivian Bordeaux, chair, volunteered to serve as tellers for the COC and PBA elections.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE (EDSC) REPORT.

Courtney L. Young, chair, presented a progress report of the committee's work since the Midwinter Meeting in Atlanta.

- In February 2017, the EDSC began its work with a conference call.
- In late February, a RFD was sent out to ten executive search firms. Eight proposals were received.
- In mid-April, a small group of the EDSC evaluated the proposals and identified three finalists.
- A small group, along with the EDSC's staff liaison, conducted phone interviews with the finalists. The firm of Isaacson Miller was selected.
- In early May, Isaacson Miller began scoping interviews with members of the ALA senior management group and other key managers within the Association. They also read the Executive Director's direct reports and spoke with current ALA Executive Board members and the three Executive Board members who will be seated at the conclusion of this Annual Conference.
- On May 24, the EDSC met face-to-face at ALA Headquarters with the search firm to discuss the executive director position. This was also a part of their scoping process.

- Five questions were asked as a part of the scoping interviews. The feedback gathered during these discussions provided Isaacson Miller with the information needed to draft the advertisement for the position.

The position was posted on the ALA website on June 16 and on the Isaacson Miller website on June 19. It has since been posted on 18 additional job sites and on social media.

Nanette Blandin and Mark St. Hilaire from Isaacson Miller are attending parts of this ALA conference and meeting with interested parties to discuss the position. These individual meetings are confidential. Interested candidates are advised to have their material submitted to Isaacson Miller by July 28, 2017.

The EDSC anticipates its timeline moving forward will include a conference call in late July with the search firm to obtain a progress report on the search to date and solicit feedback on preliminary resumes, a conference call in mid-August with the search firm to present candidates for the EDSC to discuss and select for Skype interviews, confidential Skype interviews in early to mid-September with candidates, and confidential face-to-face interviews in late September with semifinalist candidates away from the ALA Headquarters.

From these interviews, the EDSC will recommend to the ALA Executive Board at least the top two candidates to move to the final set of interviews. Finalist interviews at ALA Headquarters are anticipated to take place in late October, prior to the ALA Executive Board's fall meeting.

The Board will meet and select the next ALA executive director.

In conclusion, Young thanked the EDSC members for their work to date and their work moving forward, and offered special thanks to its ALA staff liaison, ALA Human Resources Director Dan Hoppe.

ALA PRESIDENT'S REPORT, ALA CD#21.1_62017_INF. Julie B. Todaro talked about her presidential initiatives over the year and thanked her advisory committee members for their understanding job in accomplishing many groundbreaking tasks, as outlined in her report.

Todaro talked about her President's Program on Saturday, June 24, which officially launched ALA's new online resource, Book Club Central. Screen Actress Sarah Jessica Parker (SJP) is the honorary chair for Book Club Central. Donna Seaman, *Booklist*

Adult Books Editor and co-chair of the SJP Picks selection committee, interviewed Nigerian writer Ayobami Adebayo about her debut novel, *Stay with Me*. The entire interview is available at: <http://www.bookclubcentral.org/2018/01/03/sjp-pick-author-interview-ayobami-adebayo/>

Todaro also spoke about her presidential initiative, “Fight-for-Libraries!” She said this initiative continues to engage library advocates to talk about sustaining advocacy for what has proven to be a long fight, particularly at the federal level.

Todaro spoke of the ongoing discussions on net neutrality at the national level and warned, “We can’t be complacent.” As stated in her report, “Net neutrality is critical to ensuring open and nondiscriminatory access to information for all...”

Todaro thanked ALA President-Elect James (Jim) G. Neal for standing in this year to participate in interviews on copyright, on which he is very knowledgeable, she said.

Todaro thanked the ALA members for their support during her presidential term and said she would be reaching out to several members to exchange ideas.

REVIEW OF EXECUTIVE BOARD ACTIONS SINCE THE 2017

MIDWINTER MEETING, ALA CD#15.3-15.4_62017_INF. Keith Michael Fiels, ALA Executive Director, highlighted the following actions taken by the ALA Executive Board since the 2017 ALA Midwinter Meeting:

- *Voted*, To approve the full list of companies, as listed on December 31, 2016, from the Domini and TIAA-CREF portfolios of “socially responsible” companies from which ALA units could use as prospects for corporate partners, sponsors, and donors.
- *Voted*, To approve one International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) Governing Board At-Large Representative for 2017-2019.
- *Voted*, To approve the creation of a special Task Force on Sustainability with a charge composition and timeline as outlined in EBD#10.4.
- *Voted*, To approve the calendar year 2016 (2.1 percent) change in the national average Consumer Price Index (CPI) to ALA personal member dues in FY18.
- *Voted*, To accept the Task Force on the Future Context of Library Accreditation Report with applause for the leadership of Peter Hepburn and the hard work of the task force and ask that the ALA management propose to

the Board the 2017 Annual Conference a strategy for advancing the recommendations.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2017 ALA MIDWINTER MEETING

COUNCIL ACTIONS, ALA CD#9.1-9.2. ALA Executive Director Keith Michael Fiels presented a written report and provided updates on various resolutions and then called for questions regarding the report.

AN AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION STATEMENT ON GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE AND A CALL FOR SUPPORT FOR LIBRARIES

AND LIBRARIANS, ALA CD#41_6817_ACT. Ed Sanchez, Chair, ALA Resolutions Committee, cited policy implications related to the statement as adopted during the ALA Virtual Membership Meeting on June 8, 2017.

ALA President Julie B. Todaro read the resolved clause of ALA CD#41, An American Library Association Statement on Global Climate Change and a Call for Support for Libraries and Librarians:

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

1. recognizes that human interactions and activities affect the dynamics of Earth’s climate system, and that there is a large and growing base of factual scientific data, information, and literature providing robust and accurate STE3M3 (scientific, technical, environmental/economic/ethical, medical/mathematical/management) evidence of global climate change; and
2. supports librarians, library workers, and educators, as they are guided by the *ALA Policy Manual*, in their roles for providing rigorous, robust, and accurate reference and referral services; access to data (both historical and current) and information resources, literature, and collections; and instruction in their use in assisting climate stakeholders’ and library users’ greater understanding of global climate change.”

It was moved to refer ALA CD#41, An American Library Association Statement of Global Climate Change and a Call for Support for Libraries and Librarians, to a working group with representatives from the ALA Committee on Legislation (COL); the ALA ACRL Science and Technology Section; the ALA Government Documents Round Table (GODORT); and the ALA Sustainability Round Table (SUSTAINRT); and that a “Whereas” statement be added recognizing the work of librarians involved in the DataRefuge initiative.

By **CONSENT**, the ALA Council removed the ALA Committee on Legislation (COL) from the above referral motion.

By **CONSENT**, the ALA Council removed the ACRL Science and Technology Section and the ALA Government Documents Round Table (GODORT) from the above referral motion.

The ALA Council granted Frederick Stoss, ALA Personal Member and mover of the statement, opportunities to speak on several occasions during its debate on the statement.

The ALA Council **DEFEATED**, a motion to postpone further discussion of ALA CD#41 until Council II, Monday, June 26, 2017, 8:30am-11:00am.

The ALA Council, **DEFEATED**, A motion to amend 1st “Whereas” clause to read: ~~“Whereas, the current Administration of the President of the United States, Donald Trump,~~ efforts have been made at the federal level to remove ~~has removed~~ **the data** and information files on global climate change from the Websites of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (<http://www.epa.gov>) and the White House National Action Plan on Climate Change (https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/sites/default/files/image/president27sclimat_eactionplan.pdf), and has proposed severe budgetary reductions for decadal and ongoing and monitoring programs supported by the United States (specifically with the Environmental Protection Agency, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the U.S. Department of Energy), and threatening to withdraw the United States from the 2015 Paris Agreement negotiated within the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

The ALA Council, **AMENDED**, ALA CD#41, An American Library Association Statement of Global Climate Change and a Call for Support for Libraries and Librarians, by adding a new 2nd “Resolved” clause. The original 2nd “Resolved” clause would then be renumbered as the 3rd “Resolved” clause. The new 2nd “Resolved” clause read:

“Affirms a commitment to the preservation and availability of this factual scientific data, information, and literature, both from government and citizen sources.”

In conclusion, the ALA Council **ADOPTED**, ALA CD#41, An American Library Association Statement of Global Climate Change and a Call for Support for Libraries and Librarians, as amended by: (1) amending 1st Whereas” clause and (2) adding new 2nd “Resolved” clause; and renumbering original 2nd “Resolved” clause now to the 3rd “Resolved” clause.

Because ALA President Julie B. Todaro had to leave the meeting to participate in another ALA program, ALA President-Elect James (Jim) G. Neal chaired the remainder of this Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT. After several brief announcements, the meeting was adjourned upon the completion of the agenda.

ALA COUNCIL II
Monday, June 26, 2017
8:30am–11:00am
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Chicago, IL

The second meeting of the ALA Council during the 2017 ALA Annual Conference was convened at 8:30am on Monday, June 26, 2017, in the McCormick Place Convention Center (MCP), Level 3, W375e/Skyline.

QUORUM. A quorum was established at the beginning of each meeting.

ESTABLISHING THE AGENDA, ALA CD#8.6 REV_62517_ 9:00PM_ACT.
By **CONSENT**, the ALA Council adopted the Council II agenda, as amended.

TELLERS REPORT ON THE ELECTION FOR THE 2017–2018 COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES AND THE 2017–2018 PLANNING AND BUDGET ASSEMBLY, ALA CD#12.3_62517_INF. Vivian Bordeaux, chair, reported the following election results:

ELECTED, To the 2017-2018 Council Committee on Committees (COC): Ismail Abdullahi; Roberto Carlos Delgadillo; Martin L. Garnar; and Eboni Henry. ALA President-Elect Loida Garcia-Febo will serve as chair of the committee.

ELECTED, To the 2017-2018 Planning and Budget Assembly. **Councilors-at-Large**: Maria Taesil McCauley and Tyler Dzuba (2017-2019); and Melissa

Cardenas-Dow (2017-2018). *Chapter Councilors:* Jennifer Ferriss; Danielle Jones; and Vivian McCain (2017-2019).

COMMITTEE ON DIVERSITY (COD) REPORT, ALA CD#44-44.2, 62517_ACT. On behalf of Miriam C. Mauenburg, COD chair, who was unable to attend this meeting, ALA Councilor and COD Member Martin L. Garnar moved and the ALA Council

VOTED, To add the definitions of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion developed by the Task Force (2015-2016 ALA CD#38_61316_INF, Recommendation #4.2) to the *ALA Policy Manual*; methodically examine and review all definitions of equity, diversity, and inclusion across the association to ensure the broadest possible understanding; and explore core values and roles and responsibilities statements to assess equity, diversity, and inclusion.

ALA Councilor and COD member Martin L. Garnar moved the adoption of ALA CD#44.2, Resolution on Libraries as Responsible Spaces, which read: “That the American Library Association, on behalf of its members: (1) urges libraries to embrace the mantle of responsible spaces by adopting and enforcing user behavior policies that protect patrons and staff from harassment while maintaining our historic support for the freedom of speech; (2) encourages libraries to develop community partnership programs with and promote services to underrepresented and unacknowledged community members; (3) encourages libraries to sponsor programs fostering meaningful and respectful dialogue in community; and (4) directs the Committee on Diversity, with the support of the Office for Diversity, Literacy, and Outreach Services and the ODLOS Advisory Committee, to develop, provide, and disseminate materials and programming for libraries that deter hate, foster community, and oppose bigotry toward or oppression against any group.”

The ALA Council, **DEFEATED,** A motion to refer the Resolution on Libraries as Responsible Spaces, ALA CD#44.2_62517_ACT, to the Intellectual Freedom Committee (IFC).

The ALA Council, **AMENDED,** Resolution on Libraries as Responsible Spaces, ALA CD#44.2, by deleting the 1st “Whereas” clause, which read: ~~“Whereas, libraries have been deemed “safe spaces” for all members of their communities...”~~

The ALA Council, **DEFEATED,** A motion to amend Resolution on Libraries as Responsible Spaces, ALA CD#44.2, by deleting and adding the following language to the new 1st “Whereas” clause: “Whereas, responsible spaces are defined for the purpose of this resolution as environments in which (delete: all people are

~~responsible to one another in advocating for safety in that space, and) (add: a person or category of people can feel confident that they will not be exposed to discrimination, criticism, harassment or any other emotional or physical harm.~~

The ALA Council, **ADOPTED**, Resolution on Libraries as Responsible Spaces, ALA CD#44.2, as deleting the original 1st “Whereas” clause. No changes were made to the “Resolved” clause, which read as follows:

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

1. urges libraries to embrace the mantle of responsible spaces by adopting and enforcing user behavior policies that protect patrons and staff from harassment while maintaining our historic support for the freedom of speech;
2. encourages libraries to develop community partnership programs with and promote services to underrepresented and unacknowledged community members;
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4. directs the Committee on Diversity, with the support of the Office for Diversity, Literacy, and Outreach Services and the ODLOS Advisory Committee, to develop, provide, and disseminate materials and programming for libraries that deter hate, foster community, and oppose bigotry toward or oppression against any group.”

POLICY MONITORING COMMITTEE REPORT, CD#17.1_6217_INF.

Christopher John Corrigan, chair, moved and the ALA Council **ADOPTED**, the insertion of following items into the ALA *Policy Manual*:

Action Item #1. PMC MOVES that section A.4.1 read as follows:

A.4.1 Executive Board Review (Old Number 13.1)

The Executive Board shall review administrative decisions made in the internal management of Headquarters by the Executive Director, and the Executive Director shall be authorized to carry out the provisions of the budget including hiring and firing of staff without submitting matters previously authorized or individual appointments to the Executive Board except in the form of reports of action. Any action by the Executive Director shall be subject to review by the Executive Board upon request of any member of the Executive Board.

Action Item #2. PMC MOVES the creation of following section for the *ALA Policy Manual*:

A.4.1.1 Executive Director. The Executive Director shall be authorized to carry out the provisions of the budget including hiring and firing of staff without submitting matters previously authorized or individual appointments to the Executive Board except in the form of reports of action. Any action by the Executive Director shall be subject to review by the Executive Board upon request of any member of the Executive Board. **An ALA-accredited Master's Degree or a CAEP-accredited Master's Degree with a specialty in school library media is a required qualification for the ALA Executive Director. (Emphasis added for clarity of the report will not be included in the *Manual*.)**

COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATIONS (COO) REPORT, ALA

CD#27.1_62517_ACT. Susan Considine, chair, moved and the ALA Council

VOTED, To approve (1) the ALA Website Advisory Committee name change: **ALA Information Technology Advisory Committee**, (2) expand committee charge as follows:

“To develop, review and recommend to Council policies for the **ALA application of information technology products and services**. To provide advice to the ALA Executive Director responsible for implementing such policies and guidelines. To recommend editorial or structural guidelines for the ALA website. **To recommend guidelines for best practices for software used by ALA**. To provide an ongoing channel for member communication by working closely with other units, committees and offices of the association. To make recommendations concerning technical issues or changes to **ALA's ITTS infrastructure, including evaluating, testing and implementing technology products and services** used by Association members or by the public.

To make recommendations on the reconciliation of differing strategic plans from ALA and its divisions. To advise the Association on priorities and strategies that promote utilization and continued development **of ALA technology products and services, including the ALA website**. **To advise on priority setting for competing projects**. **To make recommendations on how the divisions can work together under a more cohesive umbrella and share technology solutions that are vital to each division**. **To perform testing and evaluations of technology implementations to provide input on the user interface, designs, and best practices**.

(3) Keep the existing committee composition. (ALA Committee on Organization Report, ALA CD#27.1_62517_ACT)

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“HOW CAN WE MAKE EVERY ALA MEMBER AN EFFECTIVE AND SUSTAINED ADVOCATE FOR FEDERAL FUNDING, FEDERAL LEGISLATION AND FEDERAL POLICIES THAT IMPACT LIBRARIES AND LIBRARY USERS?” DISCUSSION. Kathi Kromer, Associate Executive Director, ALA Washington Office, and Adam Eisgrau, Managing Director, ALA Office for Government Relations, were the presenters for this segment of the meeting. The audience broke into small groups and later returned to a committee of the whole for a discussion. Written comments were collected and would be shared with the group later.

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The second meeting of the ALA Council during the 2017 ALA Annual Conference was convened at 8:30am on Monday, June 26, 2017, in the McCormick Place Convention Center (MCP), Level 3, W375e/Skyline.

QUORUM. A quorum was established at the beginning of each meeting.

ESTABLISHING THE AGENDA, ALA CD#8.6 REV_62517_9:00PM_ACT. By **CONSENT**, the ALA Council adopted the Council II agenda, as amended.

TELLERS REPORT ON THE ELECTION FOR THE 2017–2018 COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES AND THE 2017–2018 PLANNING AND BUDGET ASSEMBLY, ALA CD#12.3_62517_INF. Vivian Bordeaux, chair, reported the following election results:

ELECTED, To the 2017-2018 Council Committee on Committees (COC): Ismail Abdullahi; Roberto Carlos Delgadillo; Martin L. Garnar; and Eboni

Henry. ALA President-Elect Loida Garcia-Febo will serve as chair of the committee.

ELECTED, To the 2017-2018 Planning and Budget Assembly. **Councilors-at-Large**: Maria Taesil McCauley and Tyler Dzuba (2017-2019); and Melissa Cardenas-Dow (2017-2018). **Chapter Councilors**: Jennifer Ferriss; Danielle Jones; and Vivian McCain (2017-2019).

COMMITTEE ON DIVERSITY (COD) REPORT, ALA CD#44-44.2, 62517_ACT. On behalf of Miriam C. Mauenburg, COD chair, who was unable to attend this meeting, ALA Councilor and COD Member Martin L. Garnar moved and the ALA Council

VOTED, To add the definitions of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion developed by the Task Force (2015-2016 ALA CD#38_61316_INF, Recommendation #4.2) to the ALA *Policy Manual*; audit all definitions of equity, diversity, and inclusion across the association to ensure the broadest possible understanding; and explore core values and roles and responsibilities statements to assess equity, diversity, and inclusion.

ALA Councilor and COD member Martin L. Garnar moved the adoption of ALA CD#44.2, Resolution on Libraries as Responsible Spaces, which read: “That the American Library Association, on behalf of its members: (1) urges libraries to embrace the mantle of responsible spaces by adopting and enforcing user behavior policies that protect patrons and staff from harassment while maintaining our historic support for the freedom of speech; (2) encourages libraries to develop community partnership programs with and promote services to underrepresented and unacknowledged community members; (3) encourages libraries to sponsor programs fostering meaningful and respectful dialogue in community; and (4) directs the Committee on Diversity, with the support of the Office for Diversity, Literacy, and Outreach Services and the ODLOS Advisory Committee, to develop, provide, and disseminate materials and programming for libraries that deter hate, foster community, and oppose bigotry toward or oppression against any group.”

The ALA Council, **DEFEATED**, A motion to refer the Resolution on Libraries as Responsible Spaces, ALA CD#44.2_62517_ACT, to the Intellectual Freedom Committee (IFC).

The ALA Council, **AMENDED**, Resolution on Libraries as Responsible Spaces, ALA CD#44.2, by deleting the 1st “Whereas” clause, which read: ~~“Whereas, libraries have been deemed “safe spaces” for all members of their communities...”~~

The ALA Council, **DEFEATED**, A motion to amend Resolution on Libraries as Responsible Spaces, ALA CD#44.2, by deleting and adding the following language to the new 1st “Whereas” clause: “Whereas, responsible spaces are defined for the purpose of this resolution as environments in which (~~delete: all people are responsible to one another in advocating for safety in that space, and~~) (add: a person or category of people can feel confident that they will not be exposed to discrimination, criticism, harassment or any other emotional or physical harm.)”
The ALA Council, **ADOPTED**, Resolution on Libraries as Responsible Spaces, ALA CD#44.2, as deleting the original 1st “Whereas” clause. No changes were made to the “Resolved” clause, which read as follows:

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

5. urges libraries to embrace the mantle of responsible spaces by adopting and enforcing user behavior policies that protect patrons and staff from harassment while maintaining our historic support for the freedom of speech;
6. encourages libraries to develop community partnership programs with and promote services to underrepresented and unacknowledged community members;
7. encourages libraries to sponsor programs fostering meaningful and respectful dialogue in community; and
8. directs the Committee on Diversity, with the support of the Office for Diversity, Literacy, and Outreach Services and the ODLOS Advisory Committee, to develop, provide, and disseminate materials and programming for libraries that deter hate, foster community, and oppose bigotry toward or oppression against any group.”

POLICY MONITORING COMMITTEE REPORT, CD#17.1_6217_INF.

Christopher John Corrigan, chair, moved and the ALA Council **ADOPTED**, the insertion of the following items into the *ALA Policy Manual*:

Action Item #1. PMC MOVES that section A.4.1 read as follows:

A.4.1 Executive Board Review (Old Number 13.1)

The Executive Board shall review administrative decisions made in the internal management of Headquarters by the Executive Director, and the Executive

Director shall be authorized to carry out the provisions of the budget including hiring and firing of staff without submitting matters previously authorized or individual appointments to the Executive Board except in the form of reports of action. Any action by the Executive Director shall be subject to review by the Executive Board upon request of any member of the Executive Board.

Action Item #2. PMC MOVES the creation of following section for the *ALA Policy Manual*:

A.4.1.1 Executive Director. The Executive Director shall be authorized to carry out the provisions of the budget including hiring and firing of staff without submitting matters previously authorized or individual appointments to the Executive Board except in the form of reports of action. Any action by the Executive Director shall be subject to review by the Executive Board upon request of any member of the Executive Board. **An ALA-accredited Master's Degree or a CAEP-accredited Master's Degree with a specialty in school library media is a required qualification for the ALA Executive Director.** (Emphasis added for clarity of the report, will not be included in the *Manual*).

COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION (COO) REPORT, ALA

CD#27.1__62517_ACT. Susan Considine, chair, moved and the ALA Council

VOTED, To approve (1) the ALA Website Advisory Committee name change: **ALA Information Technology Advisory Committee**, (2) expand committee charge as follows:

“To develop, review and recommend to Council policies for the **ALA application of information technology products and services**. To provide advice to the ALA Executive Director responsible for implementing such policies and guidelines. To recommend editorial or structural guidelines for the ALA website. **To recommend guidelines for best practices for software used by ALA**. To provide an ongoing channel for member communication by working closely with other units, committees and offices of the association. To make recommendations concerning technical issues or changes to **ALA's ITTS infrastructure, including evaluating, testing and implementing technology products and services** used by Association members or by the public.

To make recommendations on the reconciliation of differing strategic plans from ALA and its divisions. To advise the Association on priorities and strategies that promote utilization and continued development **of ALA technology products and services, including the ALA website**. **To advise**

on priority setting for competing projects. To make recommendations on how the divisions can work together under a more cohesive umbrella and share technology solutions that are vital to each division. To perform testing and evaluations of technology implementations to provide input on the user interface, designs, and best practices.

(3) Keep the existing committee composition. (ALA Committee on Organization Report, ALA CD#27.1_62517_ACT)

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE (IRC) REPORT, ALA CD#18.1-18.2_62517_INF. Leslie Burger, IRC chair, provided an update on IRC activities since the 2017 ALA Midwinter Meeting. She began by expressing her appreciation to IRO Director Michael Dowling and IRO Program Officer Delin Guerra for their demanding work and support for international relations initiatives across the association.

Burger then provided the following highlights from the IRC report:

International Federations of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA). IFLA President Donna Scheeder provided her final report as her two-year term ends at the IFLA Congress in Wrocław, Poland, in August 2017. IFLA has been focusing on launching a global vision discussion for the world's libraries in April 2018. A Global Vision report is expected in early 2018.

New ALA Representative to IFLA. Pat Losinski, Chief Executive Officer of the Columbus Metropolitan Library, has been elected to a two-year term on the IFLA Governing Board following the IFLA conference in Wrocław, Poland.

IMLS IFLA Fellows Mentor Mentee Effort. The mentor/mentee phase of the IMLS IFLA grant has helped 50 US librarians from diverse communities to attend the IFLA Congress in Columbus, Ohio, and to continue their effort to become more involved in the global library community. The IRO also matched the 50 Fellows with internationally experienced mentors.

ALA-German Library Partnership. ALA has welcomed a 12-member delegation from Germany to Chicago as part of a three-year partnership with the German library community. This effort was led by Past President Barbara Lison of the Bibliothek & Information Deutschland (BID), and they have presented four programs at this conference.

ALA and Cuba. Burger led a group of 25 ALA members and library supporters during ALA's second tour to Cuba. Two Cuban librarians, Margarita Bellas, President, and Miguel Vicedo, Vice-President, of the Cuban Association of Librarians (ASCUBI), will present a program during this Annual Conference. A third Cuban tour is being planned for March 2018.

International Relations Round Table (IRRT). The IRRT endowment now stands at \$50,000 and will start offering grants in 2018.

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Strategic Discussion. The IRC discussed the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Strategic Direction Implementation Plan Draft, and integration of EDI into the ALA International Strategic Plan.

TRIBUTE TO KEITH MICHAEL FIELS ON HIS IMPENDING RETIREMENT AS THE ALA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. In accordance with the resolution guidelines, tribute resolutions are presented at Council III without being read aloud. However, on this special occasion, ALA President Julie Todaro requested that two exceptions be made: (1) that the entire Executive Board be allowed to come forward to present a tribute resolution to Keith Michael Fiels at this meeting, and (2) the entire body of the resolution be read into the record of this meeting. By **CONSENT**, the two requests were granted.

The Executive Board members gathered in front of the stage, and the following Board members—Peter Hepburn, John DeSantis, and Gina Persichini—read A Tribute Resolution Honoring Keith Michael Fiels, which read:

Whereas Keith Michael Fiels has been a strong advocate for libraries and a leader within the profession and at the local, state, national and international level throughout his career;

Whereas Keith Michael Fiels has been a champion for multi-type library cooperation throughout his career;

Whereas Keith Michael Fiels has contributed to the profession of librarianship through all types of libraries leading in library consortia, state libraries and nationally as the President of the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies;

Whereas Keith Michael Fiels has served with distinction as Executive Director of the American Library Association since July 1, 2002, thereby being among the longest-serving Executive Directors of the Association;

Whereas Keith Michael Fiels has demonstrated great patience, warm humor, and broad insight in serving Association members well for fifteen years;

Whereas Keith Michael Fiels has been an active and engaged member of the American Library Association since 1976;

Whereas Keith Michael Fiels, through his leadership of the American Library Association, has had a profound and lasting impact on the growth and relevance of the Association, particularly through the establishment of the Office for Library Advocacy, the Center for the Future of Libraries, the Allied Professional Association, and United for Libraries;

Whereas Keith Michael Fiels has provided skillful oversight of the staff of the American Library Association, while maintaining kindness, compassion, and respect;

Whereas Keith Michael Fiels has been a notable collector of art and antiquities, reflecting his own interest in pursuing artistic activities upon retirement;

Whereas Keith Michael Fiels has been a friend to those who have worked closely with him, and an approachable and empathetic colleague to many others within the Association; now, therefore, be it

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

1. recognizes Keith Michael Fiels' leadership and his contributions to libraries and librarianship, specifically to ALA and its members; and
2. expresses its appreciation and gratitude for that leadership and those contributions and wishes him well in the years of retirement ahead.

ALA President Julie B. Todaro also presented Keith Michael Fiels with a plaque that read:

“American Library Association expresses its appreciation to Keith Michael Fiels for leading the Association as Executive Director 2002-2017.”

Following his “thank you” to the ALA members for their guidance, leadership, and friendship over the past years, he reflected on ALA’s many accomplishments and his aspirations for ALA’s future. Fiels then received a standing ovation.

RECOGNITION OF RETIRING COUNCILORS AND EXECUTIVE

BOARD MEMBERS. ALA President Julie B. Todaro acknowledged with thanks the ALA Executive Board members and Councilors whose terms will expire with the adjournment of this conference: ALA Immediate Past President Sari Feldman; ALA Executive Board Member Peter Hepburn (elected Councilor-at-Large and will remain on Council); ALA Executive Board Member and Councilor-at-Large John C. DeSantis (John was reelected as Councilor-at-Large and will remain on Council); ALA Executive Board Member Gina A. Persichini, who will remain on Council until the 2018 Midwinter Meeting to fill 5-months of Loida Garcia-Febo's Executive Board Member-at-Large term; Denice C. Adkins, Councilor-at-Large; Rosina Alaimo, Councilor-at-Large; Jennifer A. Alvino, Maine Chapter Councilor; Audrey Barbakoff, Councilor-at-Large; Emily Bergman, LLAMA Councilor; Mary Biblo, Councilor-at-Large (This concludes Mary's 39th consecutive year on Council. Mary was reelected and will remain on Council); Catharine A. Bomhold, Ethnic and Multicultural Information Exchange Round Table Councilor; Latrice Booker, Councilor-at-Large (reelected and will remain on Council); Vivian Bordeaux Councilor-at-Large (reelected and will remain on Council); Frank Bruno, Councilor-at-Large; Tina Chan, Councilor-at-Large; Matthew P. Ciszek, Councilor-at-Large (reelected and will remain on Council); Emily E. Clasper, Councilor-at-Large; Kathleen May DeLong, Councilor-at-Large; Renee DiPilato, Councilor-at-Large (reelected and will remain on Council); Brenda Ealey, Nebraska Chapter Councilor; Dana Eure, North Carolina Chapter Councilor; Marianne Crandall Follis, Councilor-at-Large; Ed Garcia, Councilor-at-Large (reelected and will remain on Council); Charlotte L. Gerstein, Vermont Chapter Councilor; Sara Gonzalez, Councilor-at-Large; Christine Lind Hage, United for Libraries Councilor; Andrew Hart, Association for Library Collections and Technical Services Councilor; Jason Hatton, Indiana Chapter Councilor; Doro T. Ho, Councilor-at-Large (reelected and will remain on Council); Mary Anne Hodel, Councilor-at-Large; Lucy Holman, Maryland Chapter Councilor; Ben Allen Hunter, Idaho Chapter Councilor; Amiya P. Hutson, Councilor-at-Large; Julius C. Jefferson, Jr., Councilor-at-Large, is also an Executive Board Member and will remain on Council; Susan L. Jennings, Councilor-at-Large; Kimberly J. Johnson, Councilor-at-Large; Brian James Kenney, Councilor-at-Large; Em Claire Knowles, Councilor-at-Large (reelected and will remain on Council); Cynthia "Cyndee" Sturgis Landrum, Councilor-at-Large; Sherry Machones, Wisconsin Chapter Councilor; Mike Marlin, Councilor-at-Large, is also an Executive Board Member and will remain on Council; H. Jack Martin, Rhode Island Chapter Councilor; Laurie McHenry, North Dakota Chapter Councilor; Heather Lea Moulaison, Councilor-at-Large; Andrew Pace, Councilor-at-Large, is also an Executive Board Member and will remain on Council; Brenda Pruitt-Annisette, Councilor-at-Large; Marie Pyko, Kansas Chapter Councilor; Rivkah K. Sass, Public Library Association Councilor; Kris Seeringan, Guam Chapter

Councilor; Manya Shorr, District of Columbia Chapter Councilor; Daniella Smith, Councilor-at-Large (reelected and will remain on Council); Erin S. Stalberg, Association for Library Collections and Technical Services Councilor (Erin was reelected and will remain on Council); Tracy Reid Sumler, Councilor-at-Large; Tammy Renee Turner, Councilor-at-Large; Ruth Urell, Massachusetts Chapter Councilor; Andrew Wertheimer, Hawaii Chapter Councilor; Patricia (Patty) M. Wong, California Chapter Councilor (Patty was elected to the ALA Executive Board and will remain on Council); and Christian Zabriskie, Councilor-at-Large.

FREEDOM TO READ FOUNDATION (FTRF), ALA CD#22.1_61517_INF.

FTRF President Martin Garnar presented an update of the Foundation's activities since the 2017 Midwinter Meeting:

- ***20th Anniversary of the Internet's "Legal Birth Certificate."*** Monday, June 26, 2017, marks the twentieth anniversary of the Supreme Court decision striking down the Communication Decency Act. (aka the Internet's "Legal Birth Certificate"). This is one of the FTRF and ALA signal legal achievements.

Packingham v. North Carolina. This case involves Lester Packingham, a registered sex offender, who is challenging the constitutionality of the North Carolina General Statute § 14-202.5, which prohibits persons who are registered sex offenders from accessing a wide array of websites—including the **Washington Post, Facebook, YouTube, and The New York Times**—because those websites also permit minors under the age of 18 to have accounts on those sites. The statute does not simply prohibit contact with minors; it prohibits accessing any website that minors might also access with an account.

FTRF joined over 30 other individuals and civil liberties organizations (including ALA) in filing an *amicus curia* in support of fundamental First Amendment principles. The Supreme Court agreed. Justice Anthony Kennedy, writing on behalf of a unanimous court, held that "to foreclose access to social media altogether is to prevent the user from engaging in the legitimate exercise of First Amendment rights."

Garnar then provided an update on other pending FTRF cases.

The Judith F. Krug Memorial Fund. The Krug Banned Books Week grants, which provide financial support and guidance to libraries, schools, and community organizations planning Banned Books Week celebrations, will be awarded to seven grantees in September 2017.

Under the auspices of the Krug Fund, four (4) partial scholarships will be awarded to four students to enroll in an Intellectual Freedom and Censorship class at the University of Illinois School of Information Sciences.

2017 Roll of Honor Award Recipients. The 2017 recipients include Joan Bertin, former executive director, National Coalition Agenda Censorship (NCAC); Robert (Bob) Holley, recently retired professor of Library Science at Wayne State University; and Martha Speer, longtime intellectual freedom fighter, working in the Michigan Association for Media in Education.

Gordon Conable Conference Scholarship. Kate Davis is the 2017 recipient of the Conable Conference Scholarship. Davis recently received her MLIS from the University of Denver.

ALA CENTER FOR THE FUTURE OF LIBRARIES ADVISORY

COMMITTEE REPORT_ALA CD#39_62427_INF. Susan Kent, chair, noted the Center was established in 2013. Miguel Figueroa serves as its director, and the Center was initially supported by a grant from IMLS. The Center has three goals: identifying emerging trends relevant to libraries; promoting the future and innovation techniques to help librarians and library professionals shape their future; and to build connection with experts and innovative thinkers.

The 19-member advisory committee, established in 2015, has supported the development and selection of content for the Symposium on the Future of Libraries and sought the creation and selection of the first Future of Libraries Fellow. The long-term goal of the Advisory Committee is to help the Center evolve to meet the needs of the ALA membership and the library profession at large.

At the request of Executive Director Keith Michael Fiels, the Center initiated a weekly news scanning update entitled *Read for Later*, a “weekly wrap-up consists of news and articles to help libraries think about the future of our collection, spaces, services, partners, and roles in the community.” As of June 20, 2017, the e-newsletter has over 3,000 subscribers.

After providing other points of interest on the Center’s activities, Kent ended by thanking ALA Executive Director Keith Michael Fiels and the Executive Board for

their continuing support of the fellowship program into 2018. Kent also expressed special thanks to Director Miguel Figueroa.

ALA CLOSING SESSION FEATURING HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON.

Paul Graller, ALA Conference Manager, provided special instructions on how to enter and exit the convention center's location where Hillary Rodham Clinton would be speaking following the Council III meeting. ALA Council Secretariat Lois Ann Gregory-Wood will escort Council members to their designated seating area at the session.

ALA CONFERENCE ACCESSIBILITY TASK FORCE, ALA

CD#37.1_62117_INF. ALA Councilors Christopher J. Corrigan and Mike Marlin, co-chairs, presented the task force's final report containing 81 recommendations for improving accessibility at ALA conferences, ALA units, including symposia and institutes, and virtual meetings. The recommendations are divided into three overarching categories subdivided by theme: (1) before conferences; (2) during conferences; and (3) after conferences. For each recommendation, an attempt is made to identify which ALA unit or units is best suited to tackle a specific recommendation or set of recommendations. The task force tried to rank the urgency of each recommendation, though it understands there are interceding variables such as cost, workload, and staffing that may alter the suggested timelines and priority levels.

Corrigan pointed out the ALA Conference Services has been delegated as the recipient of a large majority of these recommendations and has been working with the task force throughout this process. Other stakeholder groups include the ASCLA Board and Accessibility Assembly, the ODLOS Office, and various committees.

Corrigan noted a correction needs to be made to the numbering order of the recommendations 15.1 and 15.2 in ALA CD#37.1. They were listed in reversed order in the report.

Mike Marlin, task force co-chair, spoke of the data garnered from a 30-question Survey Gizmo online questionnaire, disseminated from May 22 to June 3, 2017. He said an in-depth study and analysis of the survey results will occur after this conference. The June 2017 Survey Gizmo accessibility survey of membership, exhibit vendors, and lapsed ALA members is intended to develop indicators focused on areas or aspects that can improve the accessibility of ALA's in-person conferences and virtual meetings.

Despite the survey's low return, the results show that anywhere from 17 to 25 percent of conference attendees identify as a person with a disability. This translates to approximately 1700 Midwinter attendees or 3400 plus at an Annual Conference (averaging the two meetings at 10,000 and 20,000 attendees respectively).

To improve future tracking efforts, the task force, recommends that a database be created to generate analysis reports to discuss how to continue to make accessibility improvements.

Corrigan and Marlin thanked their task force members and the many others who worked on this project.

ADJOURNMENT. The ALA Council II was adjourned upon the completion of the agenda.

**ALA COUNCIL III
Tuesday, June 27, 2017, 7:45am-9:45am
McCormick Place Convention Center (MCP), Level 3, W375e/Skyline
Chicago, IL**

The third meeting of the ALA Council during the 2017 Annual Conference was convened at 7:45am on Tuesday, June 27, 2017, McCormick Place Convention Center (MCP), Level 3, W375e/Skyline

ESTABLISHING THE AGENDA, ALA CD#8.7, REV_62617_7:30PM_ACT.
By **CONSENT**, the ALA Council adopted the ALA Council III Agenda, ALA CD#8.7_Rev_62717_7:30pm_ACT, as amended.

MEMORIALS, ALA M#10-14. ALA Policy A.4.2.3 provides that memorials, tributes, and testimonials will be presented at the beginning of the last session of Council. Memorials were **ADOPTED** for Eric Moon, M-#10; Marija C. Sanderling, M-#11; Robert Henry "Bob" Rohlf, M-#12; Dorothy Evans, M-#13; Joy L. Lowe, M-#14; Pauline Manaka (oral acknowledgement); and Amanda Rudd (oral acknowledgement).

TRIBUTES, ALA T#2-4. By **ACCLAMATION**, the ALA Council also adopted tribute resolutions for Harry Bruce, T-#2; Keith Michael Fiels, T-#3; and the 20th Anniversary of the Victory in the Communications Decency Act (CDA) Case, T-#4.

APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL ESTIMATES OF INCOME AND THE BUDGETARY CEILING FOR FY2018, ALA CD#13.3. ALA Susan H. Hildreth, moved and the ALA Council

APPROVED, Annual Estimates of Income and ALA Budgetary Ceiling FY2018 of \$66,674,990.

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION (COL) REPORT, ALA CD#20.1_62717_INF. Ann Dutton Ewbank, chair, highlighted some of the COL achievements through the past six months:

Library Funding Campaign. The ALA Office of Government Relations, in consultation with COL, has led a campaign to defend federal library funding in the face of a proposal by President Donald Trump to eliminate the IMLS and essentially all library funding. Ewbank said it was a stellar example of how the organization and its leadership can come together to advocate for libraries. This advocacy effort succeeded in securing the support of record numbers of members of the House of Representatives and the Senate in support of fully funding the Library Services and Technology Act and the innovative approaches to literacy program in FY 2018.

Special thanks were given to the staff of the ALA Office of Government Relations for organizing the effort and providing the tools that enabled library advocates to operate effectively.

National Library Legislative Day. The event was held May 1-2, 2017, in Washington, DC, drawing a capacity crowd of over 500 attendees, for a day of briefings and a second day of meetings on Capitol Hill. In addition, further efforts saw more than 1,000 people registered for Virtual Library Legislative Day, which featured real-time streamed briefings on ALA issues and guides to ALA advocacy materials and ALA's Legislative Action Center.

The Corporate Committee for Library Investment. A new advocacy group (to save federal library funding) comprised of library vendors, technology companies, and three national trade associations, was co-conceived, organized, and launched by the ALA Office of Government Relations (OGR) and the Gale/Cengage Company. It held its first organizational meeting in Chicago on Monday, June 28.

Ewbank also said the ALA Washington Office and the COL continues to monitor and work toward ensuring that ALA's core values are represented and

affirmed in federal legislation and policy; along with continuing to actively work on vital issues such as net neutrality, privacy, and surveillance law reform; access to government information; and balance in copyright.

In her closing remarks, Ewbank thanked COL members and the Office of Government Relations and Washington Office staff for their tireless and relentless work on behalf of all libraries and the communities they serve. Her two-year term as COL chair will end at the close of this conference.

INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM COMMITTEE REPORT, ALA CD#19.3-CD#19.9_61716_ACT. Pamela R. Klipsch, IFC chair, moved and the ALA Council **ADOPTED**, the following two actions items:

- (1) Politics in American Libraries: An Interpretation of the *Library Bill of Rights* as outlined in CD#19.12_62617_ACT
- (2) Equity, Diversity, Inclusion: An Interpretation of the *Library Bill of Rights* as outlined in CD#19.13_62617_ACT

ADJOURNMENT. The Council III meeting adjourned at the completion of the agenda.