

COUNCIL MINUTES
June 26-29, 1983
Los Angeles, California

RESOLUTION HONORING AND EXPRESSING WARM APPRECIATION TO CHRIS HOY (CD#58) - Exhibit 24. On motion by Duane F. Johnson/Nadine Purcell, it was by acclamation

VOTED, That Christopher J. Hoy be recognized and honored by this Association and that he receive our expression of sincere appreciation.

RESOLUTION ON DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (CD#61) - Exhibit 25. Eric Moon stated that this Resolution was the one that led to the Membership Meeting request for a body similar to the Resolutions Committee to assist members in the preparation of resolutions for Membership action. Moon/Caren Brown moved adoption of CD#61, pointing out that while this proposal may have been withdrawn, Council should go on record against prejudiced research. Regina Minudri requested the Executive Director to disseminate the resolution to the Chapters to enlist their support. It was, without dissent

VOTED, That Council adopt CD#61, Resolution on Department of Education Request for Proposal (closing date May 25, 1983): That the American Library Association strongly protests this proposed research and urges that it not be funded and that a new Request for Proposal be prepared which is designed to assess fairly all alternatives for funding library and information services including tax support and other traditional methods; and Further, That the ALA Executive Director be instructed to forward this resolution to the appropriate officials in the U.S. Department of Education.

The Executive Director stated that he would personally deliver the Resolution to the appropriate Department of Education officials as soon as possible after the Conference.

MEMBERSHIP RESOLUTIONS (CD#62) - Exhibit 26a. Monteria Hightower, Chair, Council Resolutions Committee, submitted the document which in the judgment of the Committee enumerates the policy actions taken by the Membership which should be ratified by the Council:

(1) NUCLEAR ARMS RACE INFORMATION (MD#4) - Exhibit 26b. On motion by Daniel Casey/Mary George it was

VOTED, That the American Library Association urges libraries to give high priority to making information available about the ongoing arms race debate and about various courses of action concerned individuals may take.

NUCLEAR ARMS RACE INFORMATION

WHEREAS the American Library Association supports the concept of a bilateral nuclear weapons freeze, and

WHEREAS the U.S. House of Representatives has passed a freeze resolution this session, and

WHEREAS the U.S. Roman Catholic hierarchy has recently called for a halt to the arms race, and

WHEREAS nonetheless funds have just been approved for the MX missile project, and

WHEREAS Cruise and Pershing missiles are going to be installed on schedule in Europe starting at the end of this year, and

WHEREAS the stockpiles of nuclear warheads, which carry the threat of disaster on an unprecedented scale and endanger even civilization itself, continue to grow without restraint,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the American Library Association urges libraries to give high priority to making information available about the ongoing arms race debate & about various courses of action concerned individuals may take.

Vincent Jennings
Elizabeth Morrissett

Supported by Social Responsibilities Round Table membership June 27, 1983
History: Council Document no. 50.12 ALA Policy Manual./ Policy

SRRT/Task Force on Peace Information Exchange

Vincent Jennings in submitting MD#4, NUCLEAR ARMS RACE INFORMATION announced SRRT's unanimous endorsement. The Resolution was ADOPTED: That the American Library Association urges libraries to give high priority to making information available about the ongoing arms race debate and about various courses of action concerned individuals may make.

After prolonged discussion of MD#5 which asked that the "Association join in support of the Presidential proclamation of 1983 as the Year of the Bible and encourage the reading and studying of the Bible and the application of the principles within the Bible which inspired concepts of our civil government and liberties, including religious freedom, and that a copy of the resolution be transmitted to the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate," it was VOTED, that the Resolution be amended by deleting the resolution and substituting the Presidential Proclamation as an item of information.

Inasmuch as it is the custom to call the final Membership Meeting for 8:00 a.m. and in the light of the past two years experience that a quorum has not been reached until past 8:30, MEMBERSHIP concurred that future final Membership Meetings will be called at 9:00 a.m., but if the agenda warrants, it will be understood that the meeting will be called earlier.

REQUESTS FOR COUNCIL PAPERS AVAILABLE FOR OBSERVERS AT Council meetings were made.

Questions raised about distribution of the Handbook; RW said for economy's sake receipt is not automatic but on request, but that this is not to be considered an ongoing practice. Goddard suggested that there be a checkoff on the membership applications and renewals for members to indicate their desire to receive the publication.

On motion by Miriam Crawford/Linda Spears, VOTED, That it be regular practice that a report from the Treasurer be presented to the membership at the Annual Conference. (Suggestions made that to reach more members such a report be a handout at registration or included in the Official Program.)

Members requested a device for advising on Membership Resolutions be made available at the Annual Conference; officers agreed to act on the request. On motion by Herbert Biblo/Miriam Crawford, it was also VOTED, That the 24 hour rule for membership resolutions be changed to 24 hours prior to the published adjournment of the final membership meeting.

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August 7, 1983