

RIGHT OF MEMBERS TO ATTEND MEMBERSHIP/COUNCIL MEETINGS

WHEREAS each personal member of the American Library Association is entitled to vote on matters brought to the membership for a decision, either by mail or at membership meetings; and

WHEREAS the current practise of refusing admittance to Membership and Council meetings to those who have not registered for Midwinter and Annual Conferences excludes those who have paid their membership dues but do not choose to pay the price of conference program attendance; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED that any personal member of the American Library Association may attend Membership and Council meetings, whenever and wherever held, by showing either a conference badge for the day of the meeting or a current membership card.

Sponsors of the Resolution:

Approved by Council 6:27

Joan Goddard
Joan Goddard

Miriam Crawford
Miriam Crawford

POLICY

Background:

ALA BYLAWS: Article I. Section 2. and Article II. Section 4.
ALA POLICY #7.4.3

Proposed and endorsed by the ALA Social Responsibilities Round Table.

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MEMBERSHIP RESOLUTION ON CESSATION OF MILITARY PERSONNEL AND MILITARY AID TO CENTRAL AMERICA (CD#57). Elizabeth Morrissett/Barbara Ford moved adoption of the Resolution. Martha Gould felt strongly that "we as librarians on individual bases take our own theories and translate them into the Association's action" and urged members, as individuals, to speak out on such causes; she did not agree with Sharon Hammer's (Chair, Council Resolutions Committee) remark that this resolution is within the purview of Policy 1.1 "information provision." James Dwyer and Joan Goddard spoke in favor of the Resolution. Dr. Broderick stated her concern that resolutions of this nature do not address the question of the responsibility of the library profession to provide information so that citizens could make informed opinions. Susan Simpson expressed concern that Council was diminishing its short time in discussing a resolution that is not directly related to library concerns. The motion FAILED.

MEMBERSHIP RESOLUTION ON CITIZENS AGAINST NUCLEAR WAR (CD#61) - Exhibit 21. Sharon Hammer/Elizabeth Morrissett placed the Resolution on the floor, Ms. Morrissett pointing out that it bears no fiscal implications and that membership is without cost, whereupon it was

VOTED, That the American Library Association
join the Citizens Against Nuclear War
Coalition as a Member Organization.

MEMBERSHIP RESOLUTION ON RIGHT OF MEMBERS TO ATTEND MEMBERSHIP/COUNCIL MEETINGS (CD#62). Sharon Hammer moved adoption of the resolution sponsored by Joan Goddard and Miriam Crawford which would permit any personal member of the American Library Association to attend Membership and Council meetings, whenever and wherever held, by showing either a conference badge for the day of the meeting or a current membership card. Regina Minudri expressed concern over financial implications in that it in effect could eliminate registration at Midwinter Meetings for a large number of members and therefore felt COPES' advice necessary. Jane Anne Hannigan supported Ms. Minudri's view and urged referral to COPES for data prior to action. Consideration was given to striking Council meetings and Midwinter, but on motion by Sharon Hammer/Jane Anne Hannigan it was

VOTED, That Council refer CD#62 to the
Committee on Program Evaluation & Support (for
advice on financial implications) and to the
Constitution & Bylaws Committee (for
interpretation of the term "attendance").

On a point of personal privilege, David Snider moved a vote of thanks to Patricia Scarry, Joel Lee and Miriam Hornback for support services. Norman Horrocks stated, "In the spirit of the last few remarks, I would like to include Gale Research for their excellent shuttle bus services."

RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY MEMBERSHIP IN ADDITION TO THOSE ADOPTED BY COUNCIL

Military Involvement in Central America
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