

RESOLUTION TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF ALA CONCERNING LITERACY, LITERATURE,
AND LIBRARIES IN NICARAGUA

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WHEREAS, the U.S. media has recently been promulgating images of liberty; and

WHEREAS, freedom of expression is a liberty which librarians cherish; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. government statements about Nicaragua reported in the national press dominate in library collections; and

WHEREAS, there is more to be said; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That ALA ^{embraces} ~~endorses~~ a variety of viewpoints on Nicaragua; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, That librarians pay attention to alternative news of Nicaragua and buy alternative materials and make them available for the public; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, That the statement to the American Library Association Conference of Father Fernando Cardinale, Minister of Education of Nicaragua and coordinator of the Nicaraguan National Literacy Campaign, on June 18, 1986 be translated and printed in American Libraries; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, That the statement of Father Fernando Cardinale be made available in audio cassette copies for purchase.

Sponsors of the Resolution: Cathy Seitz, Personal Member, Oxford, Ohio
Jackie Eubanks, Personal Member, Brooklyn, New York

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ALA/SRRT Library Union Task Force
ALA/SRRT Peace Information Exchange Task Force

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at the first meeting has been added to the agenda today. That is Membership Document #4, a Resolution on Concern for Professional Archivist.

The pending Membership Documents are:

MD #1 - Abridgement of Human Rights in South Africa, and let me call your attention to the fact there is a revised MD #1.1 which is now available in the back.

MD #2 - Information on National Security in the Nuclear Age.

MD #3 - Literacy, Literature, and Libraries in Nicaragua.

Is there any other new business?

With your consent, I declare this agenda approved.

Policy adopted by the Council in 1982 provides that memorial resolutions, tributes and testimonials will be presented to Council at the beginning of the last session of Council at each Midwinter meeting or at the beginning of the last membership meeting at the Annual Conference and that the presiding officer will read the names of persons/organizations recognized by a formal resolution;

discussion on the motion?

All those in favor then of Membership Document #2 as amended please rise. Thank you. BE seated. All those opposed to the motion please rise. Are there abstentions?

Membership Document #2 is adopted.

Will the mover of Membership Document \$3 please move that, reading only the resolved clause. That is Literacy, Literature and Libraries in Nicaragua. Microphone 3.

MS. JACKIE EUBANS (Brooklyn College Library, Brooklyn, New York): At this point I want to withdraw the motion. However, I would like to read and give the intent of it.

I think it has been too hastily constructed and maybe a bit literary for this group and needs revision. (Laughter)

PRESIDENT LYNCH: Microphone 3. We have no action before us since no one has moved Membership Document #3. If no one is to move Membership Document #3, I am moving on to Membership Document #4.

Is there a motion to adopt Membership Document #3?

MS. EUBANS: Excuse me. I have 3 minutes,

I believe.

PRESIDENT LYNCH: I am sorry. You are out of order. I need a motion to adopt Membership Document #3.

Is there a motion to adopt Membership Document #3? Are you moving that? Would you please go to microphone 4 and state your motion. If you wish to speak to Membership Document #3, we must have it before it. We do not have it before us. I need a motion to adopt Membership Document #3.

Microphone 3, are you making that motion?

MS. EUBANS: Yes.

PRESIDENT LYNCH: Please make your motion. State your name and state the motion, please.

MS. JACKIE EUBANS (Brooklyn, New York): I Move Membership Document #2 with the substitute of John Sheridan's name for this present seconder.

PRESIDENT LYNCH: Is there a second to the motion to adopt Membership Document #3? John Sheridan in the back. Thank you.

Now you may speak to the document at microphone 3.

MS. EUBANKS: All right. I can read the resolution.

I think it is in front of people. The important thing is that we have had a lot of communication with the Library Union Task Force, the Task Force on Peace, request for peace people. We have been operating a Books for Nicaragua Project for over a year now with the National Women's Study Association, and we know and we have much information on actual conditions in Nicaragua which are not reflected in our libraries for the most part.

I don't think it is the role of ALA to make policy any more than I think it is the role of a writers' union to make policy for countries' professionals.

However, I am bringing it to your attention. I think attention should be paid to the communications that have come. I don't want to endanger any kinds of funds available for ALA in present society, so I am withdrawing the resolution having entered it on the board.

PRESIDENT LYNCH: I am sorry. It is before the body, and if it is the will of the body to withdraw it, so be it, but I would suggest that we take action.

Is there further discussion on the Membership

Document #3?

Are you ready for the question?

MS. EUBANKS: I move to table.

PRESIDENT LYNCH: Thank you. There is a motion to table Membership Document #3. Is there a second?

(The motion was duly seconded.)

There is a second to that motion. Thank you.

All those in favor of the motion please rise. Thank you. BE seated. All those opposed please rise. Thank you. Are there abstentions? The motion to table is carried.

Will the mover of Membership Resolution #4 please come forward and make that motion reading the resolve clause?

Microphone 11.

MS. MIRIAM CRAWFORD (Personal Member: I would like to move the adoption of Membership Document #4 which states:

RESOLVED: That the American Library Association be recorded as opposing the appointment of Mr. John Agresto and supporting Public Law 98-497 stipulating that professional qualifications