

RESOLUTION ON WORKPLACE SPEECH

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WHEREAS the American Library Association is firmly committed to fostering human rights and freedom of expression (Policies 53 and 58.4.1); and

WHEREAS candid, robust debate is essential to the making of sound policy; and

WHEREAS Library staff do not universally enjoy the right to openly discuss library and professional issues without fear of reprisal;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that ALA Council amend Policy 54 (Library Personnel Practices) by adding:

54.21 Workplace Speech

Libraries should permit and encourage the full and free expression of views by staff on professional and policy matters, ~~to be done~~ with due attention given to the ALA Code of Ethics

Moved Al Kagan, SRRT Councilor

Seconded Mark Rosenzweig, Councilor at Large

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