

ALA Council III
Wednesday, June 30, 2004, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
Orange County Convention Center, Valencia Ballroom 415A

Presiding: Carla D. Hayden, ALA president
Assisting: Carol A. Brey-Casiano, ALA president-elect
ALA Secretary of Council: Keith Michael Fiels, ALA executive director
ALA Parliamentarian: Eli Mina

Time Allowance

Order of Business

• **Call to Order**

- Introductions and Announcements, **Carla D. Hayden, president** 10 Mins.
 - Establishing the Quorum, **Carla D. Hayden, president** *(75 Councilors constitute quorum)*
 - Agenda Review, **Carla D. Hayden, president, ALA CD#8.8 Revised**
- (New Items May be Introduced Here)*
- Memorials, Tributes and Testimonials, **Carla D. Hayden, president** 5 Mins.

Memorials:

- MR-8 Cynthia J. Johanson
- MR-9 Thomas J. Galvin
- MR-10 Joyce C. Parks
- MR-11 Charles E. Beard
- MR-12 June Kahler Berry
- MR-13 Mae Weine
- MR-14 Elizabeth Morrissett

Tributes:

- TR-3 South Dakota Library Association's 100th Anniversary
- TR-4 RUSA/RSS Library Service to an Aging Population Committee on its 40th Anniversary
- TR-5 Proclamation for David Cohen for Lifetime Achievement in Multiculturalism and Intellectual

• **Reports of ALA Council Committees**

- Report of the Tellers, **Dennis J. LeLoup, chair, ALA CD#12.3** 5 Mins.
- Constitution and Bylaws Committee, 10 Mins.
Norman Horrocks, chair, ALA CD#25.2
- Intellectual Freedom Committee, 10 Mins.
Nancy C. Kranich, chair, ALA CD#19.1-CD#19.11
- Committee on Legislation, 10 Mins.
Jan W. Sanders, chair, ALA CD#20.5-CD#20.10
- International Relations Committee, 10 Mins.
John W. Berry, chair, ALA CD#18.2-CD#18.5

OVER

Resolution On The Occupation Of Iraq, ALA CD#61

I now refer you to ALA Council Document 61. Resolution on the occupation of Iraq. And we ask Councilor Mark Rosenzweig to go to the microphone and please read the resolved clause. Microphone number 6.

>> MARK ROSENZWEIG: Thank you.

"Be it resolved that ALA in support of the international rule of law and the sovereign right of nations to self determination calls for the withdrawal of occupying US combat troops from the territory of Iraq; the end of US military operations against the civilians of Iraq; the end of military troops claution, and the real internationalization of assistance to the Iraqi people in post war reconstruction in the spirit of peace and democracy. "

>> PRESIDENT CARLA HAYDEN: Is there a second?

>> Second.

>> MARK ROSENZWEIG: I'd like to speak just briefly. I'm going to deal with just one aspect of it, and this is the incredible profagacy of war. The social misallocation of resources that this entails, the spending of \$4.7 billion per month for this occupation. The idea that we are going to have to have more money and more troops, even today as we read the newspapers we see that troops are being called back who have already been discharged, they are being asked back.

We are being told, too, that the horizon of the war is expanding, that there will be many, many years of occupation. All of this is costing the US an inordinant, an incredible sum of money, money which could be used for the development of the intercities, for the saving of our schools, for the saving of our libraries and the rebuilding of their collections, for libraries in schools, for poverty, for literacy programs in this country, which despite our great wealth has this incredibly high level of illiteracy, which is a fundamental library issue still unaddressed.

This costs money and the money is going to fight a war, the results of which are not clear; the reasons for which were deceptive; the outcome of which can be worse than what we started out with. And all we know as we go further and further into it is that it's going to cost us more and more money and more and more lives.

>> Point of order.

>> PRESIDENT CARLA HAYDEN: We have two points of order. Microphone number 2.

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>> MICHAEL GOLRICK: Member of the Executive Board. The words that appear on the screen are vastly different than the document that I have in front of me and is available in this room. So, I'm expressing a great deal of confusion about what it is we're being asked on, when our paper is completely different than what Mark so elegantly read and spoke to and appears on the screen.

>> PRESIDENT CARLA HAYDEN: The mover is entitled to change his motion until it is before Council, and that's what he did.

>> MICHAEL GOLRICK: This was the amended one?

>> PRESIDENT CARLA HAYDEN: Right. So we need to get that to the projectionist. It's up there?

>> MICHAEL GOLRICK: But -- oh.

>> PRESIDENT CARLA HAYDEN: There it is. Microphone number 7.

>> AL KAGAN: SRRT Councilor. I'm the seconder of the motion. I would like to call your attention to the speakers at this ALA meeting. The war in Iraq has purveyed our meeting. We listened to Richard Clarke speak against the war. We listened to Amy Goodman show a video and speak against the war. We listened to EL Doctorow speak against the war. We saw Michael Moore's film, Fahrenheit 9/11. The room was packed. There is no greater issue before the United States than this war.

I'd like to remind the body that ALA has risen to the occasion when we have fought unjust wars. ALA did take a resolution against the war in Vietnam. A little later than some of the other professional associations, but I'm glad we finally did it.

I remember that ALA took a position for negotiation to take care of the situation in Kuwait, just before the Gulf War. So we have a precedent for doing these kinds of things when the most horrendous things are happening to our country.

I think if you look at public opinion, public opinion is with us, public opinion is against this war. There are a few people in Washington that want to dress it on, but more and more Americans are saying no more. No more of this killing devastation. This is not a war in our name. All of the wars, all of the reasons given for the war were lies. Everybody knows that now. Let's go on record and say no more.

>> PRESIDENT CARLA HAYDEN: Microphone number 4.

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>> JAMES CASEY: Councilor-at-Large. I really couldn't agree more with the statements read just previously. But I don't believe that this is a library issue. It's not an issue that ALA should be acting upon. How much as I personally agree with it, I think the association should stand aside on this one.

(Applause.)

>> PRESIDENT CARLA HAYDEN: Microphone number 3.

>> JOSEPH EAGAN: Maryland Chapter Councilor. While I personally oppose the war in Iraq and decry the situation there, I do not feel that this is a library issue. I don't feel that it's connected to our basic mission as the American Library Association.

>> PRESIDENT CARLA HAYDEN: Microphone number 3.

>> SUE KAMM: Councilor-at-Large. I urge my fellow Councilors to vote against this resolution for the reasons so many people have eloquently suggested. This is not a venue for the American Library Association. There are other venues for protesting the war that are more appropriate than ALA. And I think that we are wasting Council's time and the time of our members by considering resolution after resolution dealing with issues outside our purview.

We need to be spending time on domestic issues, such as adequate funding for library, raising salaries for library workers, having intellectual freedom prevail. This resolution is a time waster and I urge everyone to vote against it.

>> PRESIDENT CARLA HAYDEN: In about 6 minutes we are going to have to make another decision about time.

Microphone number 6.

>> MONIKA ANTONELLI: Councilor-at-Large. I believe this is a library issue. I'm glad that Sue Kamm brought up the issue of funding. How many libraries have had their funding cut? How many libraries are closing? We have poured \$200 billion into this war and this means we do not have money for libraries, for schools. These things are connected. You have to make a choice where you want your money to go. Do you want it to go to fund a war or do you want it to fund libraries? You have to make that choice. Thank you.

>> PRESIDENT CARLA HAYDEN: Microphone number 4.

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>> ANN SPARANESE: Councilor-at-Large. Well, war is inimitable to all the things that Councilor Kamm mentioned, including intellectual freedom. I think we see what is going on in intellectual freedom because of the war. It seems like the war is like an elephant rampaging around this hall, but we don't want to deal with it.

It's one thing to talk about war in the case of national defense; I don't think we would be standing up here. It's another thing to talk about a war that was cynically based on misinformation, disinformation and lawlessness, really. And I think as professionals, people look to us. Our silence speaks as loud as anything that we can say in this chamber. When we say nothing about this unbridled aggression that our country is engaging in, in our names, we are saying an awful lot. And we are also saying that it reflects our priorities in our country. Because if we don't -- because if there -- because there is a finite pot, as Monika said and as Mark said, to begin with, there is a finite pot. All the money used for the war means that the money is not being used for the good of the people of the United States, including libraries.

One of our speakers was EL Doctoror. I think why we invited the speakers to come to us at this conference and tell us the things that they told us and then we act like they are not library issue, I'm amazed at that. EL said that conference is not operative in Washington today. I wonder how operative it will be here. I think people do look to us and I think that what we do and say is leadership. Professionals in a society should provide leadership.

>> TRINA MAGI: Vermont Chapter Councilor. This is going to be a difficult decision for me to vote. I will vote for it, because this was a preemptive war that was so clearly against international law, and I think there are some times in history when things are so clearly wrong that it's really important that as many voices in society as possible speak up against those wrongs.

I for one believe this is one of those times. And I hope that this association will be one of those voices. Thank you.

(Applause.)

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>> DANIEL O'CONNOR: Councilor-at-Large. I came to this meeting thinking that I was going to not support this resolution. I now find myself to be an enthusiastic supporter of it. And it goes beyond the removal of the word "Immediately." And this conference changed my thought on this particular resolution.

I can remember when ALA took a stand against the stand in Vietnam. I was just getting out of the Army. The war in Vietnam was for all practical purposes over. I know when I do lobbying, and I have a lobbyist, I'm active in New Jersey in an Association of 7,500 faculty, and we take issues on issues that don't always relate to professors. We take a stand on social issues and we know that our voice is heard in Washington.

And that when we lobby the Congressmen in Washington, they actually listen to us. And recently when we did this, they said you should be mr like the American Library Association, taking more principled stands.

Our voices collectively need to get heard. I found out yesterday that they are about to activate the ready reserve. You don't know what it's like to be in the ready reserve. That means you're out of the Army and now you're going to get reactivated to go back to Iraq. 40,000 troops will get reactivated now. General Schwarzkopf said that could go up more.

I'm enthusiastic in supporting this resolution. It's time to stand up and be counted and I'll stand up for this one. Thank you.

(Applause.)

>> BERNADINE ABBOTT HODUSKI: GODORT Councilor. At the GODORT update meeting, one of our speakers, who identifies himself as a conservative, if any of us librarians can really be deemed that, and he asked the audience --I know there was at least 200 people participating -- if this audience agreed that we have been given misinformation. GODORT has been working on suppression of information, disappearance of information and so on. And we did the Roger report which was presented to you. He was the chair of that report.

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>> BERNADINE ABBOTT HODUSKI: GODORT Councilor. He said he wanted that to be an unbiased report. He said now if he did it again, he would be saying that we have been fed misinformation that led us into a major policy decision. He asked the people in the room who agreed with that; every single person in the room agreed with it.

Then he asked the people in the room if they thought that we should never have gone into Iraq. Only two people out of several hundred agreed that we should have gone in. So I just thought I would bring that to your attention, that people at a membership, at a program meeting, have discussed this and this was their feeling.

>> PRESIDENT CARLA HAYDEN: It's time to make a decision on time. Is there a motion to extend? If someone wants to make a motion to extend, you can.

We have to check everybody's clocks. But I was just saying it at that moment. Number 5, and if it's defeated, it's defeated.

>> KENTON OLIVER: Executive Board. I'd like to make a motion that we extend to the end of this particular agenda item.

>> PRESIDENT CARLA HAYDEN: How much time do you want to allot?

>> KENTON OLIVER: Whatever it takes to complete this agenda item.

>> PRESIDENT CARLA HAYDEN: You need to make a specific time.

>> KENTON OLIVER: Okay. Ten minutes.

>> PRESIDENT CARLA HAYDEN: Ten minutes. Second?

>> Second.

>> PRESIDENT CARLA HAYDEN: All those in favor of extending ten minutes.

(Showing of hands.)

Opposed?

(Showing of hands.)

It's extended ten minutes. And let's all synchronize our watches. Microphone number 4.

>> JIM RETTIG: Councilor-at-Large. Member of the Executive Board. There is no doubt that the situation in Iraq has been a debauchle, that the United States government created that debauchle and misinformed the world about the reasons for it. I don't know, because it is such a mess, whether or not the actions called for in this resolution would make things better or worse for the people of Iraq.

I have serious doubts that we could count on reallocation of the money currently being spent on the war. All of it creates a record deficit that if any of that would come to libraries, if I were convinced that it would, then I would support this resolution.

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>> JIM RETTIG: Councilor-at-Large. This debate isn't about Iraq or about the war. It's about the role of this institution, and I don't think this is in our role.

>> PRESIDENT CARLA HAYDEN: Microphone number 7.

>> DONALD ROALKAM: ALTA Councilor. I move that we close debate before losing the quorum.

>> PRESIDENT CARLA HAYDEN: Those in favor?

(Showing of hands.)

Opposed? It's not two-thirds. Debate continuing. Microphone number 4.

>> ELAINE HARGER: Councilor-at-Large. At this conference, the international responsibilities task force of SRRT sponsored a program which featured a 74 year old, retired librarian who lives in New York state. She has traveled to Iraq several times over the course of the last ten years, and she was with international peace groups in Baghdad in the couple of months leading up to the US invasion of Iraq and then for some months afterwards.

She described the massive numbers of people from all over the world who were there in Baghdad, saying no, we don't want this war to happen. Most of us didn't hear about that on the media back here in the states. There were many people who knew that the United States -- the people in the US were being lied to about the reasons for the invasion before it happened. Fortunately now our media is finally catching on to what a lot of us knew before that happened, and I'm very pleased.

There have been a lot of people, a lot of librarians who have said the US should not be involved in this war. And I think that we need to step up that voice. That voice needs to be made larger than individual voices. And having the American Library Association join in with those people who have known that this war is wrong and know that the United States needs to pull out so that the people in Iraq can actually have some time to get their electricity working and get their water working and try to have clean water for their children to drink, this resolution says that there will be international assistance to do that.

>> PRESIDENT CARLA HAYDEN: Time is up.

>> LORIENE ROY: Councilor-at-Large. As a person involved in recruiting people of color into the profession, I support this resolution. I work with native children who will be called because of family obligation in the tradition of serving in the military to serve, and instead I want those young people to enter into our field of librarianship.

(Applause.)

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>> PRESIDENT CARLA HAYDEN: Ready for the vote. All those in favor
(Showing of hands.)

Thank you.

All those opposed?

(Showing of hands.)

It looks defeated. Would you like a stand? All those in favor, please stand.

(Standing.)

Thank you.

All those opposed?

(Standing.)

Thank you. The vote is 39 in favor. 55 opposed.

The motion fails.

We are getting close to having no quorum as well as we're finished, basically, with the ten minutes. So we need to have Keith Michael Fiels make his final announcements.

>> EXEC. DIR. KEITH MICHAEL FIELS: Great. I'd like to provide final conference registration figures for everyone. As of Tuesday, June 29th, we had a total of 10,201 advanced registrants, and 3,772 on-site, for a grand total of 13,973. That is just a little bit lower than the 14,711 that registered for the Atlanta conference. There were 5,758 exhibitors, as opposed to 6,419 in Atlanta. For a grand total of 19,731 attendees, as opposed to 21,130 for Atlanta.

>> PRESIDENT CARLA HAYDEN: If you could leave your empty document portfolios at your seats, we will retain them for use at the next meeting. Pass in the signed voting records and would members of the Executive Board come to the podium so we can talk about the start of the Executive Board meeting.

And we have concluded our agenda. If there is no objection, -- microphone number 3?

>> I just have a small announcement. I found a very nice tapestry needle on the ground next to me, if anybody lost it.

>> PRESIDENT CARLA HAYDEN: All right. Thank you very much. If there is no objection -- microphone number 5.

>> BARBARA STRIPLING: Member of the Executive Board. I just wanted to thank you, Carla, for your facilitating --

(Applause.)