

The deadline for submitting resolutions for virtual meetings is Monday, June 8, 2020 no later than 4:30 p.m. CDT.

PROCESS:

1. All Council members are urged to submit a resolution or resolutions for consideration at virtual Council meetings. resolutions must be sent to the ALA Resolutions Committee for review and must be accompanied by a completed ALA Resolution E-Form:
<http://www.ala.org/aboutala/governance/council/resolutionwebform>

Samples of memorial resolutions, tributes, and testimonials can be found here:
http://www.ala.org/aboutala/governance/council/resolution_guidelines

6. The Executive Director shall disseminate all adopted resolutions to identified and pertinent parties. Dissemination should occur as soon as possible and not to exceed one month without explanation by the Executive Director to Council.

HOW TO SUBMIT AN AMENDMENT TO A RESOLUTION DURING A VIRTUAL COUNCIL MEETING

To suggest an amendment for a resolution on the floor, use the online form found at:
<http://www.ala.org/aboutala/governance/council/motionwebform>

Sample Resolution

June 2020

Resolution on Monetary Library Fines as a Form of Social Inequity

Whereas the first policy objective listed in ALA Policy B.8.10 (Library Services to the Poor) as approved by ALA Council on January 27, 2019, states that the American Library Association shall implement these objectives by “Promoting the removal of barriers to library and information services, particularly fees, and overdue charges”;

Whereas ALA Policy B.4.2 (Free Access to Information) “asserts that the charging of fees and levies for information services, including those services utilizing the latest information technology, is discriminatory in publicly supported institutions providing library and information services”;

Whereas in Economic Barriers to Information Access, An Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights, ALA states “All library policies and procedures, particularly those involving fines, fees, or other user charges, should be scrutinized for potential barriers to access”; and

Whereas monetary fines ultimately do not serve the core mission of the modern library; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members

1. adds a statement to the Policy Manual that estab