

**ALA Council I**  
**Sunday, January 25, 2009**  
**10:45am-12:15pm**  
**Colorado Convention Center, Four Seasons Ballroom**  
**Denver, CO**

***ADOPTED***, ALA CD#2, 2008 ALA Annual Conference Council Minutes.

***APPROVED***, the following slate of candidates for the ALA Executive Board Election: **Patricia M. Hogan**, Administrative Librarian, Poplar Creek Public Library Dist., Streamwood, IL; **Stephen L. Matthews**, Librarian, Currier Library, Foxcroft School, Middleburg, VA; **Courtney L. Young**, Reference Librarian & Associate Professor of Women's Studies, Pennsylvania State University, Monaca, PA; **John C. Sandstrom**, Manager, Collection Development & Acquisition, El Paso (TX) Public Library; **J. Linda Williams**, Coordinator, Library Media Services, Anne Arundel County Public Schools, Annapolis, MD; **Sylvia K. Norton**, School Library/Technology Planning Coordinator & State E-Rate Coordinator, Maine State Library, Augusta, ME. **Marilyn L. Hinshaw**, Executive Director, Oklahoma District Library System, Muskogee, OK and **Ling Hwey Jeng**, Professor and Director, School of Library And Information Studies, Texas Woman's University, Denton, TX, were nominated from the Council floor. (ALA CD#11)

***VOTED***, To adopt the following action item contained in ALA CD#25, Constitution and Bylaws Committee Report:

That ALA Bylaw Article I, Section 7(a) be moved to Article IX as a new Section 1, retaining its current language with all current Article IX sections renumbered accordingly.

That ALA Bylaw Article I, Section 7(b) be moved to Article II as new Section 1, retaining its current language with all current Article II sections renumbered accordingly.

That ALA Bylaws Article I be revised by replacing the current language with the following:

ALA Bylaw Article I. Membership

Sec. 1. Classification of Membership. Membership of the Association shall consist of:

**Personal Members:** any person who has completed the prn she lPerltate Ls018(e AsshasTcng.ed).89-0.0000

Corporate Members:



**9F. Commitment to the highest standards of civility and decency towards all.**

**9G. Reject all manifestation of prejudice, stereotyping, and discrimination on the basis of race, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, creed, color, religious background, national origin, language of origin or disability.**

(3) 1B: The role of library and information professionals in the promotion of democratic principles, (add: **social responsibility**), and intellectual freedom (including freedom of expression, thought, and conscience)

***ADOPTED***, The ALA's Core Competences of Librarianship, ALA CD#10, as amended, as a policy of the Association and as an important component of the revision of the Association's accreditation standards.

***MOVED***, The approval of ALA CD#35, Recommendation #1, which read: "Encourage all units of the Association to engage in active experimentation with providing electronic access to non-governance activities. Non-governance activities include such things as conferences, pre-conferences, programs, major addresses, awards ceremonies, and other sessions during which official Association business is not conducted. Experimentation should be with regard both to types of access provided, and to fiscal models for supporting such access. To assist in evaluation, information about participation, satisfaction, actual cost, overhead, etc. should be kept and analyzed, and shared with the Budget Analysis and Review Committee." (ALA CD#35, Item #1, Task Force on Electronic Member Participation)

***DEFEATED***, A motion to refer the entire report, ALA CD#35, Task Force on Electronic Member Participation Report, to the Budget Analysis and Review Committee (BARC) and the Committee on Organization (COO).

***APPROVED***, ALA CD#35, Recommendation #1, which read: "Encourage all units of the Association to engage in active experimentation with providing electronic access to non-governance activities. Non-governance activities include such things as conferences, pre-conferences, programs, major addresses, awards ceremonies, and other sessions during which official Association business is not conducted. Experimentation should be with regard both to types of access provided, and to fiscal models for supporting such access. To assist in evaluation, information about participation, satisfaction, actual cost, overhead, etc. should be kept and analyzed, and shared with the Budget Analysis and Review Committee." (ALA CD#35, Item #1, Task Force on Electronic Member Participation)

***APPROVED***, ALA CD#35, Recommendation #2, A new interpretation of ALA Policy 7.4.4 (Open Meetings) as follows:

#### **Interpretation of the Policy on Open Meetings (7.4.4)**

The policy on Open Meetings, 7.4.4., reads as follows:

"All meetings of the American Library Association and its units are open to all members and to members of the press. Registration requirements apply. Closed meetings may be held only for the discussion of matters affecting the privacy of individuals or institutions."

*APPROVED*, ALA CD#35, Recommendation #3, Policy

**ALA Council III**  
**Wednesday, January 28, 2009, 8:00am-12:30pm**  
**Colorado Convention Center**  
**Denver, CO**

**ADOPTED**, The following memorials for Maureen (Molly) Morris, MR#1; Mary Elizabeth Nation, MR#2; John Updike, MR#4; and Senator Claiborne Pell, MR#5.

**ADOPTED**, The following tributes: 60th Anniversary of the International Relations Round Table, TR#1; and Gil Baldwin, TR#2.

**ELECTED**, To three-year terms (2009-2012) on the Executive Board were: Patricia M. Hogan; Administrative Librarian, Poplar Creek Public Library Dist., Streamwood, IL; Stephen L. Matthews; Librarian, Currier Library, Foxcroft School, Middleburg, VA; and Courtney L. Young, Reference Librarian & Associate Professor of Women's Studies, Pennsylvania State University, Beaver Campus, Monaca, PA (ALA CD#11.2, Tellers Report).

**APPROVED**, The revisions to the following two (2) Interpretations of the *Library Bill of Rights*:

1. Challenged Materials, ALA CD #19.1
2. Restricted Access to Library Materials, ALA CD #19.2.

**APPROVED**, The adoption of the following new Interpretation of the *Library Bill of Rights*:

1. Services to Persons with Disabilities, ALA CD #19.3

**ADOPTED**, ALA CD#20.1, Resolution Commending President Barack Obama on His Commitment to Openness and Transparency in Government, which read: "That the American Library Association commends President Barack Obama for recognizing the importance of openness, transparency, and accountability in government by signing an executive order on Presidential Records and presidential memoranda on the Freedom of Information Act and Transparency and Open Government on his first day in office and looks forward to continuing to work with the Administration to advance public access and the public's right to know." (Committee on Legislation Report, ALA CD#20-20.2)

**ADOPTED**, ALA CD#20.2, Resolution in Support of the Reauthorization of the Library Services and Technology Act, which read: "That the American Library Association urges the United States Congress to reauthorize the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) in a timely manner." (Committee on Legislation Report, ALA CD#20-20.2)

**VOTED**, To replace ALA CD#36, Resolution on the Connection Between the Recent Gaza Conflict and Libraries, which read:

"That the American Library Association

1. Calls for the protection of libraries and archives in Gaza and Israel, and urges the US Government to support the United States Committee of the Blue Shield in upholding the 1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict.

2. Calls on the U.S. government to work for a permanent peace in the region.
3. Transmits this resolution to the U.S. President, U.S. Secretary of State, all members of the





d. Providing Friends of Library groups and Library Foundations access to information and



~~5. All resolutions approved by the membership will be presented to the next meeting of Council by the chair of the Resolutions Committee. The chair will indicate which membership resolutions are clearly policy matters. The presiding officer of Council will call for Council's guidance on the disposition of each membership item in turn. The Resolutions Committee must submit to the Executive Director and the Budget Analysis and Review Committee (BARC) all resolutions deemed to have fiscal implications at least 24 hours before they appear on the Council agendas so that BARC can provide fiscal information as required in by ALA policy. Standing committees of ALA and Council presenting resolutions to Council will follow the same process of submission to the Executive Director and BARC. Committee resolutions need no second.~~

6. *If a quorum is not present for a called Membership Meeting, those members who are present may convene themselves into a Membership Forum for the purpose of discussing matters of concern. The person who would have presided at the Membership Meeting may appoint a member to preside at the Membership Forum. Those members attending the Membership Forum shall determine their own agenda of matters to be discussed, except that the names of those being presented for memorials, tributes, and testimonials shall be read at the beginning of the last Membership Forum.*

**VOTED,** To support in principle the ALA Website Advisory Committee recommendations to Budget Analysis and Review Committee (BARC) on applying high priority funding levels for an accessibility review and web code data cleanup projects to the public web presence of the American Library Association. (ALA CD#34, ALA Website Advisory Committee Report)

**VOTED,** To reconsider Council's action on the ALA CD#35, Recommendation #4, which read: "The elimination of Policy 6.16 (Virtual Members). In its place, enable appointment of full committee members who may attend meetings virtually only. Make no new committee appointments or reappointments to ALA-level committees under Policy 6.16 after January, 2009, and COO should not authorize addition of ALA-level committee members under Policy 6.16 after January, 2009. (Implementation of this recommendation requires revisions to Policy 4.5 (contained in Recommendation 5, ALA CD #35.5). In preparation for implementation of this recommendation, charge the new task force described in ALA CD#35, Recommendation #16 to make recommendations concerning issues such as appointment procedures, limitation to proportion of "e-participating" members on a committee; establishment of quorum, and any other measures specifically dealt with by Policy 6.16. The new task force should also address issues such as the extent of the Association's responsibility to provide electronic access for committee members to meetings of their committee, and the responsibility of those participating electronically to support their own access to meetings. Additionally, the new task force should consider whether a separate policy, specifically authorizing the appointment of committee members whose attendance will be electronic only needs to be written, or if revision of Policy 4.5 is sufficient. If a separate policy or additional change to existing policy is needed, the new task force should write it."

**MOVED,** To change date to eliminate Policy 6.16 (Virtual Members) after ~~January 2009~~ to after January 2010. (ALA CD#35, TFOEMP Recommendation #4).

By **CONSENT,** Substituted the above motion for the following: "To change the date to eliminate Policy 6.16 to after the current appointment cycle at the close of Annual 2009."



participate otherwise in the work of the committee constitutes grounds for removal, upon request of the chair and approval of the appropriate appointing official or governing board.

***VOTED***, To refer ALA CD#35, Recommendations #6 through #16 to the ALA Executive Board to investigate general options for Council's consideration soliciting input from the ALA Executive Director, the Budget Analysis and Review Committee, and other bodies as the Executive Board deems necessary.

***ADOPTED***, the following three (3) action items contained in ALA CD#17.1, Policy Monitoring Committee (PMC) Report:

committee constitutes grounds for removal, upon request of the chair and approval of the appropriate appointing official or governing board.

**ITEM 3. Preservation Policy.** At the 2008 ALA Annual Conference, Council

first-served basis. Using whatever means necessary, these devices shall be located adjacent to the conference center's main entrance or to the primary registration area for pick-up and delivery."

2. ALA implements this policy in time for the July 2009 Annual Conference.

**ADOPTED**, ALA CD#39, Resolution on Accessible Computer Workstations at ALA Annual Conferences and Midwinter Meetings, which read:

"That the American Library Association (ALA) affirms

1. That accessible workstations shall always be identified by raised identifier flags extending from the monitors of those workstations.
2. That accessible workstations shall always be placed in the first seat in the first row of computer clusters made available to event attendees.
3. That these instructions shall be placed into ALA Policy 7.1.3.

**MOVED**, ALA CD#40, High Speed Internet Wireless Access at Conference Hotels, which read:

1. Directs the ALA Executive Director to require wireless Internet connection at no additional charge for all hotels in the ALA Hotel block; and
2. That this be implemented as soon as practicable.

By **CONSENT**, Amended ALA CD#40, High Speed Internet Wireless Access at Conference Hotels, to read:

1. Directs the ALA Executive Director to negotiate for ~~require~~ wireless Internet connection at no additional charge for all hotels in the ALA Hotel block.
2. That this be implemented as soon as practicable.

**DEFEATED**, ALA CD#40, High Speed Internet Wireless Access at Conference Hotels, as amended to read:

1. "Directs the ALA Executive Director to negotiate for wireless Internet connection at no additional charge for all hotels in the ALA Hotel block.
2. That this be implemented as soon as practicable."