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2016 ALA Midwinter Meeting  
ALA Council/Executive Board/Membership Information Session  
Saturday January 9, 2016  
3:00~~4:30~~ p.m.  
Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel, Grand Ballroom  
Boston, Massachusetts

The customary information session was held in accordance with A.P. 5.2 which states that at least one joint session of the Membership and Council with the Executive Board shall be held for information only prior to other meetings of Council and Membership. The information session was convened on Saturday, January 9, 2016, in the Grand Ballroom of the Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel



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ALA Council I  
Sunday, January 10, 2016  
8:30-11:00am  
Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel, Grand Ballroom  
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The first meeting of the ALA Council during the 2016 ALA Midwinter Meeting was convened at 8:30am on Sunday, January 10, 2016, in the Grand Ballroom of the Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INTRODUCTIONS. President Sari Feldman reintroduced Parliamentarian Eli Mina, President Julie Beth Todorq and ALA Executive Director and Secretary of the Council Keith Michael Fiels. ALA staff members assisting with the Council meetings were JoAnne Kempf, Director, Office of ALA Governance; Lois Ann Gregory Wood, Council Secretariat; Danielle Alderson, Projectionist; and Heather .15g9gP(he)-4(r .15g9gP(he)-4(r .15g9gP((ce)] TJ h7



Association; Margaret Woodruff, President Elect, Vermont Library Association; and Robyn Young, President, Indiana Library Association

THE ATTENDANCE AND VOTING RECORD is attached as Exhibit # 1.

QUORUM. A quorum was established at the beginning of each meeting.

RULES FOR ALA COUNCIL MEETINGS, AL A CD#5. By *CONSENT*, the ALA Council adopted the Rules for ALA Council Meetings.

ESTABLISHING THE AGENDA, ALA CD#8.1 Revised. By *CONSENT*, the ALA Council adopted the ALA Council agenda amended to include the Resolution Against Islamophobia, ALA CD#1716\_A.T.

2015 ALA ANNUAL CONFERENCE MINUTES, ALA CD#2. By *CONSENT*, the Minutes were adopted as distributed.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE ALA EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTION , ALA CD#11. In accordance with the Constitution Article VII, Section 1 and 2, Bylaws Article III, Section 6(c), and Policy A.5.3, the Council Committee on Committees,

The election results will be announced at ALA Council ~~January 12, 2016,~~  
9:30am-12:30pm

APPOINTMENT OF TELLERS FOR THE EXECUTIVE BOARD  
ELECTION, ALA CD#11.1. Councilors Kathleen M. DeLong, William (Bill)  
Sudduth, III, and Kent Slade, Chair, volunteered to serve as election tellers.

REVIEW OF EXECUTIVE BOARD ACTION SINCE THE 2015 ANNUAL  
CONFERENCE, ALA CD#15. ALA Executive Director Keith Michael Fiels  
highlighted various actions taken by the ALA Executive Board since the 2015  
Annual Conference. Among the actions taken, the Board:

- x *Voted* to approve the revised primary FY2016 General Fund Budgetary  
Ceiling of \$29,363,944, which included the compensation increase for ALA  
staff.
- x *Voted* to approve the appointment of the Task Force on Accreditation  
Process and Communication and the Task Force on the Context of Future  
Accreditation, with the charge, ~~time~~, and composition.
- x *Voted* to approve and forward the Joint Council Librarians of Color (JCLC)  
Application for ALA Affiliate Status to the ALA Constitution and Bylaws  
Committee for review at the 2016 ALA Midwinter Meeting.
- x *Voted* to approve the establishment of a Presidential Task Force for ALA  
Election Process for ALA President, Treasurer, and Council, chaired by  
ALA Immediate Past President Courtney L. Young
- x *Voted* to remand the decision to withdraw accreditation from the University  
of Missouri back to the Committee on Accreditation with ~~commitment~~  
actions subsequently led to the reinstatement of the University as an accredited  
degree-granting institution under the ALA provision

IMPLEMENTATION OF ALA 2015 ALA ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
COUNCIL ACTIONS, ALA CD#9. Executive Director Keith Michael Fiels  
provided a status report on various actions taken by Council at the 2015 Annual  
Conference, which included:

- x Ernest A. DiMattia, Jr. Award for Innovation, and Service to Community and Profession ALA CD#7. The first time award will be presented at the 2016 ALA Annual Conference in Orlando, FL
  
- x Resolution on Sustainable Libraries, ALA CD#36. ALA management has followed up with the Chair of the Sustainability Report, and is initially focusing on two areas related to sustainability. Reports will be provided on an ongoing basis, as will efforts to reduce our carbon footprint as an association and to support libraries of all types in their sustainability efforts within their communities.
  
- x A Resolution Denouncing the Systemic Racism That Motivated the South Carolina Shootings, ALA CD#43. The resolution has been turned over to ALA Task Force on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, which will be bringing major recommendations to the Annual Conference.
  
- x Resolution on improving Access to Spanish Bilingual Books for Children in Detention Centers. ALA is actively supporting REFORMA's efforts to actually put books on the ground and, in addition, are looking at other options that we can, through which, support the spirit of the resolution.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION AGAINST ISLAMOPHOBIA, ALA CD#32\_1716\_ACT.

Councilors Christian Zabriskie and Lauren Comito moved the American Library Association on behalf of its members: (1) recognizes the positive impact that Muslims have made in libraries and library science; (2) recognizes the contributions that Muslims have made to information and knowledge in fields such as science, mathematics, philosophy, medicine, and geography; (3) stands with our delegates, community members, and users in speaking out against Islamophobia; (4) condemns the hate speech being directed at Muslims.

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Monday, January 11, 2016, 10:00am - 12:15pm

the resource. The prejudicial labels presupposes that individuals must be directed in making up their minds about the ideas they examine. The American Library Association affirms the rights of individuals to form their own opinions about resources they choose to access.

Adopted 1951, amended 1971, 1981, 1990, 2005, 2009, 2013, 2014, 2015 (See 3 R O L F \ 5 H I H U H Q F H ) L O H μ / D E H O L Q J 6 \ Library Bill of Rights, Q W H U S 20142015 ALA CD#19.4); and

#### B.2.1.8 Rating Systems

Many organizations use or devise rating systems as a means of advising opinions of the content and suitability or appropriate age or grade level for use of certain materials. However, the American Library Association affirms the rights of individuals to form their own opinions about resources they choose to read or view. Libraries are not required to provide ratings in their bibliographic records. If they choose to do so, they should cite the source of the rating in their catalog or discovery tool displays to indicate the library does not endorse any external rating system.

Adopted 1951, amended 1971, 1981, 1990, 2005, 2009, 2013, 2014, 2015 (See 3 R O L F \ 5 H I H U H Q F H ) L O H μ 5 D W L Q J 6 \ Library Bill of Rights, Q W H U S 20142015 ALA CD#19.5)

Item #3. At the 2015 ALA Annual Conference, the ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee recommended and the ALA Council adopted ALA CD#19.3, Internet Filtering: An Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights

% D V H G R Q & R X Q P M C O M O V E D I N S E R R I O N o f t h e f o l l o w i n g abstract into the ALA Policy Manual under B.2.1.18, Use Filtering Software in Libraries (which will be renumbered as B.2.1.18 based on ~~Table~~):

#### B.2.1.18 Use of Filtering Software in Libraries (new numbering)

B.2.1.18.I Internet Filtering. The negative effects of content filters on Internet access

filters should implement policies and procedures that mitigate the negative effects of filtering to the greatest extent possible.

Adopted, 2015. (See 3 R O L F \ 5 H I H U H Q F H ) L O H μ & R P P L W W  
Ethics Report: 2012 2015 ALA CD#19.3)

Information Items:

The old B.2.1.7 Labeling and Rating Systems will be retired to Policy  
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The current B.2.1.8 through B.2.1.23 would be renumbered to B.2.1.9 through B.2.1.24.

COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION, ALA CD#27\_ 11016 ACT. Susan  
Considine, chair, moved and Council

*VOTED*, To approve the following actions contained in the Committee  
on Organization Report ALA CD#27\_11016\_act:

Item #1. The revised name, charge, and composition of the Office of  
Literacy and Outreach Services (OLOS) Advisory Committee, as outlined  
below:

- x Change the name of the OLOS Advisory Committee to the Office for  
Diversity, Literacy, and Outreach Services Advisory Committee.

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direction of the Office, will assess program effectiveness, encourage the exploration of new ideas and initiatives, and strengthen the growth of equity and inclusion within the American Library Association and the profession as a whole. Members are appointed to the Office for Diversity, Literacy, and Outreach Services Advisory Committee through recommendations from the Presidents/Chairs of the stakeholder committees and organizations, with an additional three members appointed by the ALA President.

- x Change the composition of the Office for Diversity, Literacy, and Outreach Services Advisory Committee, as follows:

The composition of the new Office for Diversity, Literacy, and Outreach Services Advisory Committee will be made up of the merger of Diversity Council, a subcommittee of the Committee on Diversity (COD) and the OLOS Advisory Committee. Fifteen members of the Office for Diversity, Literacy, and Outreach Services Advisory Committee will represent the following groups detailed below. Groups will select their own member representative with the exception of the three designated ex officio members.

™ Current Diversity Council representatives (7 members):

- f American Indian Library Association (AILA)
- f Asian Pacific Librarians Association (APALA)
- f Black Caucus of the American Library Association (BCALA)
- f Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA)
- f REFORMA (the national association to promote library and information services to Latinos and the Spanish speaking)
- f Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Round Table (GLBTRT)
- f Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies (ASCLA)

™ Current OLOS Advisory Committee representatives (7 members):

- f Ethnic & Multicultural Information Exchange Round Table (EMIERT)
- f Social Responsibilities Round Table (SRRT)
- f Sustainability Round Table (SustainRT)
- f Association of Bookmobile & Outreach Services (ABOS)



- f Association for Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL)
- f Committee on Literacy (COL) Chair will serve (ex officio)
- f Rural, Native and Tribal Libraries of All Kinds (RNTLOAK) Committee Chair will serve (ex officio)

™ Committee on Diversity (COD) Chair (ex officio) (1 member)

An additional three members will be appointed by ALA President for a total of 18 members. All 18 members will have year staggered terms, with a chairperson appointed annually by the ALA President.

Item #2. Formally designates a Dean/Director position on the ALA Committee on Accreditation, within the current committee structure. Appointment to that position when vacant, will be made by the ALA appointing officer from a list of recommendations to be made by the ALISE Council of Deans and Directors.

Information Items: COO approved establishment of the STEM Public Libraries Membership Initiative Group.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE (IRC) REPORT, ALA CD#18\_11016\_INF Leslie Burger, chair highlighted the following items:

- x Donna Scheeder, President, International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA), is the first U.S. President of IFLA since Robert Wedgeworth (1999).
- x Columbus, Ohio, August 13, 2016, will host the IFLA World Library and Information Congress (WLIC).
- x The International Relations Office obtained a \$50,000, 2015 Laura Bush 21st Century Library Program grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) to provide fifty (50) \$1,000 scholarships to help a diverse group of librarians, library staff, and library students in the United State attend the WLIC.
- x Through the efforts of the National Committee, by James G. Neal, ALA Executive Board member, \$130,000 has been raised to provide more

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At the 2015 ALA Annual Conference, the Constitution and Bylaws Committee proposed an amendment to Article X of the ALA Constitution. Article X deals with affiliation of external organizations with ALA as well as with ALA or its subdivisions affiliating with an external organization.

The ALA Council referred the proposed amendment back to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee for further consideration. The proposal did not adequately state & RXQFLO·V UROH LQ DSSURNL member also dis DWLRQ UHT TXHVWLRQV DERXW WKH PHDQLQJ RI WKH ZRUG 'V

Additional research by ALA Headquarters Library staff, supplemented by work by the Committee to examine the Constitution, the Bylaws, and the Policy Manual provided a fuller picture of history of Article X since 1907 to the present. The & RPPLWWHH·V UHVHDUFK DOVR GHWHUPLQH WKDW Association is used only in the Constitution and the Policy Manual.

The Constitution and Bylaws Committee has shared this information with the Committee on Organization and recommended that it develop a definition of 'VXEGLYLVLRQ μ 7KDW FRXOG UHVXOW LQ D QHHG definition as an appropriate article document.

At this time, the Constitution and Bylaws Committee proposes no amendment to Article X of the ALA Constitution.

The brief asserts that, given the realities of the digital age that require individuals to entrust their metadata and content to third-party communications companies, this doctrine should be set aside and the government required to obtain a warrant whenever it seeks to access metadata and Expressive Activities.

- x *Wikimedia v National Security Agency*. The lawsuit challenges NSA's surveillance of communications as they travel across the United States. The ACLU on behalf of a number of legal, education, and human rights organizations. On October 23, 2015, the district court dismissed the lawsuit on the grounds that the plaintiffs failed to provide factual evidence of how NSA actually was using its program to search and seize communications. The plaintiffs are currently considering an appeal to the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals. Themicus

Jefferson then updated Council on other cases and activities that FTRF was involved in or monitoring.

2017 ALA PROGRAMMATIC PRIORITIES, ALA CD#13.1\_1716\_ACT.  
ALA Treasurer Mario M. Gonzalez moved and the ALA Council

*VOTED*, To approve the following programmatic priorities, as a basis for the FY17 budget and as a key framework for strategic planning:

- x Advocacy for Libraries and the Profession
- x Diversity
- x Education and Lifelong Learning
- x Equitable Access to Information and Library Services
- x Intellectual Freedom
- x Literacy
- x Organizational Excellence
- x Transforming Libraries

ADJOURNMENT. After several announcements, the meeting ~~was adj.~~

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The third meeting of the ALA Council during the 2016



of the resolution, which was reviewed and supported by the Working Group. The revised draft resolution was forwarded to Council and the comments received were very positive with no substantive changes suggested.

The COL and IFC, with SRRT participation, discussed the final draft of the resolution at this Midwinter Meeting. When presented to the Council, the COL and IFC replaced the previously referred resolution with this newly drafted Resolution for Restoring Civil Liberties and Opposing Mass Surveillance, ALA CD#19.1 and CD#20.1.

By *CONSENT*, the ALA Council substituted with Resolution for Restoring Civil Liberties and Opposing Mass Surveillance, ALA CD#19.1 and CD#20.1

Following comments of support for the resolution, the ALA Council

*ADOPTED*, ALA CD#19.1 and ALA CD#20.1, Resolution for Restoring Civil Liberties and Opposing Mass Surveillance, ALA CD#19.1 and CD#20.1, by the ALA Council on behalf of its members and the public interest:

1. urges the President and Congress to amend all germane surveillance authorities, such as Executive Order 13526, the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) as amended, and the USA PATRIOT Act, to:

a. require government agencies to obtain judicial warrants before collecting records from libraries, bookstores, and other entities; and

b. raise the standard for government collection of all records under FISA of the USA PATRIOT ACT (commonly known as the "library records" section);

c. limit the collection of records to those records that are directly related to the investigation of a specific threat to national security.



- d. prohibit the government from requiring hardware and software companies to deliberately design encryption and other security features to facilitate government access to information otherwise protected by such features;
2. recommits itself to leadership in the fight for restoration and civil liberties through statutory and other legal reforms; and
3. commends and thanks all parties, both inside and outside of government, involved in developing and securing passage of the USA FREEDOM Act, resulting in movement away from overbroad surveillance laws and practices for

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION (COL) REPORT, ALA CD#20 -CD#20.2.  
Following a brief legislative update, Ewbank, chair moved and the ALA Council

*ADOPTED*, ALA CD#20.2, Resolution Honoring James H. Billington, /LEUDULDQ RI & RQJUHVV (PHULWXV ZKLFK UH D Association, on behalf of its members extends its deepest appreciation to James H. Billington, Librarian of Congress Emeritus, for his extraordinary service to Congress, libraries and the public and for his nearly three decades of DFKLHYHPHQW μ

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION CONCERNING ACCESSIBILITY OF ALA CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, ALA CD#31\_REV\_11116\_ACT, 3:00PM Councilors Christopher John Corrigan; Emily Bergman; Aaron Dobbs; Karen Downing; and Mike Marlin moved and the ALA Council

*ADOPTED*, ALA CD#31\_Rev\_11116\_act\_3:00pm, Resolution Concerning Accessibility of ALA Conferences and Meetings for People with Disabilities, ZKLFK UH D American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members establish and charge a Conference Accessibility Task Force to:

1. collect data from ALA Members and conference attendees with disabilities;

2. establish methods for reviewing and addressing accessibility grievances;
3. draft guidelines for review of contracts to ensure ADA and WCAG compliance;
4. research best practices for accessibility training and make a recommendation for implementation;
5. report progress to Council during the ALA Annual Conference 2016 and ALA Midwinter 2017 and;
6. make a final report to Council at the 2017 ALA Midwinter Meeting during the ALA Annual Conference 2017 in & K L F D J R μ

RESOLUTION ON REPLACING THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS  
SUBJECT HEADING ' , / / ( \* \$ / \$ / , ( 1 6 ) WITH ' 8 1 ' 2 & 8 0 ( 1 7 ( ' , 0 0 , \* 5 \$ 1 7 6 ALA CD#34\_11016\_ACT Councilors Laura Koltutsky and Peter D. Hepburn moved and the ALA Council

*ADOPTED*, ALA CD#34\_11016\_act, Resolution on Replacing the Library of Congress Subject Heading "Illegal Aliens" with "Undocumented  
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advocacy goals to ensure the success of libraries and the profession across the nation; and

2. urges cross division and organizational collaboration to galvanize the membership and advance Advocacy Implementation Plan Libraries Transformation campaign through the power of collective impact.

ADJOURNMENT. The Council III meeting adjourned at the completion of the agenda