

This resolution was referred to President Julie d } C on June 27, 2016

### Resolution Concerning the Role of Chapters in the American Library Association

Whereas the mission of the American Library Association is to provide leadership for the development, promotion and improvement of library and information services and the profession of librarianship in order to enhance learning and ensure access to information for all;

Whereas one of the core organizational values is an open, inclusive and collaborative environment;

Whereas the Association has established a governing structure of 51 Chapter Councilors representing states and territories encompassing approximately 50% of the ALA Council membership;

Whereas Chapter Councilors, in addition to their governance responsibilities, are responsible for disseminating information to and from the Chapter to ALA leadership;

Whereas ALA leadership and staff do not always make an effort to consult with Chapters regarding planned contacts with, and invitations to, State elect

Whereas several Chapters have expressed concern that the Chapter Councilors do not have the opportunity to discuss initiatives with ALA leadership prior to those initiatives being implemented nationally and being imposed on the state Chapters; and

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1. Title of Resolution: Resolution Concerning the Role of Chapters in the American Library Association

2. ALA Units and/or Committees Consulted (if any):

Chapter Councilors; Chapter Council Forum;  
CRC

3. Endorsements by ALA Units and/or Committees (if any):

Chapter Councilors

NJLA Board

4. Fiscal implications: Specify the resources needed to carry out the resolution's directive(s).: None

5. List all parties to whom resolution should be sent:

ALA Council

ALA Executive Board

Resolutions Committee

6. Impact on ALA Policies and Positions: Explain how the resolution supports

ALA's Strategic Plan, its mission, and/or its core values.: Supports core

organizational value of an open, inclusive and collaborative environment

6a) ALA general policy or viewpoint: If the resolution sets forth a general

policy or an ALA viewpoint, describe.:

6b) Change in existing policy: If this resolution necessitates a change in

existing policy, state the policy number and the change.:

6c) New policy: If this resolution establishes new policy, describe.:

6d) Policy conflicts: If this resolution conflicts with existing policy,

state provisions for resolving the conflict.:

7. Initiating Committee or Unit (if any): NJLA Board

8. Pertinent Background Information, e.g. bibliography, citations, supportive

quotes, URLs, etc.:

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