ALA COUNCIL MINUTES 2015 ALA ANNUAL CONFERENCE SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

ALA COUNCIL MINUTES 2015 ALA Annual Conference ALA Council/ Executive Board/ Membership Information Session Saturday, June 27, 2015 3:00 4:30pm Moscone Convention Center (MCC), 134-135 North San Francisco, California

The customary information session was held in accordance with ALA A.4.2.5.2, 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 convened at 3:00pm on Saturday, June 27, 2015, in 134-135 North of the Moscone Convention Center in San Francisco, California.

ANNOUNCEMENTS. Before the start of this meeting, ALA President Courtney L. Young called for a moment of silence to honor the memory of ALA Executive Board Member Dr. Gail Schlachter, who passed away on April 27, 2015.

Gail was a treasure to our profession and to the American Library Association and the embodiment of warmth, kindness, and intelligence. Her gentle manner and her graciousness are an example for all of us, Young said.

A memorial gathering will be held on Sunday, June 28, 5:00 7:00 p.m., in this Convention Center in Esplanade 304.

Young also noted the passing of ALA Honorary Member David Cohen, who died on February 5, 2015, at the age of 106. Among his many achievements, he was cofounder and coordinator of ALA

INTRODUCTIONS. ALA President Courtney L. Young introduced Parliamentarian Eli Mina; ALA President-Elect Sari Feldman; 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, ALA Council Secretariat; Danielle Alderson, Projectionist; and Heather Theriaque, Captionist.

ALA PRESIDENT SREPORT, ALA CD#21.1_61515_INF. Courtney L. Young briefly highlighted the following items from her written report:

Career Development Facilitators (CDF). A partnered program with ALA chapters to provide training for a national cohort of 22 librarians from a cross section of libraries to become certified Career Development Facilitators (CDF).

The training consists of 14 weeks of self-paced online training, combined with

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Wand also noted that as of the end of April, the ALA Endowment Fund has grown to almost \$41 million, an increase of \$4 million since last year.

Wand pointed out that Publishing is still in a transition but is getting closer to meeting

The total FY16 ALA budget is \$50.7 million, an increase of \$1.2 million or 2 percent over FY2015.

The general fund budget of \$29.4 million is essentially flat and leveled at slightly 1.5

ALA TASK FORCE ON EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION REPORT, CD# 14.1. Martin Garnar, co-chair, presented an update report. This Task Force was formed in 2014 after members of the Black Caucus (BCALA) raised serious concerns about the scheduling of ALA s 2016 Annual Conference in Orlando, Florida, based on the states controversial implementation of its Stand Your Ground law.

Garnar noted the first six months of the Task Force's life were focused on defining its terminology, discerning tasks, and developing trust. The next six months have been focused on gathering input from the library professional community through a variety of venues.

The task force launched a survey focused on how welcoming the respondents perceived the dimate of ALA conferences and other events to be. The survey closed on February 17 with a total of 1,427 respondents completing the majority of questions.

Another survey will be launched during this conference to gather input on respondents attendance plans for the 2016 Annual Conference in Orlando, as well as the types of activities they would like to see at the conference.

Given the importance of providing venues for people to speak openly and honestly about the issues related to equity, diversity, and inclusion, the task force have hosted several listening sessions at the REFORMA and American Theological Library Association national conferences. Another is planned for the National Conference of

In closing, Martin Garnar acknowledged with thanks the work of the task force s other co-chair, Trevor Dawes, task force members, and Gwendolyn Prellwitz, the task force s ALA staff liaison.

ADJOURNMENT. After several brief announcements, the meeting was adjourned upon the completion of the agenda.

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

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

ESTABLISHING THE AGENDA, ALA CD#8.5-REV_62715_9:30PM. By CONSENT, Council adopted ALA CD#8.5-Rev-_62715_9:30pm, as amended to include the following resolutions to the Council Lagenda under new business:

Resolution on the Importance of Sustainable Libraries, ALA CD#36;

A Resolution Denouncing the Systemic Racism That Motivated The South Carolina Shootings, ALA CD#43;

Resolution on Libraries and Schools Affected by the Conflict in Gaza and Israel in 2014, ALA CD#40, Rev.; and

Resolution against Mass Surveillance of the American People, ALA CD#42.

2015 ALA MIDWINTER MEETING COUNCIL MINUTES, ALA CD#2.1. By CONSENT, Council adopted the 2015 ALA Midwinter Meeting Council Minutes, ALA CD#2.1_61515_ACT.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2015 2016 COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES (COC), ALA CD# 12_51315_ACT. ALA President-Elect Sari Feldman, Committee on Committees (COC) chair, presented the slate of candidates for the 2015 2016 Council Committee on Committees Election: Gladys Smiley Bell; Maria Carpenter; Min Chou; Stephen L. Matthews; Cristina Dominguez Ramirez; Ellen Hunter Ruffin; Rocco A. Staino; and Edward L. Sanchez. Four (4) Councilors will be elected for a one-year term (2015 2016). There were no nominations from the Council floor.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2015 2016 PLANNING AND BUDGET ASSEMBLY (PBA), ALA CD# 12.1_51415_ACT. ALA President-Elect Sari Feldman, Committee on Committees chair, presented the slate of candidates for the 2015 2016 Planning and Budget Assembly Election: *Councilors-at-Large:* Denice C. Adkins; Mary Biblo; John C. DeSantis; and Eric D. Suess. Two (2) Councilors-at-Large are to be elected for 2-year terms (2015 2017). There were no floor nominations.

Chapter Councilors: Jennifer A. Alvino; Jeson Hatton; Ben Allen Hunter; Sherry Machones; Kris Seerengan; and Patricia (Patty) M. Wong; Three (3) Chapter Councilors are to be elected for 2-year terms (2015 2017). There were no floor nominations.

The election results will be announced at ALA Council III on June 30, 2015, 7:45 9:15am.

APPOINTMENT OF TELLERS, ALA CD#12.2_51515_INF. Kathleen M. DeLong; Eboni M. Henry; Douglas K. Lehman; Suzanne L. Sager; Kent Slade; William (Bill) E. Sudduth, III; and Denise M. Zielinski, chair, volunteered to serve as tellers for the elections.

ALA AWARDS COMMITTEE REPORT, ALA CD#7_61815_ACT. Eric D. Suess, chair, moved and the ALA Council

APPROVED, the establishment of the Ernest A. DiMattia, Jr. Award for Innovation, and Service to Community and Profession.

ALA STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS DOCUMENT, ALA CD#37_62215_ACT. After providing background information on the process used to develop the Strategic Directions, Immediate Past President Barbara K. Stripling moved the adoption of the ALA Strategic Directions document, as identified in ALA CD#37_62215_ACT. The ALA Council

ADOPTED, ALA CD#37, Strategic Directions document, as amended to add new wording to the 8th bullet point of the Goals of Professional and Leadership Development (page7). The revised language reads:

The outcome of learning is <u>knowledge supporting positive</u> individual and organizational change.

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT, ALA CD#25.1_62715_ACT. James R. Rettig, chair, Constitution and Bylaws, noted that the purpose of amending the language in the below two Constitution sections is not substantive but to clarify the intent of the sections. Rettig then explained the

Amend Article X of the ALA Constitution to state:

Section 1. National or international organizations having purposes similar to those of the Association or to one or more of the Association subdivisions

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2015 ALA MIDWINTER MEETING COUNCIL ACTIONS, ALA CD#9.1. ALA Executive Director Keith Michael Fiels presented a written report and called for questions regarding the report.

NEW BUSINESS:

During the ALA Virtual Membership Meeting on Tuesday, June 2, 2015, and at the ALA Membership Meeting held at this conference on Saturday, June 27, 2015, the ALA membership adopted the following two resolutions: Resolution on the Importance of Sustainable Libraries, ALA CD#36_6515_act (ALA-VMM#3) and Resolution Denouncing the Systemic Racism that Motivated the South Carolina Shootings, ALA CD#43_62715_7:58pm_act (MMD#3). In accordance with ALA Policy A.7.4.10, All resolutions approved by the membership will be presented to the next meeting of Council by the chair of the Resolutions Committee. The Resolutions Committee chair will indicate which membership resolutions are dearly policy Council or Larry Romans, Resolutions Committee chair, informed the Council there were no policy implications related to the membership resolutions.

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ADOPTED, The Resolution on the Importance of Sustainable Libraries, ALA CD#36_6515_ACT, which read:

That the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members:

1. recognizes the important and unique role libraries play in wider community

of sustainability through ALA publications, research and educational opportunities to reach our shared goal of vital, visible and viable libraries for the future.

RESOLUTION DENOUNCING THE SYSTEMIC RACISM THAT MOTIVATED THE SOUTH CAROLINA SHOOTING, ALA CD#43_62715_7:58PM_ACT (MMD#3). It was moved that the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members:

- denounces the racially and politically motivated shooting at Emanuel
 African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church in Charleston, South Carolina,
 on the evening of Wednesday, June 17, 2015;
- 2. r

RESOLUTION ON LIBRARIES AND SCHOOLS AFFECTED BY THE CONFLICT IN THE GAZA AND ISRAEL IN 2014, ALA CD#40_ REV_62615_11:09PM_ACT. ALA Councilors Jane Glasby and Al Kagan moved the adoption of the Resolution on Libraries and Schools affected by the Conflict in the Gaza and Israel in 2014 ALA CD#40_ rev_62615_11:09pm_act, which read: That the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members: 1. deplores the destruction and damage of cultural institutions, including schools and libraries, in Gaza and Israel during the recent conflict there; 2. deplores the use of schools for storing or firing weapons; 3. calls again for the protection of libraries and cultural resources in the Middle East, 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; and 4. calls upon the government of the United States, as well as other governments, intergovernmental organizations, and nongovernmental organizations to provide material assistance for the reconstruction and restoration of these libraries and schools.

The Intellectual Freedom Committee and the Committee on Legislation did not endorse the resolution. In addition, ALA is on record in support of the non-destruction of libraries, archives and other cultural resources in the Middle east through the adoption of similar resolutions. Furthermore, the International Relations Committee discussed the resolution but took no action.

Following more discussion of the resolution, the question was called and the debate was closed. The ALA Council then

DEFEATED, The motion to adopt the Resolution on Libraries and Schools Affected by the Conflict in Gaza and Israel in 2014, ALA CD#40_ rev_62615_11:09pm_act., which read: That the American Library Association

4. amending Executive Order 12333 on United States Intelligence Activities by deleting all authority for mass surveillance of the American People.

ADJOURNMENT. After several brief announcements, the meeting was adjourned upon the completion of the agenda.

ALA COUNCIL II Monday, June 29, 2015 8:30am 11:30am Moscone Convention Center (MCC), Room 134-135 North San Francisco, California

The second meeting of the ALA Council during the 2015 ALA Annual Conference was convened at 8:30am on Monday, June 29, 2015, in the Moscone Convention Center (MCC), Room 134-135 North.

INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUN CMENTS. South Carolina Chapter Councilor Nathan Flowers made a special request to acknowledge the memorial for Cynthia Hurd, colleague and advocate for libraries, who was murdered by gunfire along with eight other parishioners at the Emanuel A.M.E. Church on Wednesday, June 17, 2015, in Charleston, South Carolina. A moment of silence was given to honor the nine victims.

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

ESTABLISHING THE AGENDA, ALA CD#8.6 REV_62815_ 8:15PM_ACT. ALA CD#8.6 rev_62815, 8:15pm_act, ALA Council II Agenda, was adopted as amended to include under New Business the Resolution on Improving Access to Spanish & Bilingual Books for Children in Detention Centers, ALA CD#38_Revised-2_62915_ACT.

RECOGNITION OF RETIRING COUNCILORS AND EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS. President Courtney L. Young recognized the following Council members whose terms will expire at the adjournment of the 2015 ALA Annual Conference: Barbara K. Stripling, ALA Immediate Past President; Robert E. Banks, Executive Board Member (Rob will remain on the Board until the 2016 Midwinter Meeting to complete 6- . At the 2016 Midwinter Meeting, a new successor will be elected to complete the remainder of Gail unexpired term. Gail passed away on April 27, 2015); Alexia Hudson-Ward, ALA Executive Board Member; and John Allyn Moorman, Executive Board Member; Carl Antonucci, Jr., Connecticut Chapter Councilor (reelected); Nancy L. Baumann, Councilor-at-Large; Liz Bishoff, Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies (ASLCA) Councilor; Jennifer Boettcher, Reference and User Services Association (RUSA) Councilor; Dana Braccia, Arizona Chapter

Councilor; Trisha A. Burns, Michigan Chapter Councilor; Nicolas (Nick) H. Buron, Councilor-at-Large; Lauren Andrea Comito, Councilor-at-

International Participation and Activities at the 2016 ALA Annual Conference. The IRC welcomed current IFLA President-elect Donna Scheeder and her newly elected successor, Glòria Pérez-Salmerón, President, Federación Española de Sociedades de Archivística, Biblioteconomía, Documentación y Museística (FESABID) in Spain, along with nearly 600 other librarians from 62 countries. International-focused programs and other events began Friday, June 26, and will end Monday, June 29, with the International Reception at the San Francisco Public Library.

The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA). Donna Scheeder reported on IFLA sefforts relating to the United Nations Post-2015 Development Agenda. The U.N. released the draft

restock libraries destroyed and damaged by the earthquake on April 25, 2015. The IRC thanked ALA President Courtney L. Young for highlighting the initiative at the Opening General Session at this conference.

Garcia-Febo then highlighted several other projects the IRC has underway.

COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATIONS (COO) REPORT, ALA CD#27.1_62815_ACT. Mary E. Rzepczynski, chair, moved and the ALA Council

APPROVED, Committee on Organization, ALA CD#27.1, Action Item #1:

Revision of the Budget Analysis and Review Committee composition description (changes in bold italics):

The Budget Analysis & Review Committee (BARC) consists of nine (9) Members:

Two (2) ALA Executive Board Members, with staggered two-year terms Sx (6) ALA Members, with staggered four-year terms ALA Treasurer (ex-officio voting)

A Chair is selected from among the non-Executive Board members.

Executive Board Members and ALA Members may not be reappointed once they have served on the Committee for four (4) years. The maximum four (4) years need not be consecutive and need not be served as the same member type. For example, one could serve as an Executive Board Member for two (2) years and an ALA Member for two (2) years.

Three (3)-year Treasurer term do not count towards the four (4)-year term of Committee service outlined above. Therefore, one may serve as Treasurer for three (3) years and a combination of Executive Board Member/ALA Member for four (4) years, for a total of seven (7) years.

FREEDOM TO READ FOUNDATION (FTRF) REPORT, ALA CD#22.1_62715_INF. ALA Councilor and FTRF President Julius C. Jefferson, Jr., provided updates on FTRF activities since the 2015 ALA Midwinter Meeting:

Prison Legal News v. Kane. This case challenges a Pennsylvania law that allows a victim to sue a convicted offender to stop any conduct including

2015 Roll of Honor Award. James G. Neal and Jonathan Bloom are the corecipients of this year saward.

2015 Conable Conference Scholarship. Gretchen LeCheminant and Amy Steinbauer are the co-recipients of this year s scholarship.

ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom (OIF). Barbara Jones, OIF Director, will retire from her position at the end of the year. Barbara was thanked for her devoted service and leadership to OIF and the Freedom to Read Foundation over the past six years.

NEW BUSINESS:

original resolution was referred to the COL and IFC with expectations the resolution would come back revised, not as an entirely new resolution.

Many councilors spoke against the substitution resolution in favor of the original resolution (ALA CD#42), which called for the Association taking more aggressive action to oppose mass surveillance and repeal of those laws which permit it.

After further debate on the proposed substitute resolution, Councilor Bernard A. Margolis moved and the ALA Council *VOTED*, that the substitute motion (ALA CD# 20.3 & CD# 19.6) be amended by adding the resolved clauses of ALA CD# 42. The amended resolved clause of ALA CD# 20.3 & CD# 19.6 would now read:

That the American Library Association calls on the U.S. President and Congress to end mass surveillance of the American people by:

- commends the authors and primary supporters of the USA FREEDOM Act for their efforts, courage, and success in securing its passage;
- recommits itself to the maximum possible restoration of the public s privacy and civil liberties through statutory and other legal reforms;
- reaffirms its commitment to fostering maximum transparency in all workings of government;
- 4. repealing Section 215 of the USA PATRIOT Act, and all other sections that authorize mass surveillance of the American public;
- repealing all mass surveillance authorized by the USA Freedom Act, by adopting into law the following measures: requiring government agencies to get a national security warrant before collecting personal information from

RESOLUTION ON GUN VIOLENCE, ALA CD#45_62915_ACT. Councilors Al Kagan and Jane Glasby moved the adoption of ALA CD#45, Resolution on Gun Violence, which read: That the American Library Association, on behalf of its members: (1) deplores the gun violence that materially affects libraries and the communities we serve; and (2) will work in every way that it can to support legislation that prohibits the carrying of guns in or near libraries and educational institutions.

Following a brief discussion, the ALA Council

AMENDED, The 2nd resolved dause of ALA CD#45, Resolution on Gun Violence, as follows:

will work <u>with state chapters and affiliates</u> in every way that it can to support legislation that <u>allows the prohibition of the prohibits the</u> carrying of guns in or near libraries and other educational institutions.

By CONSENT, the ALA Council deleted the last whereas dause of ALA CD#45, Resolution on Gun Violence, which read: Whereas the only thing needed for the triumph of evil is for good people to do nothing and to remain silent.

The ALA Council then

ADOPTED, ALA CD 45, Resolution on Gun Violence, as amended above.

RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE THE STATEMENT FROM THE MOVEMENT FOR BLACK LIVES ON THE CHARLESTON SHOOTING.

RESOLUTION TO IMPROVING ACCESS TO SPANISH, BILINGUAL, AND BOOKS IN VARIOUS LANGUAGES FOR CHILDREN IN DETENTION CENTERS, ALA CD#38, REV