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2012 ALA MIDWINTER MEETING
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The customary information session was held in accordance with Policy 5.5.2, 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 at 9:00am on Sunday, January 22, 2012, in C2-C4 of the Dallas Convention Center.

President Molly Raphael introduced Parliamentarian Eli Mina, President-Elect Maureen Sullivan, 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

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Raphael encouraged everyone to sign the White House petit H

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Bradbury stated that due to market volatility, 2011 was highly unique as result of the unprecedented Arab Spring Uprisings that began in January; the Japanese Tsunami and nuclear disaster in March; the European sovereign debt crisis; the handling of the U.S. debt ceiling debate; and the credit rating of the U.S. government debt being downgraded from AAA to AA+.

Despite the volatility and uncertainties, the Trustees are confident that the ALA portfolio is well positioned and protected.

Vivian R. Wynn, chair, presented the slate of candidates for the upcoming 2012 ALA election. Candidates for the office of ALA President-Elect are Gina J. Millsap, Executive Director, Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library, Topeka, KS; and Barbara K. Stripling, Professor of Practice, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY. The revised slate of nominees for the office of Councilor-at-Large is listed in ALA CD#26.1.

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future ALA Nominating Committees perform their tasks. The draft Nominating Committee Guidelines for Selecting Candidates for ALA Council were emailed to the ALA Council for its input. Council suggestions will be incorporated into the guidelines. Raphael said the guidelines were not meant to be prescriptive but only serve as suggestions to help Nominating Committees complete their work. It was suggested, therefore, that some language be included in the guidelines to specify that the guidelines were not prescriptive and not binding.

. Following some brief announcements, the meeting was adjourned at 10:04am.

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Tina Glatz, President-Elect, New Mexico Library Association; Adriane Juarez, President-Elect, Utah Library Association; Dennis J. LeLoup, ALA Councilor and President, Indiana Library Federation; Tim Mallory, Immediate Past President, Washington Library Association; Gena Marker, President, Idaho Library Association; Ron McCabe, President-elect, Wisconsin Library Association; Charlene Picheloup, President-Elect, Louisiana Library Association; Rhonda Puntney Gould, ALA Councilor and Immediate Past President, Wisconsin Library Association; Lisa Rice, President-Elect, Kentucky Library Association; Barbara J. Stites, President-Elect, Florida Library Association; Emily E. Tish, President-Elect, Alabama Library Association; and Tom Wilding, ALA Councilor and President-Elect, Arizona Library Association.

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Prairie View A&M University, John B. Coleman Library, Prairie View, TX; and Virginia Moore, Prince George County Memorial Library, Oxen Hill (MD) Branch.

After several other announcements, the meeting was adjourned.

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The second meeting of the ALA Council during the 2012 ALA Midwinter Meeting was convened at 10:00am on Monday, January 23, in C2-C4 of the Dallas Convention

- A. Program Support
The General Fund, Divisions and Round Tables can request funds from their respective long-term investment funds to support one-time programs.
- B. Emergencies
Emergencies will include financial disaster due to a major revenue shortfall, act of God, building catastrophe, major lawsuit, etc.
- C. New Initiatives
New Initiatives will include projects or programs that are multi-year in nature and deemed important to the future of the Association, Divisions, Round Tables or units.

Amounts requested to be withdrawn in excess of
will require repayment with interest.

- D. Scholarships & Awards

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It is allowable to make a transfer from existing unrestricted funds for the establishment of a new and or in support of an existing scholarship fund, program or initiative fund within the Long-Term Investment Fund.

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Withdrawals from the Long-Term Investment Fund

- a. Program Support
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at such times as may be set by the Executive Board, Council, or by membership petition, as provided for in Article II, Section 4 of the Bylaws.

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money for the Gordon M. Conable Fund, which provides conference scholarship to library science students and new librarians who demonstrate a commitment to intellectual freedom in the library.

On behalf of the ALA Executive Board, Immediate Past President Roberta A. Stevens recommended that ALA honorary memberships be bestowed upon Jack Reed and Betty J. Turock.

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To bestow ALA honorary memberships upon Senator Jack Reed and Dr. Betty J. Turock.

ALA Executive Director Keith Michael Fiels announced that a petition for the position of Councilor-at-Large was received from Sandy Wee, Branch Manager, San Mateo County Library, Millbrae, CA.

The Council II meeting adjourned at 11:25am.

Council. Memorials were

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YouTube videos of authors reading from their favorite banned/challenged books and talking about the importance of the freedom to read.

Pat Scales then moved the adoption of ALA CD#19.1, Resolution Opposing Restriction to Materials and Open Inquiry in Arizona Ethnic and Cultural Studies Programs. Following some debate and several amendments, the Council

, ALA CD#19.1, Resolution Opposing Restriction to Materials and Open Inquiry in Arizona Ethnic and Cultural Studies Programs, as amended to read:

That the American Library Association (ALA):

1. Condemns the suppression of open inquiry and free expression caused by closure of ethnic and cultural studies programs on the basis of partisan or doctrinal disapproval.
2. Condemns the restriction of access to educational materials associated with ethnic and cultural studies programs.
3. Sections 15-111 and 15-112, Arizona Revised Statutes; Relating to

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Poole., chair, moved and Council, the following three (3) action items contained in ALA CD#20-20.4:

ALA CD#20.1, Revised, Resolution Opposing the Research Works

1. Urges the U.S. Congress to reject the Research Works Act, H.R. 3699, because it not only threatens future public access to federally funded research, but also nullifies the public access already provided to peer-

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ALA Councilors Cynthia Czesak, Mario Gonzalez, and Valerie Bell, moved: (1) that the American Library Association opposes the discriminatory policies of publishers and distributors which adversely impact access to content by library users; and (2) that the working group on digital content in libraries be directed to review the situation and recommend appropriate action and/or appropriate parties who should be informed of this resolution.

In speaking to the resolution, Councilor Cynthia Czesak stated that

