

ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE ALA COUNCIL AT THE 2012 ALA MIDWINTER MEETING

ALA Council I

Sunday, January 22, 2011, 11:15am-12:30pm

Dallas Convention Center, C2-C4

By CONSENT, adopted ALA CD#2, 2011 ALA Annual Conference Council Minutes.

By CONSENT, approved the following slate of candidates for the ALA Executive Board Election: Robert (Rob) Banks, Chief Operating Officer, Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library, Topeka, KS; Alexia I. Hudson, Reference and Instruction Librarian, Pennsylvania State University, Abington College, Abington, PA; John A. Moorman, Director, Williamsburg Regional Library, Williamsburg, VA; Bobbi L. Newman, Graduate Student, Masters, Public Policy and Administration, Iowa State University, Ames, IA; Rosario Garza, Executive Director, Southern California Library Cooperative, Monrovia, CA; Karen E. Downing, University Learning Communities Liaison and Foundations and Grants Librarian, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI; and Gladys Smiley Bell, Special Collections (Peabody Librarian), The William R. and Norma B. Harvey Library, Hampton University, Hampton, VA (floor nomination).

ALA Council II

Monday, January 23, 2012, 10:00am-12:15pm

Dallas Convention Center, C2-C4

APPROVED, the FY2013 programmatic priorities (ALA CD#13, FY2013)

ADOPTED, the following three (3) action items contained in ALA CD#17, Policy Monitoring Committee (PMC) Report:

ACTION ITEM 1. Based on 2010-2011 CD#16.1, Endowment Trustees Report, Exhibit 13 (ALA Annual Conference 2011), submitted by the ALA Treasurer and the Endowment Trustees, approved by the ALA Council, the PMC moves that Policy 8.5.1 be revised to read:

8.5.1. Long Term Investment Funds: Association's Use/Withdrawal and Repayment

In the preparation of the ALA annual budget, the ALA Executive Director is authorized to include a payout rate of 3% - 5% of the five -year trailing calendar quarterly (20) rolling average of the net asset balance of the ATA Future Fund. Additionally, the Executive Directors of the Divisions and the liaisons for the Round Tables and others responsible for endowment funds are authorized to include in the preparation of their annual budgets, the anticipated payout value as provided by the Finance department. The payouts will be subject to any donor restrictions related to a particular fund and will be made from allowable temporarily restricted and unrestricted net assets. Additionally, the annual payout rate (3% - 5%) will be reviewed, determined and recommended by the ALA Endowment Trustees and the Finance and Audit committee of the ALA Executive Board, with final approval by the ALA Executive Board.

Use of Fund

Listed below are the primary instances whereby additional funds may be withdrawn from the Long -Term Investment Fund can be made.

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

Withdrawals from the Long -Term Investment Fund above and beyond the annually determined payout rate of 3% - 5% of the five -year trailing calendar quarterly (20) rolling average net asset balance, for any of the following events:

AMENDED, the composition of the Committee on Education by adding a non- voting representative from the AASL Educators of School Librarians Section.

VOTED, to bestow an ALA honorary membership upon Betty J. Turock and Jack Reed.

ALA Council III

Tuesday, January 24, 2012, 8:00am-12:30pm

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ADOPTED, the following memorials for Dorothy Broderick, M -#1; D. Whitney Coe, M -#2; John Minto Dawson, M -#3; and Robert W. Houk, M -#4.

ADOPTED, the following tributes for Jill Nishi, T-#1; Lois Ann Gregory-Wood, T-#2; Maryellen Trautman, T-#3; William J. Boarman, T -#4; and the Norman A. Sugarman Children's Biography Award, T -#5.

ELECTED, to three -year terms (201 2-2015) on the ALA Executive Board were: Robert (Rob) Banks, Chief Operating Officer, Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library, Topeka, KS; Alexia I. Hudson, Reference and Instruction Librarian, Pennsylvania State University, Abington College, Abington, PA; and John A. Moorman, Director, Williamsburg Regional Library, Williamsburg, VA.

ADOPTED, ALA CD#20.3, ALA CD#20.3, Resolution on the Loss of Crucial Government Information, which read:

“That the American Library Association (ALA):

1. Urges U.S. Congress to restore funding to ensure permanent no -fee public access to aggregated sources of government information.
2. Urges the establishment of a mandated process with adequate notification to include the opportunity for public notice and comment with consultation by librarians, researchers, small businesses and other appropriate stakeholders before decisions are made to discontinue access to current or historical information resources when the federal government initiates, significantly modifies, or terminates information products.
3. Urges Congress to require that agencies discontinuing access to current or historical information resources transfer the content and related functionality to the U.S. Government Printing Office or other public institutions that can ensure continued no -fee digital access to this information.
4. Urges Congress to improve the federal government's policies and capabilities for making government information available to the public in an open, timely, participatory, and transparent manner. ”

ADOPTED, ALA CD#35, Resolution on Publishers and Practices Which Discriminate Against Library Users, as amended to read:

“That the American Library Association (ALA):

1. Opposes any discriminatory policies of publishers and distributors which adversely impact access to content by library users.
2. Directs that the Working Group on Digital Content in Libraries to review the situation and recommend appropriate action and/or appropriate parties who should be informed of this resolution.