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been received for the office of President-Elect from Joseph Janes, Associate Professor, University of Washington Information School, Seattle WA; and JP Porcaro, Librarian for Acquisitions and Technology Discovery, New Jersey City University Library, Jersey City, NJ.

To date, petitions with consent have been filed for the office of ALA Councilor-at-Large by Lauren Andrea Comito, JBA Manager, Queens Library, Jamaica, NY; Elizabeth Jean Brumfield, Distance Services Librarian, Prairie View A&M University, Houston, TX; Nick Buron, Vice President, Public Library Services, Queens Library, New York, NY; Megan Elizabeth Drake, Systems and Applications Librarian, Pacific University, Portland, OR; Alfred Kagan, African Studies Bibliographer and Professor of Library Administration Emeritus, University of Illinois, Urbana, IL; Kimberly Anne Patton, Youth Services Supervisor, Kansas City Kansas Public Library; and Eric D. Suess, Library Director, Marshall Public Library, Pocatello, ID.

Switzer acknowledged her fellow committee members: Sonia Alcantara-Antoine; Jennifer Baxmeyer; Peter Bromberg; Erica Findley; Julius C. Jefferson, Jr.; Diane Chen Kelly; Todd Krueger; and Ana-Elba Pavon. She also thanked JoAnne Kempf, the committee's staff liaison.

Electronic balloting will begin on March 24, 2015. Polls will close on May 1, 2015, at 11:59 p.m. (CDT). The results of the election will be announced May 8, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT. After several brief announcements, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm.



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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, ALA CD#5. By *CONSENT*, the ALA Council adopted the Rules for ALA Council Meetings.

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The first three (3) candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be elected to three (3)-year terms, and will be seated on the Executive Board at its fall meeting on October 23 through 25, 2015, in Chicago.

The election results will be announced at ALA Council III on February 3, 2015, 9:30am–12:30pm.

APPOINTMENT OF TELLERS FOR THE ELECTION, ALA CD#11.1. Councilors Kathleen M. DeLong; Eboni M. Henry; Douglas K. Lehman; Suzanne Sager; Bill Sudduth; Denise Zielinski; and Kent Slade chair, volunteered to serve as election tellers.

REVIEW OF EXECUTIVE BOARD ACTION SINCE THE 2014 ANNUAL CONFERENCE, ALA CD#15. ALA Executive Director Keith Michael Fiels briefly highlighted various actions taken by the ALA Executive Board since the 2014 ALA Annual Conference. Among the actions taken, the Board:

*Voted* to approve in principle a special FY2015 promotion to encourage small and very small libraries with lapsed organizational membership to rejoin ALA, subject to review and recommendation by the Budget Analysis and Review Committee (BARC).

*Voted* to approve an additional one-year trial period to August 31, 2015, to offer United for Libraries services to Friends Groups and Boards of Trustees. Those organizational services will give Friends Groups and Boards of Trustees United for Libraries benefits and opportunities as specified in EBD #10.7.

*Voted* that based on the FY2014 year-end financial performance, ALA staff will receive a one-time fiscal 2014 Organizational incentive payment of 2 percent.

The Executive Board, upon recommendation from BARC, will maintain the existing footprint of the Midwinter Meeting. The Board also discussed some experimental ideas for future Midwinter Meetings.



ALA COUNCIL II  
Monday, February 2, 2015, 10:00am–12:15pm  
McCormick Place Center, West Building, Level 3, W375e  
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The second meeting of the ALA Council during the 2015 ALA Midwinter Meeting was convened at 10:00am on Monday, February 2, 2015, McCormick Place Center, West Building, Level 3, W375e.

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

ESTABLISHING THE AGENDA, ALA CD#8.2\_ Rev\_2115\_ACT. Upon request by mover of the resolution, ALA Councilor Jane Glasby, ALA CD#32, Resolution on the Destruction of Libraries and Schools in Gaza in 2014, was moved to the ALA Council III agenda to allow other ALA bodies an opportunity to consider the resolution.

By *CONSENT*, CD#8.2\_Rev 2115\_act3 Revised was adopted as amended to include: Resolution on ALA Divestment from Caterpillar, Hewlett-Packard, and Motorola Solutions, ALA CD#34\_12815\_act; and Resolution Encouraging Library Directors to Join their Trustees to ALA and United for Libraries, ALA CD#35.

COMMITTEE ON ACCREDITATION REPORT ON THE REVISED STANDARDS FOR ACCREDITATION OF MASTER'S PROGRAMS IN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION STUDIES, ALA CD#10\_12315\_ACT. Mary Stansbury, chair, noted the last sentence of Standard 5.12, on the last page of CD#10, now reads: "... These services are delivered by knowledgeable staff, convenient, accessible to ~~the disable~~ people with disabilities, and are available when needed." Stansbury then moved and the ALA Council *APPROVED* the Revised Standards for Accreditation of Master's Programs in Library and Information Studies, as amended.

POLICY MONITORING COMMITTEE REPORT, ALA CD#17\_ACT. In accordance with A.4.2.6, the Policy Monitoring Committee reviewed all actions taken by the ALA Council during the 2014 Annual Conference for possible incorporation into, addition to, or changes to the ALA *Policy Manual*.

Councilor Henry R. Stewart, chair, moved and the ALA Council approved ALA CD#17, Items 1-3 as follows:

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Item #1: Communication to ALA members by ALA Committees and Council Committees. At the 2014 ALA Annual Conference, the ALA Council adopted a Resolution on Communication by ALA and Council Committees (2014-2015 ALA CD # 27.1) to read: " Each chair of an ALA Committee or a Council Committee is responsible for submitting to the ALA Executive Director at least two times each year a substantive report on the committee's work and accomplishments so that these reports can be made available to all interested ALA members. Such reports may address, but not be limited to, matters such as accomplishments, planned activities, issues that affect the committee's work and their implications for the future, interactions with other units within ALA, relationship of the committee's work to the

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Committee (BARC) consists of nine members serving *no more than four (4) years on the Committee in a lifetime. Treasurer terms do not count towards the four years of service.* The Committee membership consists of the ALA Treasurer, two members of the ALA Executive Board serving staggered two-year terms, and six members appointed by the ALA President from the general membership serving staggered four-year terms. The Chair of the Committee will always be one of the non-Board members."

Some concern was expressed about the term limitation and other components of the committee's composition. Following a briefly debate, Councilor Stephen L. Matthews moved and Council *REFERRED*, ALA CD#27, Item#1, Clarification of Terms of Reference for the BARC. The motion was seconded and the Council voted 41-10-10 in favor of the motion.





RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING LIBRARY DIRECTORS TO JOIN THEIR TRUSTEES TO ALA AND UNITED FOR LIBRARIES, ALA CD#35. ALA Councilor Susan Schmidt moved that the American Library Association, on behalf of its members, urges all public library directors to include membership for each of their trustees in United for Libraries in their budgets.

ALA Councilor Larry Romans, chair, ALA Resolutions Committee, moved and by *CONSENT*, the title of the resolution was amended to read: "Resolution Urging Library Directors to Provide Funds for Trustees to Join ALA and United for Libraries."

Some councilors spoke in favor of deleting the word "public" from in front of the words "library director." It was felt that all memberships in the ALA United for Libraries should be encouraged.

ALA Treasurer Mario Gonzalez stated that that resolution should ask public library directors to have their boards and friend groups join the United for Libraries.

Executive Director Keith Michael Keith felt that the resolution was very positive and was eager to implement it. He then offered some tactical advice to broaden the scope of the resolution in order to give it more latitude.

Following more of the comments about the resolution, ALA Councilor Larry Romans moved and Council

*VOTED*, To refer ALA CD#35, Resolution Encouraging Library Directors to Join their Trustees to ALA and United for Libraries, which read: "That the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members, urges all public library directors to include membership for each of their trustees in United for Libraries in their budgets" to the ALA Resolutions Committee until ALA Council III.

The Resolutions Committee will work with mover to revise the resolution and bring it back to Council III for Council's consideration.

ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at the completion of the agenda.



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RESOLUTION URGING LIBRARY DIRECTORS TO ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT UNITED FOR LIBRARIES MEMBERSHIPS FOR EACH OF THEIR TRUSTEES, ALA CD#35 REVISED, 2215\_ACT. ALA Councilors

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Council is being asked to help identify potential cadre members and pass that information on to the FLAG chairs: Vivian Wynn ([vwynn91@bellsouth.net](mailto:vwynn91@bellsouth.net)) or Joan Reeves ([jrreeves2@gmail.com](mailto:jrreeves2@gmail.com)).

Advocacy Tool. COL's Grassroots subcommittee consultant and her team have analyzed the challenges that often keep potential advocates from getting involved in advocacy efforts. A 40-page comprehensive document, which includes a chapter of resources and advice for addressing the advocacy challenges, is available at: <http://advocacyassociates.com/wp->

It was also created to affirm and demonstrate ALA's commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion. Trevor Dawes, Co-chair, pointed out his task force has had some spirited yet honest, open, and respectful dialogue focusing on topics related to equity, diversity, and inclusion.

Dawes also noted the task force has defined "equity, diversity, and inclusion" as it will be used throughout its work. He said having the definitions set will help ensure both ALA and its task force are speaking as one voice as it relates to these issues.

The task force has launched a series of short ALA member surveys to understand the culture of the association, the profession, and library communities regarding equity, diversity and inclusion. The survey will be open through February 16, 2015. Subsequent surveys will be launched as necessary.

The task force has been working with the ALA Conference Services Office to host a program at the 2015 Annual Conference in San Francisco. Some potential speakers have been identified and are in negotiation to confirm.

Dawes noted that 150 ALA members attended the task force's program at this Midwinter. The member-driven conversation was facilitated by ALA Past President Nancy C. Kranich.

At the conclusion of the report, Dawes welcomed questions, comments, and feedback from the floor.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION ON THE DESTRUCTION OF LIBRARIES AND SCHOOLS IN GAZA IN 2014\_REVISIED\_2315\_ACT. Councilor Jane Glasby moved the adoption of ALA CD#32\_Revised\_2315\_Act, Resolution on the Destruction of Libraries and Schools in Gaza in 2014, 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 during the recent conflict there;
2. again calls for the protection of libraries and cultural resources in Gaza, 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

3. 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.

Councilor Jane Glasby urged the adoption of the resolution and reminded the Council of other ALA-adopted resolutions related to destruction of libraries in the Middle East.

Some councilors spoke in favor of full support of a resolution that deplores the destruction of libraries and cultural institutions around the world, but felt this resolution was too narrowly focused.

Councilors Walter Betts and Jennifer Boettcher moved and following a brief debate, Council

*DEFEATED*, A motion to add new 2<sup>nd</sup> *Resolved* clause ALA CD#32\_Revised\_2315\_Act, Resolution on the Destruction of Libraries and Schools in Gaza in 2014/2/3/15, that read: " deplores the use of weapons and other acts that makes libraries, schools, and other cultural resources viable military targets."

Council then returned to the original motion. Following a short debate, Council *DEFEATED*, the Resolution on the Destruction of Libraries and Schools in Gaza in 2014, ALA CD#32\_Revised\_2315\_Act.