

ACTIONS OF THE ALA COUNCIL  
2016 ALA MIDWINTER MEETING

ALA Council I

Sunday, January 10, 2016, 8:30-11:00am

Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel, Grand Ballroom

Boston, Massachusetts

By *CONSENT*, Adopted ALA CD#2, 2015 Annual Conference Council Minutes as distributed.

By *CONSENT*, Approved the following slate of candidates for the ALA Executive Board Election: *Ann Crewdson*, Children's Librarian, Issaquah (WA) Library; *John C. DeSantis*, Cataloging & Metadata Services Librarian, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH; *Karen E. Downing*, Foundation and Grants Librarian, University of Michigan, Harlan Hatcher Graduate Library, Ann Arbor, MI; *Vicki Morris Emery*, Media Coordinator, Lake Braddock Secondary School, Burke, VA; *Andrew K. Pace*, Executive Director, Management Services, OCLC, Dublin, OH; and *Kimberly Ann Patton*, Youth Services Supervisor, Kansas City, KS, Public Library. (Report of the ALA Council Committee on Committees, ALA CD#11\_12415\_act)

*ADOPTED*, ALA CD#32\_1716\_act, Resolution Against Islamophobia, as amended to read: "That the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members:

1. recognizes the positive impact that Muslims have made in libraries and library science;
2. recognizes the contributions that Muslims have made to information and knowledge in ~~regards to~~ fields such as the sciences, mathematics, philosophy, medicine and geography;
3. stands with our colleagues, community members and users in speaking out against Islamophobia;
4. deplores the hate speech being directed at Muslims from every level of society; and

5. issues a public statement ~~condemning~~ that condemns Islamophobia and stands with our Muslim colleagues and users."

ALA Council II

Monday, January 11, 2016, 10:00am-12:15pm

*VOTED*, To adopt the following action items contained in ALA CD#17\_act, Policy Monitoring Committee Report:

Item #3. At the 2015 ALA Annual Conference, the ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee recommended and the ALA Council adopted ALA CD#19.3, Internet Filtering: An Interpretation of the *Library Bill of Rights*.

By *CONSENT*, Approved, the insertion of the following abstract into the ALA *Policy Manual* under B.2.1.18, Use of Filtering Software in Libraries (which will be renumbered as B.2.1.18 based on Items 1 -2 above:

B.2.1.18 Use of Filtering Software in Libraries (new numbering)

B.2.1.18.I Internet Filtering. The negative effects of content filters on Internet access in public libraries and schools are demonstrable and documented. Consequently, the American Library Association cannot recommend filtering. However, the American Library Association recognizes that local libraries and schools often must rely on federal or state funding for computers and internet access. Because adults and, to a lesser degree minors, have First Amendment rights, libraries and schools that choose to use content filters should implement policies and procedures that mitigate the negative effects of filtering to the greatest extent possible. Adopted, 2015. (See " Policy

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Current OLOS Advisory Committee representatives (7 members):

Ethnic & Multicultural Information Exchange Round Table  
(EMIERT)

Social Responsibilities Round Table (SRRT)

Sustainability Round Table (SustainRT)

Association of Bookmobile & Outreach Services (ABOS)

Association for Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL)

Committee on Literacy (COL)--Chair will serve (ex officio)

Rural, Native and Tribal Libraries of All Kinds (RNTLOAK)

Committee— Chair will serve (ex officio)

Committee on Diversity (COD) Chair (ex officio) (1 member)

An additional three members will be appointed by ALA President-Elect for a total of  
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ALA Council III  
Tuesday, January 12, 2016, 9:30am-12:30pm

*ADOPTED*, Memorial resolutions for Shereen Marx, M-#1; Kuang-Hwei (Janet) Lee-Smeltzer, M-#2; Richard C. Fyffe, M-#3; Billy Charles Beal, M-#4; Allene Farmer Hayes, M-#5; and Linda Waddle, M-#6.

*ADOPTED*, Tribute resolutions for James H. Billington, ALA CD#20.2; and Barbara Blossveren, T#1.

*ELECTED*, To three-year terms (2016-2019) on the Executive Board were: Karen E. Downing and Andrew K. Pace. (Council Tellers Report on the ALA Executive Board Election Results, ALA CD#11.2\_11116\_inf)

*ELECTED*, To 1-1/2 year term (January 2016 through June 2017) on the Executive Board was John C. DeSantis. (Council Tellers Report on the ALA Executive Board Election Results, ALA CD#11.2\_11116\_inf)

*ADOPTED*, ALA CD#19.1 and ALA CD#20.1, Resolution for Restoring Civil Liberties and Opposing Mass Surveillance, which read: " That the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members and the public interest:

1. urges the President and Congress to amend all germane surveillance-enabling authorities, such as Executive Order 12333, the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) as amended, and the USA PATRIOT Act, to:
  - a. require government agencies to obtain judicial warrants before collecting any individual's personal information from third parties and require court approval for National Security Letters;
  - b. raise the standard for government collection of all records under FISA from " reasonable grounds" to " probable cause" and sunset Section 215 of the USA PATRIOT ACT (commonly known as the "library records" section);
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- d. prohibit the government from requiring hardware and software companies to deliberately design encryption and other security features to facilitate government access to information otherwise protected by such features;
2. recommits itself to leadership in the fight for restoration of the public's privacy and civil liberties through statutory and other legal reforms; and
3. commends and thanks all parties, both inside and outside of government, involved in developing and securing passage of the USA FREEDOM Act, resulting in movement away from overbroad surveillance laws and practices for the first time in more than a decade." (ALA CD#19.1 and ALA CD#20.1— joint resolution sponsored by the Committee on Legislation and the Intellectual Freedom Committee)

*ADOPTED*, ALA CD#19.2, User Generated Content in Library Discovery System: An Interpretation of the ALA *Library Bill of Rights*.

*ADOPTED*, ALA CD#31\_Rev\_11116\_act\_3:00pm, Resolution Concerning Accessibility of ALA Conferences and Meetings for People with Disabilities, which read: " That the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members:

establish and charge a Conference Accessibility Task Force to:

1. collect data from ALA Members and conference attendees with disabilities;
2. establish methods for reviewing and addressing accessibility grievances;
3. draft guidelines for review of contracts to ensure ADA and WCAG compliance;
4. research best practices for accessibility training and makes a recommendation for implementation;
5. report progress to Council during the ALA Annual Conference 2016 and ALA Midwinter 2017 and;
6. make a final report to Council with recommendations during ALA Annual Conference 2017 in Chicago."

*ADOPTED*, ALA CD#3