

Nevada Chapter Councilor's Report on the  
2008 ALA Annual Conference

By  
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Friday, June 27, 2008

Since I am a fairly new state councilor, I decided to sit in on the *ALA Council Orientation Committee* meeting. This committee's purpose is to promote participation in the ALA Council as well as provide support to new ALA Council councilors. This committee was chaired by Joseph Eagan and included the following agenda items:

- Council Promotion Video: This is a video that will be filmed during the conference and will feature current councilors giving feedback on the following questions:
  - What elements were involved in your decision to run for Council?
  - What benefits have you gained from your Council service?
  - What have you learned from serving on Council?
  - What is your most memorable experience in terms of your Council service?
  - What is the most significant thing that Council has accomplished for libraries—and for ALA—during your service on Council?

The video will be edited and made available through the ALA website by the end of summer.

- Mentoring Program: The committee felt strongly about the need for some type of mentoring for the newly elected councilors. It was decided that the committee members would serve as mentors and all newly elected councilors would be divided up and assigned to them as protégés.
- Future of the Council Suite: During both the Annual and Midwinter Conferences, the ALA receives a *free* suite from one of the conference headquarters hotels that is made available to the ALA councilors. The councilors may hold meetings, receptions, or other events related to Council business in this suite. Currently, the chair of the Orientation Committee handles the "logistics" of the suite—getting the word out to the councilors about its location. The problem has been that the size of the suite varies from conference to conference and often there is very little notice given as to the room number. This makes it difficult to "spread the word" about its size and availability, and as a result, the use of the suite is very low. The committee decided to send a letter to Keith Michael Fiels, ALA Executive Director, explaining the importance of the Councilor Suite and requesting that he work out a process by which its details may be determined with enough advance notice to make it of practical use to the councilors during the conferences.

Saturday, June 28, 2008: 8:00 AM-1:00 PM

I attended the half day *Orientation for Chapter Leaders* sponsored by the Chapter Relations Committee (CRC). **First and foremost, I would strongly recommend this program (conducted at both the Annual and Midwinter conferences) to all of the NLA board members.** This program provided a great opportunity to meet other chapter leaders and to learn about the “best practices” of various state chapters. In addition, each attendee received a notebook (with an electronic version in the form of a CD-ROM) containing general information that would be helpful to chapter leaders. This included the following topics: Conference Planning, ALA and Its Chapters, Financial Planning, membership Recruitment, Conducting a Meeting, Advocacy and Promoting Diversity.

The workshop included the following discussion topics:

- Creating an Excellent Organization: Margaret Carty, the Executive Director of the Maryland Library Association, gave a presentation on an ethics and accountability program sponsored by the Maryland Association of Nonprofit Organizations. The program is called *The Standards for Excellence*, and nonprofits that obtain this certification must present detailed information in the following areas:
  - Mission and Program
  - Governing Board
  - Conflict of Interest
  - Human Resources
  - Financial and Legal
  - Openness
  - Fundraising
  - Public Affairs and Public Policy
- Managing Finances—Don't Go Broke: Kay Boies, Executive Director of the Oklahoma Library Association, presented several fundraising ideas that state chapters could utilize to help with their finances. A few of the ideas were:
  - Creating an online bookstore patterned after the ALA's operation
  - Developing a foundation
  - Forming partnerships with businesses—these businesses then market their products to the association's membership: when a member purchases one of these products, then the association gets a “commission” on the price of the product.
- Membership Development—How to Attract and Keep Members: Michael Borges, Executive Director of the New York Library Association, discussed ways of attracting and keeping members in your state chapters. He felt that

membership development was the key to success for a state chapter. A few of his other comments were:

- Find out about your members and keep track of them with a database.
  - Find ways of obtaining feedback from your members—NYLA uses an online suggestion box.
  - Find out what your members want and then create programs and services to meet these needs.
  - Find out about your non-members and then reach out to them.
- Using Capwiz for Advocacy: Tips from CLA (California Library Association): This part of the program was presented by: Michael Dowling, Director of the ALA Chapter Relations Office; Susan Negreen, Executive Director of the California Library Association and Laura Fisher, Communications Officer of the California Library Association. Michael Dowling explained that Capwiz is an online advocacy product that the ALA has already purchased for 25 of the state chapters and is currently purchasing for the remaining state chapters (Nevada is in the latest group of state chapters to be provided access by ALA). The Capwiz website can be incorporated into a chapter's existing website with a seamless look. The focus of Capwiz is advocacy and is a great tool to keep a chapter's members up to date on local, state, and federal legislation impacting libraries. **Michael Dowling has requested a contact person from each state chapter to deal with Capwiz, so I will be forwarding information about it to Sara Jones and Joan Vaughan.** Susan Negreen and Laura Fisher discussed the successful use and integration of Capwiz with the California Library Association's website.

Saturday, June 28, 2008: 1:30 PM-3:30 PM

I attended the first session of the Chapter Relations Committee (CRO). Lorie Roy, ALA President; Jim Retting, ALA President-Elect; and Camila Alire, soon to be President-Elect, addressed the CRO with thoughts on the past and present directions of ALA. The CRO discussed some of the following items:

- In the process of finalizing plans for a full day Orientation for Chapter Leaders program during the 2009 Midwinter Conference in Denver.
- The CRO has created a wiki and has solicited the state chapters as to what should be included on it. So far, there has been very little input from the chapters concerning content.
- Michael Dowling suggested that the CRO propose a project for the Emerging Leaders Program. The deadline for the 2009 project proposals is August 1, 2009.
- The CRO has provided a one year subscription to the Library Salary Database (published by the ALA-APA) to all state chapters.

Sunday, June 29, 2008

I attended the ALA Council/Executive Board/Membership Information Session that was held prior to ALA Council I session. The following reports were given during this session:

- Budget Analysis and Review Committee (BARC) Report: **2007-2008 CD #33.1**
  - "Total ALA Revenue at mid-point was \$24,019,828 or \$173,521 off the budget. . . . Literally, the total miss of the mid-point revenue target is less than 1%. For an organization as large as ALA, that is a remarkable accomplishment."
- ALA Endowment Trustees Report: **2007-2008 CD #16.1**
- Library Education Task Force: **2007-2008 ALA CD #46**
  - This report dealt with the *ALA's Core Competences of Librarianship*
  - "The Core Competences are grouped in eight areas:
    - Foundations of the Profession
    - Information Resources
    - Organization of Recorded Knowledge and Information
    - Technological Knowledge and Skills
    - Reference and User Services
    - Research
    - Continuing Education and Lifelong Learning
    - Administration and Management"
  - **2007-2008 ALA CD #46.1 Revised** is the *ALA's Core Competences of Librarianship*
- ALA President's Report: **2007-2008 ALA CD #21.1**
- ALA President-Elect's Report: **2007-2008 ALA CD #29.1**

Sunday, June 29, 2008 continued

Immediately following the ALA Council/Executive Board/Membership Information Session, the ALA-APA Information Session was conducted. The following reports were presented:

- ALA-APA President's Report, Loriene Roy: **APACD #9.1**
  - Workplace Wellness website: [www.ala-apa.org/wellness](http://www.ala-apa.org/wellness)
  - Certification Progress Report
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reception
  - *2008 Librarian Salary Survey*

- Strengthening Professionalism in the Public Interest, Jim Rettig: **APACD #9.2**
  - Partnership between ALA, ALA-APA and more than 15 professional associations and unions discussing common areas of interest around professional integrity
  - Sponsored by the Department for Professional Employees, AFL-CIO
- ALA-APA treasurer's Report, Rod Hersberger:

Sunday, June 29, 2008 continued

The ALA Council I session was called to order following the ALA-APA Information Session.

- Nominations for 2008-2009 Planning and Budget Assembly (PBA): **2007-2008 CD #12.1**
  - Chapter Councilors—Vote for No More Than Three
    - David Gunckel, Sierra Vista (AZ) Public Library
    - Cynthia Czesak, Paterson (NJ) Public Library
    - Suganne Sager, Portland (OR) State University
    - Karen Gonzales, Missoula (MT) Public Library
    - James J. Campbell, Modular Media, Bucksport, ME
    - Pamela R. Klipsch, Jefferson County (MO) Library
  - Councilors-at-Large—Vote for No More Than Three
    - Charles Leslie Pace, St. Louis (MO) Public Library
    - Allene F. Hayes, Library of Congress
    - Barbara Miller, Oklahoma State University
    - Liana H. Zhou, Indiana University
    - Sarah I. Flowers, Santa Clara (CA) County Library
    - Elaine M. Harger, Mount Si High School, Snoqualmie, WA
- Nominations for 2008-2009 Committee on Committees: **2007-2008 CD #12--** Vote For No More Than Four
  - Thomas Wilding, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ
  - Locke J. Morrissey, University of San Francisco, CA

- Timothy P. Grimes, Ann Arbor (MI) District Library
- Shelley Brightman Walchak, Colorado Library Consortium
- Hector Marino, Hector Marino Consulting
- Elizabeth (Beth) Bingham, Consultant, Baton Rouge, LA
- Pamela J. Hickson-Stevenson, Akron-Summit County (OH) Public Library
- Gladys Smiley Bell, Hampton (VA) University
- Fran Roscello, Roscello Associates (nominated from the floor)
- Ria Newhouse, Loyola University (nominated from the floor)
- Tellers for the Council Elections to the 2008-2009 Committee on Committees and the Planning and Budget Assembly: **2007-2008 ALA CD #12.3**
  - Linda Blake
  - Tomas Gilson
  - Amy Harmon
  - Susan Paddock
  - Terry Rheinheimer
  - Joyce Baumbach, chair
- ALA Council Minutes from the 2008 Midwinter Meeting in Philadelphia, PA: **2007-2008 ALA CD #2.1 Approved**
  - **I voted to approve the minutes**
  - **The minutes were approved by Council**
- Resolution on the Guidelines for Preparation of Resolutions for Council Policy 5.3 [Revised]: **2007-2008 ALA CD #6.2**
  - **I voted in favor of this resolution**
  - **The resolution was approved**
- Report to Council and Executive Board, by Keith Michael Fiels: **2007-2008 ALA CD #23.1**
- ALA Executive Board Action Summary: **2007-2008 ALA CD #15.3**

- Report on the Implementation of the 2008 Midwinter Meeting Council Actions: **2007-2008 ALA CD #9.1**
  
- ALA Committee Roster for 2008-2009: **2007-2008 ALA CD #52** The rosters for the following committees were given:
  - Committee on Accreditation
  - American Libraries Advisory Committee
  - Awards Committee
  - Chapter Relations Committee
  - Conference Committee
  - Constitution and Bylaws Committee
  - Election
  - Human Resource Development and Recruitment Advisory Committee (Office For)
  - Information Technology Policy Advisory Committee (Office For)
  - Committee on Literacy
  - Literacy and Outreach Services Advisory Committee (Office For)
  - Membership Committee
  - Membership Meetings Committee
  - Nominating Committee
  - ALA Orientation, Training and Leadership Development Committee
  - Public and Cultural Programs Advisory Committee
  - Committee on Research and Statistics
  - Rural, Native and Tribal Libraries of All Kinds Committee
  - Scholarships and Study Grants Committee
  - ALA Web Site Advisory
  - ALA-Association of American Publishers Joint Committee
  - ALA-Children's Book Council Joint Committee
  - American Library Association/Society of American Archivists/American Association of Museums Joint Committee

- ALA Council Committee Roster for 2008-2009: **2007-2008 ALA CD #52.1**  
The rosters were given for the following committees:
  - Budget Analysis and Review Committee (BARC)
  - Committee on Diversity
  - Committee on Education
  - Intellectual Freedom Committee
  - International Relations Committee
  - Committee on Legislation
  - Committee on Organization
  - Council Orientation Committee
  - Policy Monitoring Committee
  - Committee on Professional Ethics
  - Public Awareness Committee
  - Publishing Committee
  - Resolutions Committee
  - Committee on the Status of Women in Librarianship
  
- Resolution on Improving the Federal Depository Library Program and Public Access to Government Information: **2007-2008 ALA CD #53**
  - RESOLVED that the American Library Association (ALA) urges
    - The Government Printing Office (GPO) to give priority to expanding the scope of the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) collection by capturing a greater percentage of digital and print fugitive government information products.
    - The GPO to look at ways to develop and expand partnerships for digital retrospective conversion and born digital capture with standards based metadata and curation.
    - The GPO and the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) to accept archived digital copies resulting from cooperative government information digitization efforts.
    - The GPO to explore within current law all options for cooperative collection development and maintenance, including

shared housing agreements with regional depositories working with selective depositories.

- The GPO to explore the possibility of authorizing disposition of materials by selective depositories in states without regional depositories.
  - The GPO to coordinate a national cataloging and inventory project of government information held by depository libraries.
  - The GPO to carry out a series of focused studies that together provide a comprehensive accounting of the issues facing the FDLP and the participating libraries.
  - The other major library associations to meet with ALA to discuss how to work with GPO to improved the FDLP
- **I voted in favor of suggested revisions to the resolution and bringing it to the floor for approval during ALA Council II**
  - **Resolution will be revised and brought to the floor during Council II**
- Status Report regarding CD #36, Resolution on Providing Accessible Workstations at ALA Meetings and Annual Conference: **2007-2008 ALA CD #36.1**
  - ALA Treasurer's Report, Rodney Hersberger: **2007-2008 ALA CD #13.3**
  - Announcements
  - Adjournment

Monday, June 30, 2008

The ALA-APA Council session was called to order by Loriene Roy, ALA-APA President.

- Minutes of the 2008 ALA Midwinter Meeting ALA-APA Council Minutes: **APACD #2.1**
  - **I voted to approve the minutes**
  - **The Minutes were approved by Council**
- ALA-APA Treasurer's Report, Rodney Hersberger: **APACD #4.3**
  - FY 2009 Revenue Projection: \$250,088
  - FY 2009 Expense Projection: \$215, 313
  - FY 2009 Total Net Revenue Projection: \$34,775

- ALA-APA Certified Public Library Administrator Program (CPLA) Certification Review Committee: **APACD #10.1**
  - 2007 Annual Conference: 76 candidates in the program
  - 2008 Annual Conference: 106 candidates
  - Percentage Increase: 28%
- ALA-APA Standing Committee on the Salaries and Status of Library Workers Council Report: **APACD #8.1**
- Resolution on the Endorsement of Living Wage for All Library Employees and a Minimum Salary for Professional Librarians: **APACD #8.2**
  - RESOLVED, that the American Library Association-Allied Professional Association endorses a minimum entry-level salary for professional librarians of \$41,680 that is adjusted annually according to the latest cost of living index/CPI data; and, be it further
  - RESOLVED, that in recognition of the skills and competencies required of all library workers, the American Library Association-Allied Professional Association endorses a minimum wage for all library workers of at least \$13.00 per hour, to be adjusted annually in relation to the Federal poverty guidelines.
  - **I voted to approve the resolution**
  - **The Resolution was approved by Council**
- Announcements
- Adjournment

Tuesday, July 1, 2008

The ALA Council II session was called to order by Loriene Roy, ALA President.

- Policy Monitoring Committee (PMC): Report to ALA Council, Annual Conference, 2008: **2007-2008 ALA CD #17.1**
  - Action Item 1: PMC moves the following changes in the ALA Policy Manual:
    - 54.1 paragraph 2: Change "librarianship" to "library and information studies"
    - 54.2.1: Change "master's degree in library science" to "master's degree in library and information studies"
    - 54.2.2: Change "master's degree in librarianship: to "master's degree in library and information studies"

- 55.4, Heading: Change "Standards of Accreditation in Library Education: Appeals Procedure" to "Standards of Accreditation in Library and Information Studies: Appeals Procedure"
- 55.4, line 1: Change "An institution of library education" to "A graduate program in library and information studies"
- 56.1, Heading: Change "Graduate Programs in Library Education" to "Graduate Programs in Library and Information Studies"
- 56.1, paragraph 1: Change "graduate library/information science educational programs" to "graduate programs in library and information studies (LIS)"
- 56.1, paragraph 2: Delete "(LIS)"
- 56.2: Change "ALA-accredited programs of library science" to "ALA-accredited programs of library and information studies."
- 60.5, Heading: Change "Library Education" to "Library and Information Studies Education"
- 60.5, line 2/3: Change "graduate library and information science programs" to "Graduate programs in library and information studies"
- **I voted to approve these changes**
- **The changes were approved by Council**
- Action Item 2: Updating Policy 55.4
  - PMC moves that the final sentence of 55.4 be deleted and replaced with: "Details regarding the appeals procedure shall be supplied to all programs participating in the accreditation process."
  - **I voted to approve the change**
  - **The change was approved by Council.**
- Action Item 3: Placement of revisions to the Code of Ethics (ALA Policy 40.2)
  - At Midwinter, 2008, Council approved several revisions to the ALA Code of Ethics. In the document passed by Council, the sections of the Code were numbered as "Article X, Article Y, etc." while the Code itself uses the numbering "1), 2), etc." PMC regards this difference as an editorial matter only, and has substituted the existing numbering system for the one used in the Council document. Otherwise, the changes put forth here are exactly as passed by Council

- PMC moves the following changes to Policy 40.2:
  - 3): Delete the current wording and replace with: “We protect each library user’s right to privacy and confidentiality with respect to information sought or received and resources consulted, borrowed, acquired, or transmitted.”
  - 4): Delete the current wording and replace with: “We respect intellectual property rights and advocate balance between the interests of information users and rights holders.”
  - 5): Delete the current wording and replace with: “We treat co-workers and other colleagues with respect, fairness, good faith, and advocate conditions of employment that safeguard the rights and welfare of all employees of our institutions.”
  - **I voted to approve the changes**
  - **The changes were approved by Council**
- Action Item 4: Revised guidelines for preparations of resolutions (ALA Policy 5.3)
  - At ALA Council I, annual Conference 2008, Council approved new guidelines to aid councilors in the preparation of resolutions
  - PMC moves that the following text be substituted for the text that currently appears as policy 5.3:
    - Guidelines for Preparation of Resolutions for Council
    - The following guidelines are addressed to individuals and units preparing resolutions to come before Council.
    - Definition: A resolution is a main motion, phrased formally, with (a) *whereas* clauses, stating the background and reasons for a proposed policy, advocacy position, or action, followed by (b) *Resolved* clauses in numbered order (stating the proposed policy, advocacy position, or action). A standard template for resolutions is provided at the end.
    - CONTENT:
      1. A resolution must be complete so that, upon passage, it becomes a clear and formal expression of the opinion or will of the assembly.

2. Resolutions, including memorials, tributes, and testimonials, must show the initiating unit, mover, and seconder and provide specific contact information from submitting parties. A resolution without a sponsor will not be presented.
3. The resolution should address a specific topic or issue, use concise direct language, conform to proper grammar, and present an affirmative identifiable action.
4. The terms used in a resolution should be readily understandable or have specific definitions.
5. The intent, objective or goal of the resolution should be clear and purposeful.
6. Resolutions should clearly support ALA's mission, core values and/or strategic directions.
7. All whereas clauses that relate to an ALA policy, must include a parenthetical notation of the title of the policy and the section where it can be found in the ALA Handbook.
8. If the resolution calls for specific action or program with a timetable, the timetable shall be clear and achievable.
9. Resolved clauses at the end of a resolution gain in clarity, brevity and are easier to read by following the resolution methodology of Congress and other deliberative bodies. The new suggested wording states the resolved phrase only once: "Now therefore be it resolved by the [acting body, e.g. ALA, some committee, etc.], that..." after which each separate resolved is stated directly in numbered order without repeating "be it resolved by...". (See example p. 3)
10. All "Resolved" clauses within a resolution should also use the objective, rather than the subjunctive (e.g. "Now therefore be it resolved by the [American Library Association], that, 1. Supports...2. Provides..." NOT the subjunctive form of the verb "Resolved that the American Library Association, 1. Support... 2. Provide...")
11. If the resolution is addressed to or refers to a specific group or groups, it shall name in full the group or groups in both the 'resolved' and 'whereas' clauses followed by the acronym in

parenthesis. Thereafter the acronym may be used.

- PROCESS

1. All resolutions submitted by Council members must be sent to the ALA Resolutions Committee for review and *must* be accompanied by a completed ALA Resolution Form.
2. All resolutions must be submitted by either a voting member of Council or an ALA Committee chair; memorial resolutions, tributes, and testimonials are exempted. All resolutions, including memorials, tributes, and testimonials, must show the initiating unit, mover, and seconder. Local telephone numbers must be given for movers *and* seconds.
3. Resolutions must be submitted 24 hours prior to presentation to council to allow time for reproduction and distribution. If there are fewer than 24 hours between the adjournment of Council II and the convening hour of Council III, resolutions may be submitted within 90 minutes following adjournment of Council II.
4. The Resolutions Committee must submit to the Executive Director and the Budget Analysis and Review Committee (BARC) all resolutions deemed to have fiscal implications at least 24 hours before they appear on the Council agendas so that BARC can provide fiscal information as required by ALA policy. Standing committees of ALA and Council presenting resolutions to Council will follow the same process of submission to the Executive Director and BARC. Committee resolutions need no second.
5. Memorial resolutions, tributes, and testimonials are submitted to the Resolutions Committee but not reviewed by the Committee. They will be presented to Council at the beginning of the last session of Council at each Midwinter Meeting and Annual Conference, and to the Membership at the beginning of the last Membership Meeting at each Annual Conference:
  - a. If copies are to be sent to other parties, the maker of the resolution shall provide names and addresses.

- b. The Presiding officer will read the names of persons/organizations recognized by a formal resolution; the names will be displayed on the screen and copies of each resolution will be available at the information table.
  - c. *American Libraries* will carry an annual "memorial page" listing those members who have died since the preparation of the previous Conference Program.
6. All members are urged to submit a resolution or resolutions prior to the Annual Conference or Midwinter Council meetings by communicating the resolution to the chair of Resolutions Committee through electronic mail.
  7. The Executive Director shall disseminate all adopted resolutions to identified and pertinent parties. Dissemination should occur as soon as possible, and not to exceed one month without explanation of the Executive Director to Council

Revised by Council at the 1995 Midwinter Meeting  
 Revised by Council at the 1999 Annual Conference  
 Revised by Council at the 2000 Annual Conference  
 Revised by Council at the 2003 Annual Conference  
 Revised by Council at the 2008 Annual Conference

- **I voted for the motion**
- **Motion was approved by Council**

➤ Task Force on Electronic Member Participation, Report to Council: **2007-2008 ALA CD #35.1**

- No Action Items
- 'Encouragement Items'
  - *"... all units at all levels should be encouraged to experiment with all sorts of e-participation in non-governance activities, working closely with ALA's ITS staff; paying close attention to fiscal matters, and gathering data about such matters as registration, participation, response, and anything else that could provide information that would be useful to the Association as it works toward increasing electronic participation. In addition, providing electronic access to certain governance activities, where there is no policy impediment (e.g. providing streaming audio, web cast, or pod casts of Council meetings), should also be encouraged."*



7. Urges the GPO to carry out a series of focused studies that together provide a comprehensive accounting of the issues facing the FDLP and the participating libraries.
8. Urges Congress to allocate sufficient appropriations to the GPO to undertake these initiatives.

- **I voted in favor of this resolution**
- **The resolution was approved by Council**

➤ Resolution on Support for Funding for Cataloging and Bibliographic Control at the Library of Congress: **2007-2008 ALA CD #56**

- Resolved, that the American Library Association urges the Library of Congress to devote more resources to the training of professional bibliographic access librarians, both those employed at the Library of Congress and in other American libraries, and be it further
- Resolved, that the American Library Association (ALA) Executive Director instruct the Washington Office to advocate and petition for increased federal funding to support the work of bibliographic control at the Library of Congress by filling and expanding the number of bibliographic access positions, and be it further
- Resolved, that the ALA executive Director instruct the Washington Office to communicate his message in discussions with members of Congress and others.

- **I voted to approve the resolution**
- **The resolution was approved by Council**

➤ Resolution Supporting the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA): **2007-2008 ALA CD # 57**

- Resolved, that the American Library Association (ALA) calls for the reinstatement in the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) of protections for transgender persons from employment discrimination on the basis of gender identity and expression, and be it further
- Resolved, ALA calls for passage of H.R. 2015 or other inclusive version of ENDA by both Houses of Congress.

- **I voted to approve the resolution**
- **The resolution was approved by Council**

➤ Resolution Concerning ALA Policy Opposing Sweatshop Labor (revised)

- Be it Resolved that
  1. the American Library Association and its divisions, round tables, and all other units should purchase all products for

distribution to membership from sweatshop free producers;  
and

2. this resolution be communicated to all ALA divisions, round tables, all other units, and ALA staff.

- **I voted for this resolution**
- **The resolution was approved by Council**

- Announcements
- Adjournment

#### Tuesday, July 1, 2008 continued

I attended the ALA Council Forum II, and the following topics were discussed:

- Two of the six proposed revisions to the Interpretations of the *Library Bill of Rights* by the ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee (the other four proposals were discussed during the ALA Council Forum I):
  - Expurgation of Library Materials
  - Diversity in Collection Development
- A proposed Resolution on Expanding Council Transparency

#### Wednesday, July 2, 2008

The ALA Council III session was called to order by Lorie Roy, ALA President.

- The following Memorials and Tributes were presented to Council:
  - Carol Combs Hole: Memorial **M-#5**
  - Ellen Ruth McCrady: Memorial **M-#6**
  - Library Support Staff Interests Round Table (LSSIRT) 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: Tribute **T-#3**
  - Resolution Honoring Gail McGovern: Tribute **T-#4**
  - Resolution Applauding San Jose School of Library Science: Tribute **T-#5**
  - A Tribute in Honor of Barbara Walden: Tribute **T-#6**
- Report of the Tellers: **2007-2008 ALA CD #12.2**
  - 152 ballots were cast in the Election of the Council Committee on Committees and the following councilors were elected:
    - Gladys Smiley Bell

- Thomas L. Wilding
  - Pamela J. Hickson-Stevenson
  - Frances R. Roscello
- 151 ballots were cast in the election of council representatives to the Planning and Budget Assembly and the following councilors were elected:
  - Councilors at Large:
    - Barbara R. Miller: two year term/2008-2010
    - Charles Leslie Pace: two year term/2008-2010
    - Elaine M. Harger: two year term/2008-2010
  - Chapter Councilors:
    - Cynthia Czesak: one year term/2008-2009
    - Karen Gonzales: two year term/2008-2010
    - Pamela Klipsch: two year term/2008-2010
- Constitution and Bylaws Committee Report: **2007-2008 ALA CD #25.1**
  - Action Item #1:
    - Resolved, that the American Library Association accept the Association for Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL) as an affiliate under Article X of the ALA Constitution
    - **I voted to approve the resolution**
    - **The resolution was approved by Council**
  - Action Item #2:
    - Resolved, that the American Library Association accept the Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services (ABOS) as an affiliate under Article X of the ALA Constitution
    - **I voted to approve the resolution**
    - **The resolution was approved**
  - Action Item #3:
    - Resolved, that the ALA Constitution Article VIII, Section 2 be revised to read:

- a. President-elect. When a vacancy occurs in the office of president-elect, or when an elected incoming president-elect withdraws or is unable to serve before the assumption of office, then the Executive Board shall appoint an individual to serve in such office, or to assume such office, subject to a confirmation mail vote by Council. Until the individual is confirmed by Council, they shall serve in an acting capacity.
- b. Treasurer. When a vacancy occurs in the office of treasurer, or when an elected incoming treasurer withdraws or is unable to serve before the assumption of office, then the Executive Board shall appoint an individual to serve in such office, or to assume such office, subject to a confirmation mail vote by Council. Until the individual is confirmed by Council, they shall serve in an acting capacity. The position of treasurer shall be filled by regular election at the next election, unless at the time of appointment the next regular elections is less than four (4) months away, in which case the position of treasurer shall be filled at the following election.

- **I voted to approve the resolution**
- **The resolution was approved by Council**

- Action Item #4

- Resolved, that ALA Constitution Article VIII, Section 5 be revised to read:
  - Terms of Office: All officers and elected members of the Executive Board shall serve until the adjournment of the Annual Conference that follows the selection of their successors.
  - **I voted to approve the resolution**
  - **The resolution was approved by Council**

- ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee Report to Council: **2007-2008 ALA CD #19.1**

- Moved for the adoption the following six revised interpretations of the *Library Bill of Rights*:
  1. "Access to Library Resources and Services Regardless of Sex, Gender Identity or Sexual Orientation": **2007-2008 ALA CD #19.2**
  2. "Access to Resources and Services in the School Library Media Program": **2007-2008 ALA CD #19.3**

3. "Diversity in Collection Development": **2007-2008 ALA CD #19.4**
  4. "Evaluating Library Collections": **2007-2008 ALA CD #19.5**
  5. "Expurgation of Library Materials": **2007-2008 ALA CD #19.6**
  6. "Free Access to Libraries for Minors": **2007-2008 ALA CD #19.7**
- **I voted to approve the motion**
  - **The motion was approved by Council**
- International Relations Committee Report to Council: **2007-2008 ALA CD #18.1**
- Replace
    - *the Resolution on the Confiscation of Iraqi Documents from the Iraq National Library and Archives, passed January 16, 2008:*
      - Resolved, that ALA condemns the confiscation of documents from the Iraq National Library and Archives by the United States and British forces and strongly advocates the immediate return of all documents, and be it further
      - Resolved, that ALA calls for the United States Government to honor the Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict and its Second Protocol.
  - With
    - *The Resolution on the Confiscation of Iraqi Documents: 2007-2008 ALA CD #18.2*
      - Resolved, that ALA condemns the confiscation of all seized documents from Iraq and strongly advocates the immediate return of those documents to the people of Iraq, and be it further
      - Resolved, that ALA calls for the United States Government to honor the Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Even of Armed Conflict and its Second Protocol.
  - **I voted to approve the resolution**
  - **The resolution was approved by Council**

- ALA Committee on Organization Report to Council: **2007-2008 ALA CD #27.1**
  - Motion to revise the composition of the Committee on Accreditation to reflect practice as follows:
    - The Committee on Accreditation shall be composed of twelve members including the chair. There shall be nine members at large, two public members who are neither members of ALA nor librarians, and one individual from the Canadian Library Association. Each public member shall be appointed for a two-year term which may be renewed once. Each of the other members shall be appointed for non-renewable four-year terms. All terms shall be staggered. No member may serve more than four years. To qualify as a public member, a person must not have enrolled in library and information studies coursework, been employed in a library, served as a library trustee, or been a member of the American Library Association or other library associations.
  - **I voted to approve the motion**
  - **The motion was approved by Council**
- ALA committee on Legislation Report to Council: **2007-2008 ALA CD #20.7**
  - Resolution in Support of the National Agricultural Library (NAL): **2007-2008 ALA CD #20.8**
    - Resolved, that the American Library Association urges the United States Congress to Fund NAL for FY2009 at the \$22 million level recommended by the House Agricultural Subcommittee, and be it further
    - Resolved, that the American Library Association incorporate our 5 national libraries in the @Your Library campaign to raise the awareness of the value of our national libraries to the ALA's membership and the American public.
    - **I voted to approve the resolution**
  - Resolution on the E-Government Reauthorization Act of 2007 (S.2321): **2007-2008 ALA CD #20.9**
    - Resolved, that the American Library Association
      - Urge Congress to re-emphasize its commitment to support the role of libraries in the delivery of E-Government services,
      - Support the measures outline in the *E-Government Reauthorization Act of 2007* (S.2321) for the Director of

the OMB to provide guidance and best practices to ensure availability of public on-line federal government information and services,

- Support language in the *E-Government Reauthorization Act of 2007* to mirror the language in Section 213 of the *E-Government Act of 2002* which recognizes the critical role public libraries play in providing E-Government services to the American public,
- Urge Congress to authorize adequate funding to support the role of libraries in the delivery of E-Government services as expressed in Section 213 of the *E-Government Act of 2002*,
- Support the measures outline in the *E-Government Reauthorization Act of 2007* that will ensure compliance by federal agencies with the guidelines outlined by the OMB.

- **I voted to approve the resolution**
- **The resolution was approved by Council**

○ Resolution in Support of Preservation and Access to the Audio Heritage of the United States: **2007-2008 ALA CD #20.10**

- Resolved, that the American Library Association urges members of the U.S. Congress to charge the U.S. Copyright Office to conduct a study on the desirability of bringing sound recordings before February 15, 1972, under federal jurisdiction.
- **I voted to approve the resolution**
- **The resolution was approved by Council**

➤ Resolution Adopting the Definitions of Digital Preservation and the Revised Preservation Policy for the American Library Association: **2007-2008 ALA CD # 55**

- Resolved, that the American Library Association adopt the definitions of digital preservation and the revised Preservation Policy for use on the web, verbally, in written policy statements, and other documents.
- **I voted to approve the resolution**
- **The resolution was approved by Council**

➤ Resolution on Expanding Council Transparency: **2007-2008 ALA CD #59 [Revised]**

- Therefore, be it resolved that Council instructs the ALA Executive Director:
  1. Explore methods of making Council proceedings transparent to the ALA membership;
  2. Report back to ALA Council at Midwinter 2009;
  3. Request member input to gauge interest and to help guide future efforts in making the business of the Association more visible to the membership.
- **I voted to approve the resolution**
- **The resolution was approved by Council**
- Announcements
  
- Adjournment