

2008-2009 ALA CD#57

2009 ALA Annual Conference

### Resolution to Expand Electronic Participation

- Whereas, The ALA Council passed a "Resolution on Expanding Council Transparency" at the 2008 Annual Conference; and
- Whereas, The mission of the American Library Association is to provide leadership for the development, promotion, and improvement of library and information services and the profession of librarianship in order to enhance learning and ensure access to information for all; and
- Whereas, Technologies are available to permit transparency of the stewardship of the ALA Council ; and
- Whereas, Council has been apprised of fiscal and legal implications of several options by the Executive Director; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, ALA Council directs the Executive Director :

1. To implement the most cost effective solution to provide transparency and access to Council activities for the benefit of ALA members; and
2. To continue to monitor methods of improving Council transparency ; and
3. Begin providing member electronic access to Council meetings for Midwinter 2010.

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association  
Wednesday, July 15, 2009  
In Chicago, Illinois

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**This Resolution was adopted by the ALA Council  
Tuesday, July 1, 2008  
Anaheim, CA**

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**Resolution Concerning ALA Policy Opposing Sweatshop Labor and Support Union  
Businesses**

WHEREAS, The American Library Association (ALA) has broad social responsibilities (Policy 1.1); and

WHEREAS, ALA and its divisions, round tables, and other various units purchase all kinds of products for distribution to membership, such as tee shirts, conference bags, etc; and

WHEREAS, A large proportion of those available products are produced in sweatshop conditions; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the American Library Association (ALA) and its divisions, round tables, and all other units should purchase all products for distribution to membership from sweatshop free producers; and that this resolution and information about how to comply with it shall be distributed to all ALA divisions, round tables, all other units and ALA staff.

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association  
Tuesday, July 1, 2008  
In Anaheim, California

**Resolution in Support of Women as Caregivers in the Workforce**

WHEREAS, An informal or family caregiver is anyone who provides unpaid assistance to someone else (spouse, child, other relative, non-relative) who is, in some degree, incapacitated or needs help; and

WHEREAS, Women are more likely to be caregivers and to provide more hours of care, to provide more care over longer periods, and to care for more than one person; and

WHEREAS, Women comprise 46% of the total U.S. workforce but 61% of caregivers; and

WHEREAS, 80.9% of ALA members are women; and

WHEREAS, Most caregivers are employed; and

WHEREAS, Significant numbers of women caregivers have decreases in work hours, change from full- to part-time employment, and quit or retire early with long-term effects from wage reductions, and lost retirement benefits, training/promotion/assignment opportunities, and stress-related health problems; and

WHEREAS, Working women caregivers may suffer economic hardships due to caregiving, being 2.5 times more likely to live in poverty when they become elderly than women who had never been caregivers; and

WHEREAS, Caregivers have significant impacts to physical health compared to non-caregivers, such as increased risk of high blood pressure, cardiovascular disease, immune system compromise, and death; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the American Library Association recognizes the responsibility of libraries to help all employees that are family caregivers; and, be it further

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