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2011 ALA Midwinter Meeting
ALA Council/Executive Board/Membership Information Session
Sunday, January 9, 2011
9:00–10:00am
San Diego Convention Center, Ballroom 20 A/B
San Diego, CA

The customary information session was held in accordance with Policy 5.5.2, which states that at least one joint session of the Membership and Council with the Executive Board shall be held for information only prior to other meetings of Council and Membership. The information session was convened at 9:00am on Sunday, January 7, 2011, in the Ballroom 20 A/B of the San Diego Convention Center.

ANNOUNCEMENTS. Before the start of this meeting, ALA President Roberta A. Stevens called for a moment of silence to honor the memory of ALA Honorary Member Dr. Norman Horrocks, who passed away on October 14, 2010.

"Norman was truly a treasure to our profession and to the American and Canadian Library Associations and the embodiment of warmth, kindness and intelligence. His gentle manner and graciousness are all an example to us," Stevens said.

A tribute to Norman Horrocks (his photo, an *ALA Handbook of Organization*, and a copy of *The Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure*) was set up in the observers' seating section in the Council Chambers.

A memorial service also was held for Dr. Horrocks on Saturday, January 6, where many of his friends and colleagues shared their treasured memories of him.

President Stevens also noted the recent death of former Councilor Locke Morrisey. Other Memorials, Tributes and Testimonials will be presented at Council III on Tuesday, January 11, 2011.

INTRODUCTIONS. President Stevens introduced Parliamentarian Eli Mina, President-Elect Molly Raphael, and ALA Executive Director and Secretary of the Council Keith Michael Fiels. ALA staff members assisting with the Council meetings were JoAnne Kempf, Director, Office of ALA Governance; Lois Ann Gregory-Wood, Council Secretariat; Danielle Alderson and Alicia Bastl, Projectionists; and Kathy Cortopassi, Captionist.

FY 2010 Budget Review . Th

chaired by Linda D. Crowe and Michael Porter . The task force will present a preliminary report during Council II at this meeting.

Stevens said her Our Authors, Our Advocates initiative has been successful . It has enlisted many well-known authors to speak out for libraries through video and audio PSAs and quotes. Council then was shown a clip of some of the PSAs.

Stevens also said a "virtual postcard " featuring the PSAs will be e -mailed to ALA members on January 11. The postcard gives lib raries the opportunity to help spread the word about the se authors who are speaking out on behalf of libraries.

Stevens stated that a "Cultivating Your Local Notables" online toolkit is now available through the Advocacy University at www.ala.org/localnot ables. The toolkit contains information and strategies to help libraries enlist support from their local celebrities.

The "Why I Need My Library" c ontest is soliciting contestants from ages , 13 to 15 , and 16 to 18, with prizes for each: $3,000 for 1st pl ace, $2,000 for 2nd place, and $1,000 for 3rd place winners. Submission forms, contest details, etc., are available at www.ilovelibraries.org/whyineedmylibrary. The contest will run through A pril 18, 2011.

Stevens concluded her report by stating that Ted Danson, film and television actor and

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serve. At this Midwinter Meeting a meeting of about 20 member leaders will discuss ways that ALA dire ctly offers leadership development opportunities to a more diverse workforce.

In conclusion, Raphael thanked the ALA staff for their support and assistance.

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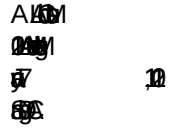

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  Young Adult Literature Award for English -language works for chil dren or teens of exceptional merit relating to the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered experience, will be honored for the first time at this Midwinter Meeting .

WHITE PAPER ON THE FUTURE OF ALA MIDWINTER MEETINGS, ALA CD#23.1 .
Over the past decade, the combination of technological advances and economic stress has caused many members to question the way in which ALA groups accomplish their work. In particular, they have raised issues related to the continuing viability of the ALA Midwinter Meeting. The ALA Board asked that a white pap

(rev), Resolution in Support of WikiLeaks; and ALA CD#39 (rev),

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ALA COUNCIL II
Monday, January 1 0, 201 1, 10:00am –

Vivian Pisano noted the task force tried to define the terminology definitions drawn on by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) general documentation and the particulars of its Intergovernmental Committee, Revised Provisions for the Protection of Traditional Cultural Expressions/Expressions of Folklore (Revised Provisions).

The task force also identified cultural materials as the primary focus, as librarians typically deal with the manifestations and documentation of traditional cultural expressions.

Farrell said the purpose of this report is to alleviate the confusion regarding what are traditional cultural expressions (TCEs) and cultural materials.

By ***CONSENT***, Council postponed further discussion on the above resolution until Council III . It will be the first discussion item under " new business."

ANNOUNCEMENT S. ALA Executive Director Keith Michael Fiels announced that petitions for the position of Councilor -at-Large were received from Shirley A. Bruursema , Past President , Kent District Library Board of Trustees , Comstock Park, MI; Jennifer Emanuel , Digital Services & Reference Librarian, University of Illinois, Urbana, IL; Florante Peter Ibanez , Manager of Library Computer Services , Loyola Law School. Rains Library , Los Angeles, CA; Zora J. Sampson , Director, Karrmann Library, University of Wisconsin – Platteville; Barbara K. Stripling , Director of Library Services, New York City Department of Education, New York, NY; and James K. Teliha , Associate University Librarian for Public Services, Idaho State University, Pocatello, ID .

ADJOURNMENT. The Council II meeting adjourned. at 12:20pm.

Action Item #1
To amend ALA Constitution Article IX by replacing the entire article with the following language:

Article IX. Endowment Funds

1. Receipts from life memberships and all gift s for endowment purposes shall, subject to conditions attached thereto, constitute endowment funds. Subject to conditions legally incident thereto, such funds shall be in the custody of no fewer than three nor more than six appointed trustees. One or mor e of these appointed trustees shall be appointed by the Executive Board annually to hold office for three years from the date of appointment or until a successor shall be appointed.

2. The trustees shall have authority to hold, invest, reinvest, disb10(rm)-19(i)-2(t)-bstby12(t)-5(r)-20(3>e)-11(s al-iL(w)-8A7(x)-18(ec)-10(u)-4(t)-17(i512(t)-44(e B)-2(o)-22(ar)-20(d)-9(an)0(O)-1T)aluitcidpof tn s(t)-1(c)-10(i)-32

Action Item #2c
To amend ALA Constitution, Article VII, Section 4 by inserting the phrase of the voting members to read as follows:

"A majority of t he voting members shall constitute a quorum of the Executive Board."

Action Item #3
To amend A [(Act)5"

Item #1. ALA CD#20.1, Resolution Commending the U.S. Congress and the President on the Reauthorization of the Museum and Library Services Act, which read: “That the American Library Association commends the leadership of Senator Jack Reed, co- sponsors Senators Thad Cochran, Richard Burr, Tom Harkin, Susan Collins, Michael Enzi, and Jon Tester and the members of the United States Senate and House of Representatives, an d President Barack Obama for their efforts to sustain the federal role supporting library services, as the cornerstone of our Q D W L R Q • V L Q I R U P D W L R Q L Q I U D V W U X F W X U H µ

Item #2. ALA CD#20.2, Resolution Commending President Obama and the U.S. Senate in Nominati ng and Confirming Susan Hildreth to be IMLS Director, which read: “That the American Library Association commends President Obama for nominating Susan Hildreth to serve as director of IMLS and the United States Senate for confirming her.”

Item #3 . ALA CD20.3, Resolution Thanking Bob Tapella for His Service as the 25th Public Printer of the United States, which read: “That the American Library Association express J U D W L W X G H W R 0 U 7 D S H O O D I R U K L V V H U Y L F H D V W K H Q D W L R Q • V W

Item#4 , ALA CD20.4, Resolution to Commend Senator Jack Reed for His Efforts to Recognize Libraries as Essential Community Organizations during Disasters, which read: “Resolved the American Library Association (ALA) commends Senator Jack Reed for his tireless efforts working to convince the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to amend its policies to recognize libraries as essential community organizations, thus entitled to reimbursement for temporary relocation facilities.”

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE (IRC) REPORT, ALA CD#18 - 18.1 . Sha Li Zhang, chair, reported on the following items:

- International Participation at the Midwinter Meeting.

Following an in-depth debate, the resolution was ***DEFEATED***.

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF REQUESTING CONGRESS TO REINTRODUCE AND VOTE ON THE DREAM ACT, ALA CD#39, REV., 1/10/11, 5:54PM. Councilors Loida Garcia-Febo and Larry Romans moved and Council

ADOPTED, ALA CD#39, Resolution in Support of Requesting Congress to Reintroduce and Vote on the Dream Act, Rev., 1/10/11, 5:54pm, which read: " That the American Library Association (ALA):

(1) urges members of the Congress of the United States to re- introduce and vote for the DREAM Act;
(2) urges members of the Congress to include community service and vocational education—in addition to attending college and joining the military —as a pathway to citizenship; and
(3) asserts that having higher education, military service, or community service will provide these immigrant children greater success in life through higher lifetime earnings, higher income tax contributions, greater contributions to the economy, and less reliance on government assistance."

RESOLUTION ON THE REMOVAL AND CENSORSHIP OF ARTWORK FROM THE 60,7+621,$1 ,167,787,21·6 1$7,21$/ 325754$,7 *$//(5< $/$ &' 5(9,6(' 1/11/11, 10:27AM. Councilors Peter Hepburn and Larry Romans moved and Council

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(6) urges the Smithsonian Institution to fight censorship of works of art or collections dealing with any subject matter, including sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, or religious viewpoint in its n ational galleries, museums, archives and libraries."

President Roberta A. Stevens re cused herself from chairing the discussion on the Resolution on WikiLeaks and Federal Agencies, ALA CD#37 Rev. (1/10/11) , and the Resolution in Support of WikiLeaks, ALA C D#38 Rev. 1/10/11. President -Elect Molly Raphael chaired the meeting through the discussions on the above resolutions.

In light of the earlier discussion and adoption of ALA CD# 19.1, Resolution on Access to and Classification of Government Information during the Council II meeting , the following two (2) resolutions were ***TABLED***:

ALA CD#37 Rev., 1/10/11, Resolution on WikiLeaks and Federal Agencies, which read: "That the American Library Association (ALA):

(1) calls for the amendment of Executive Order 13526 , Classified National Security Information (December 29, 2009) to exclude publicly available information;
(2) calls for the amendment of any other executive orders, public laws, or federal regulations that forbid access to publicly available information; and
(3) calls for all US government agencies to follow the example of the Library of Congress in unblocking and providing access to documents available on WikiLeaks."

ALA CD# 38 Rev., 1/10/11, Resolution in Support of WikiLeaks, which read: "That the American Libr ary Association (ALA):

(1) supports the rights of WikiLeaks to publish leaked government documents;
(2)

ANNOUNCEMENTS . Keith Michael Fiels reported receipt of the following petitions for Councilor - at-Large since the Council II meeting: Rosina R. Alaimo , School Librarian, Maple West Elementary School, Williamsville, NY ; Irene L. Briggs , Associate Dire ctor of Public Services, Prince George's County Memorial Library System, Hyattsville, MD; Diedre Conkling , Director, Lincoln County Library District, Newport, OR; Alison Adams Ernst , Principal, Alison Ernst Associates, Pleasant Ridge, MI; Martin L. Garnar , Reference Services Librarian, Regis University, Denver, CO; Gail G. Griffin, Board Trustee, Shreve Memorial Library, Shreveport, LA; Wei Jeng - Chu, Technology Division Head, Worcester Public Library, Worcester, MA; Catherine E. Marriott , Director, Technology and Information Services, Orchard Park (NY) Central Schools ; and Julie A. Schneider , Library Director, University of Wisconsin, Ebling Library, Madison, WI

ADJOURNMENT. Council III was adjourned at the conclusion of the agenda.