



**MINNESOTA LIBRARY**  
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**Minnesota Library Association**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, June 23, 2017

Electronic Vote

**Robert Rohlf Resolution**

Per an e-mail from President, Amy Boese, Sara Ring is proposing a motion to the MLA board to provide the attached resolution, "A Memorial Resolution Honoring Robert Henry 'Bob' Rohlf" to the ALA Annual Conference in order to propose it officially at the ALA membership meeting. An electronic vote was taken and the votes are recorded as follows (see attached e-mails):

- Megan Kocher – Yes
- Deborah Bifulk – Yes
- Jami Trenam – Yes
- Sarah Hawkins – Yes
- Jodi Carlson Grebinoski – Yes
- Amy Boese – Yes
- Jim Weygand – Yes

There were no negative votes.

More than 6 votes is a quorum for the board of directors. As such, the Minnesota Library Association passes the motion to bring the Rohlf memorial resolution to the ALA membership for presentation on Saturday, June 24th.

## A Memorial Resolution Honoring Robert Henry 'Bob' Rohlf

Whereas the American Library Association (ALA), the Minnesota Library Association (MLA), and the public library community lost a valued member and colleague on June 6, 2017, with the death of Robert Henry 'Bob' Rohlf;

Whereas Bob Rohlf was the founding Director of Minnesota's first multi-county public library system, the Dakota-Scott Regional Library;

Whereas, he was recruited to the Library of Congress as Coordinator of Building Planning for the proposed James Madison Memorial Library in Washington, the largest library building in the world;

Whereas he returned to Minnesota to lead the Hennepin County Library System as Director for 25 years;

Whereas at Hennepin County Library System, he planned and built 14 new branch libraries and managed to acquire increased budgets every year;

Whereas he was President of the Minnesota Library Association;

Whereas he was President of the Public Library Association;

Whereas he was a Life Member of ALA and served for 16 years on ALA Council, 4 years in 4 different decades;

Whereas The Library Journal named him one of the "Ten Outstanding Library Directors in the Country";

Whereas he led the Robert H. Rohlf Associates consulting firm with projects in over 40 states and six countries;

Whereas Robert Rohlf had a significant impact on the structure and operation of library services through authoring major studies, such as the 1962-63 Illinois library systems study which resulted in the formation of cooperative library systems statewide;

Whereas he performed many volunteer activities including being a charter member of the Minnesota Humanities Commission, built houses for Habitat for Humanity, delivered Meals on Wheel as well as serving on various community organization boards;

...now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, that the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members:

1. recognizes the significant contributions of Robert Rohlf over the course of his career and mourns his death; and
2. extends its sincerest condolences to his children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and colleagues.

Mover: Sara Ring, Minnesota Library Association Councilor, 612-625-6088

Seconders: ALA Personal Members: Gretchen Wronka; Janice Feye-Stuka; and William Asp

## Tammy Schoenberg

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**From:** Megan Kocher <mkocher@umn.edu>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 22, 2017 4:01 PM  
**To:** Amy Boese  
**Cc:** Sara Ring; Bifulk, Deborah; Jodi Carlson Grebinoski; jimweygand@aol.com; mcco0303@email.arizona.edu; Sarah Hawkins; Jami Trenam; Stacey Hendren; Kate Anderson; Stone, Margaret; Tammy Schoenberg  
**Subject:** Re: Rohlf memorial resolution

Aye.

On Thu, Jun 22, 2017 at 3:43 PM, Amy Boese <[aboese@rclreads.org](mailto:aboese@rclreads.org)> wrote:

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All in favor of supporting the attached Rohlf memorial resolution?

Amy Boese, MLA President

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Megan Kocher  
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**From:** Jami Trenam <jamit@grrl.lib.mn.us>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 22, 2017 4:03 PM  
**To:** Amy Boese  
**Cc:** ring0089; Deborah Bifulk; Megan Kocher; jlcarlso; jimweygand@aol.com; Ryan McCormick; Sarah Hawkins; staceyrhendren; Kate Anderson; Margaret Stone; Tammy Schoenberg  
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**Cc:** "tammy schoenberg" <tammy.schoenberg@management-hq.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 22, 2017 3:43:23 PM  
**Subject:** Fwd: Rohlf memorial resolution

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**From:** Sarah Hawkins <shawkins@ECRLIB.ORG>  
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**Cc:** ring0089; Deborah Bifulk; Megan Kocher; jlcarlso; jimweygand@aol.com; Ryan McCormick; staceyrhendren; Kate Anderson; Margaret Stone; Tammy Schoenberg  
**Subject:** RE: Rohlf memorial resolution

Aye.

Great job, Sara!

Sarah Hawkins, Resource Librarian

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**From:** Jodi Carlson Grebinoski <jlcarlso@d.umn.edu>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 22, 2017 4:06 PM  
**To:** Amy Boese  
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I also vote "aye" which gives us a quorum and this motion passes. The Minnesota Library Association has passed the motion to bring the Rohlf memorial resolution to the ALA membership for presentation Saturday, June 24th.

Tammy, can you record this? Sara, if there is still time to bring this forward, we have officially voted in support of this resolution.

Thanks all of you!

Amy

----- Original Message -----

From: "Bifulk, Deborah" <Deborah.Bifulk@CO.DAKOTA.MN.US>  
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