

## Tennessee Chapter Councilor

### Report to the TLA Board of Directors

June, 2016

ALA's Annual Conference was held on June 24-28 in Orlando, FL. ALA's Council meets three times at each conference. I have included below a list of links to the various documents and information that are involved in Council. There's even an audio recording of each Council meeting if anyone is interested in hearing the actual discussions.

Council Agendas - [http://www.ala.org/aboutala/governance/council/council\\_agendas](http://www.ala.org/aboutala/governance/council/council_agendas)

Council Documents - <http://www.ala.org/aboutala/governance/council/council-documents>

Council Recordings - <http://www.ala.org/aboutala/governance/council/councilaudio>

Council Actions - [http://www.ala.org/aboutala/governance/council/council\\_actions](http://www.ala.org/aboutala/governance/council/council_actions)

A number of resolutions were discussed by Council in these sessions. This included ALA CD# 44, *Resolution Calling Upon Libraries to Build More Inclusive Communities*; ALA CD# 45, *Resolution on Gun Violence Affecting Libraries, Library Workers, and Library Patrons*; ALA CD# 39, *Resolution in Support of the Professional Cataloging Processes and Determinations of the Library of Congress*; ALA CD# 40, *Resolution Concerning the Role of Chapters in the American Library Association*; ALA CD#20.4, *Resolution Urging Immediate Ratification of the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled*; ALA CD# 20.6, *Resolution on Equity for School Libraries for the Department of Education Making Rules for ESSA*; and ALA CD# 20.7, *Resolution on Equity for All in School Libraries*.

As you can see, this conference had a very wide variety of topics to cover and there were many good discussions held by Councilors. The resolution on gun violence was deferred to the MidWinter Meeting in January, 2017. The text of the resolution as it stands now is at the end of this document. If you have any feedback, please send it to me so that I can pass that along to the appropriate ALA bodies before the MidWinter Meeting. The resolution on the role of chapters was sent to a working group on chapter engagement and communication. The full text of that resolution is also at the end of this document. Any feedback would be welcomed and I will pass it along to the working group. All of the

other resolutions mentioned above were adopted and are available in the Council Actions document listed at the top of the report.

Memorial resolutions were passed honoring Shereen Marx, Kuang-Hwei (Janet) Lee-Smeltzer, Richard C. Fyffe, Billy Charles Beal, Allene Farmer Hayes, Linda Waddle, Ned Vizzini, John Ganly, Naomi Kietzke Young, Orvin Lee Shiflet, Richard Sweeney, Dolores Bullock Owen, Trudy Seidel Jaques, Larry Romans, Charles Weld Robinson, and Victims of the Pulse Nightclub Shootings. The full text of the memorial resolution for Larry is available at

[http://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/governance/council/council\\_documents/2016\\_annual\\_council\\_documents/m\\_14\\_Mem%20Resol%20for%20Larry%20Romans-61516\\_ACT..pdf](http://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/governance/council/council_documents/2016_annual_council_documents/m_14_Mem%20Resol%20for%20Larry%20Romans-61516_ACT..pdf).

Tribute resolutions were passed honoring Barbara Blossverren; James H. Billington; the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Video Round Table; the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Mortenson Center for International Library Programs; Thanking Mary Alice Baish for her service as the 30<sup>th</sup> GPO Superintendent of Documents; and Appreciation to Congressional Champions for Support of School Libraries and School Librarians in the Every Student Succeeds Act.

I have also passed along information received through the various ALA listservs to the TLA listserv.

If there are questions about the information here, any of the emails that I have sent to the listserv, or about ALA and Council in general, please let me know! I can be reached via email at [tda.alacouncilor@gmail.com](mailto:tda.alacouncilor@gmail.com).

Respectfully submitted,

*Courtney Fuson*

Tennessee Chapter Councilor

DEFERRED, ALA CD#45\_62516\_ACT (formerly: ALA MMD#4), *Resolution on Gun Violence Affecting Libraries, Library Workers, and Library Patrons*, until the 2017 ALA Midwinter Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia

The resolution read: "That the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members:

1. extends its sincere condolences to the family and friends of the 49 people who were shot dead at the Pulse nightclub in Orlando, and to all the families and friends of the thousands of victims of gun violence;
2. deplores the gun violence that materially affects the communities we serve;
3. works with other professional associations to support sensible and effective and national gun safety laws, oppose "gun friendly" state legislation, in particular any legislation that permits the carrying of guns in or near libraries and schools;
4. calls on Congress to lift restrictions that prohibit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other Department of Health and Human Services agencies from conducting gun violence research as a response to library communities in crisis; and
5. to advance the idea of libraries mitigating violence in our culture by serving as "safe havens" for the public, as evidenced during the recent uprisings in Ferguson, MO and Baltimore, MD, and by offering public education opportunities that advance the notion of libraries as perpetrators of peace."

REFERRED, ALA CD#40\_Revised, Revised, 62616\_10:00pm\_ACT, *Resolution Concerning the Role of Chapters in the American Library Association*, to the working group that ALA President-Elect Julie Todaro will appoint at this Annual Conference to address chapter engagement and communication.

The resolution read: "That the American Library Association on behalf of its members:

1. ensures that the Chapters have a role in developing national initiatives and /or campaigns and that such campaigns specify the expected role of the Chapters;
2. keeps communication channels open by responding directly to any communication from the Chapters in a timely manner and prior to responding publicly to the ALA membership and council;
3. supports efforts to expand the role of the Chapter Relations Committee, ensuring that Chapter Councilors have a presence on the Chapter Relations Committee;
4. consults the Chapter Leadership prior to any response to local legislative issues, to or recognition of an elected official from that state; and
5. communicates the resolution to all Chapters and to the ALA membership."