



Montana Library Association

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MLA BOARD REPORTS

Office held/Chair of: American Library Association Representative

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Date: January 30, 2019

Progress or Successes Since Our Last Meeting:

Resolutions: The issues caucus was held during the State Librarian website chat on December 14. During that meeting it was brought up for MLA to write a resolution supporting the COSLA request for an increase in federal aid. The draft resolution is written, and is waiting for a vote from the membership.

I am planning on attending the March website chat with Jennie to do the quarterly issues caucus.

I attended the ALA Midwinter conference in Seattle on January 25 – 29. The council voted on several resolutions:

- Resolution for the Adoption of Sustainability as a Core Value of Librarianship:
http://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/governance/council/council_documents/2019_ms_council_docs/ALA%20CD%2037%20RESOLUTION%20FOR%20THE%20ADOPTION%20OF%20SUSTAINABILITY%20AS%20A%20CORE%20VALUE%20OF%20LIBRARIANSHIP_Final1182019.pdf
- Resolution on Monetary Library Fines as a Form of Social Inequity:
http://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/governance/council/council_documents/2019_ms_council_docs/ALA%20CD%2038%20RESOLUTION%20ON%20MONETARY%20LIBRARY%20FINES%20AS%20A%20FORM%20OF%20SOCIAL%20JUSTICE%20Revised%201_27_0.pdf
- Resolution in Support of Civil Rights Protections for People of Diverse Gender Identities:
http://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/governance/council/council_documents/2019_ms_council_docs/lgD52a54T2al09SWvQp4_ALA%20CD%2041%20RESOLUTION%20in%20Support%20of%20Civil%20Rights%20Protections%20for%20People%20of%20Diverse%20Gender%20Identities.pdf

Several interpretations of the Library Bill of Rights were also reviewed and passed:

- LBOR interpretation on meeting rooms:
http://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/governance/council/council_documents/2019_ms_council_docs/ALA%20CD%2019_2%20IFC%20Meeting%20Rooms%20Library%20Bill%20of%20Rights.pdf
- LBOR interpretation on prisoners right to read:
http://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/governance/council/council_documents/2019_ms_council_docs/ALA%20CD%2019_3%20IFC%20Prisoner%20Right%20to%20Read%20Library%20Bill%20of%20Rights.pdf
- LBOR interpretation on challenged resources:
http://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/governance/council/council_documents/2019_ms_council_docs/ALA%20CD%2019_4%20IFC%20Challenged%20Resources%20Library%20Bill%20of%20Rights.pdf

There were also a lot of other discussions and interpretations discussed and passed at the conference. For full details, please visit: <http://www.ala.org/aboutala/midwinter-and-annual-2019>

New Issues:

I will be attending the next ALA Annual meeting in Washington, D.C. On June 20 -25, 2019

Board Action Requested:

None at this time.

Other Comments:

Financial Report: FY 2016 budget: \$3770

Amount spent: \$802.60

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