

***ALA Councilor***  
**Report to the Board**  
**June 7, 2008**

I will be attending the ALA Annual Conference, CA., June 26 - July 2, 2008 in Anaheim, CA. I am collecting the names of Kentucky attendees in order to reserve the ALA Council Suite for a Kentucky Caucus.

**ALA Membership Meetings**

Saturday, June 28

Membership Meeting #I, 3:30-5:00pm, ACC, BallroomB/C

Monday, June 30

Membership Meeting II, 11:30am-1:00pm, ACC, Ballroom B/C

**Conference Highlights**

The Opening Session featuring [Ron Reagan](#) an impassioned, informed and gifted speaker on today's much-debated topics will take place in the Anaheim Convention Center Arena on Saturday, June 28 from 5:30 pm- 7:00 pm.

Closing Session Speaker will be [Diahann Carroll](#) and will take place on Tuesday, July 1, from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm (note the new time!) at the Anaheim Convention Center.

The Auditorium Speaker Series include authors Khaled Hosseini, James Frey, Sally Ride and Tam O'Shaughnessy, Vernon Jordan, Dean Koontz, Greg Mortenson, Don Borchert and Stephen J. Cannell who will speak in the Anaheim Convention Center. ALSC Presents T. Berry Brazelton, MD. PLA Presents Jamie Lee Curtis

**Committee on the Status of Women in Librarianship (COSWL)** is launching a campaign to raise awareness of caregiving issues and their affects on the lives, work, family and health of many librarians and library support staff. In conjunction with the 2008 COSWL annual program titled "I will be late again & I need to leave early: Balancing caregiving and work" (Sunday June 29th at 1:30), we're conducting a brief survey about caregiving in order to identify issues that COSWL will be working on next couple of years. The survey will take less than 10 minutes to complete. The committee much appreciates your participation. The link to the survey:

[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=23idr2eg02hrsNxKY18vA\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=23idr2eg02hrsNxKY18vA_3d_3d)

## ALA Business

At Midwinter a resolution on “**Member Access to Electronic Lists of ALA**” was supported in principle by Council, but was eventually referred to the Task Force on Electronic Member Participation (TFOEMP) for clarification and further consultation on issues of privacy. The resolution will be brought before the Council at Annual for a vote.

Much discussion was developed on the ALA Councilor list regarding proposed changes to the Library Bill of Rights. The attached letter from the Intellectual Freedom Committee(IFC) reports on the changes. If anyone is interested in seeing the complete texts and changes, please contact me and I will forward the complete texts of the documents.

From: Kent Oliver, chair, ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee

Subject: Proposed Changes to Intellectual Freedom Policies in the *Intellectual Freedom Manual*

The Office for Intellectual Freedom is working with ALA Editions toward publication of the eighth edition of the *Intellectual Freedom Manual*. As part of the standard operating procedure for preparing to publish each new edition, a review of all ALA policies in the *Manual* is undertaken by the Intellectual Freedom Committee.

At its 2008 spring meeting, the IFC identified and proposed revisions to six *Interpretations of the Library Bill of Rights*:

- “Access to Library Resources and Services Regardless of Gender Identity or Sexual Orientation”
- “Access to Resources and Services in the School Library Media Program”
- “Diversity in Collection Development”
- “Evaluating Library Collections”
- “Expurgation of Library Materials”
- “Free Access to Libraries for Minors”

All *Interpretations* are attached. For the six policies with proposed revisions, proposed deletions are indicated by strikethroughs; additions are indicated by brackets.

Due to the production schedule and projected publication date in late 2009, the IFC plans to present these *Interpretations* to the Council for adoption at its third session during the 2008 Annual Conference. The committee, therefore, would appreciate receiving any comments prior to conference, if possible, or prior to its final meeting at conference, which is on Tuesday, July 1, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., in the Marriott Newport Beach/Rancho Las Palmas room.

**2008 ALA Election Results:**

16,727 ballots were cast. The following web site gives details for all election results:

<http://www.ala.org/ala/ourassociation/governanceofficeb/electioninfo/election2008.cfm>

**Camila Alire was elected president of ALA for the 2009-2010 term.**

Camila Alire, is dean emerita at the University of New Mexico and Colorado State University in Fort Collins, CO. Alire won over J. Linda Williams, coordinator of library media services for Anne Arundel County public schools in Annapolis, Md.

The following amendments were approved by the membership:

**ACTION** – to delete the last sentence in Article III, Section 1(c), Nominations and Elections, which reads “The position of candidates on the ballot shall be determined by lot,” and create a new subsection, Article III, Section 3(e) to read “The position of candidates on the ballot shall be randomized.”

Article III, Section 1(c) shall now read:

“Such committee shall nominate annually candidates for members-at-large of Council for three-year terms. The number of nominees shall not be fewer than one-and-one-half times the anticipated number of member-at-large vacancies to be filled at the next election.”

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ 14964 \_\_\_\_\_ 96.4% No \_\_\_\_\_ 551 \_\_\_\_\_ 3.6%

**ALA 2009 Nominating Committee seeks candidates for 2009 election**

CHICAGO – The American Library Association (ALA) 2009 Nominating Committee is soliciting nominees to run on the 2009 spring ballot for the offices of ALA President-elect and Councilor-at-large.

The Nominating Committee will select two candidates to run for President-elect and no fewer than 50 candidates for the 33 at-large Council seats to be filled in the 2009 spring election.

ALA members who wish to make nominations should submit the following information: nominee name; present position; institution; address; telephone; fax; and e-mail address. All potential nominees must complete the Potential Candidate Biographical Form available at <https://cs.ala.org/potentialcandidates> . The database will be available June 2, 2008. Nominations and forms must be received no later than Sept. 1, 2008. Self-nominations are encouraged.

Respectfully Submitted,

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ALA Councilor 2007-2010