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2004 ALA Annual Conference

ALA Council III
Wednesday, lune 30, 2004, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
Orange County Convention Center, Valencia Ballroom 415A

Presiding: Carla D. Hayden, ALA president
Assisting: Carol A. Brey-Casiano, ALA president-elect
ALA Secretary of Council: Keith Michael Fiels, ALA executive director
ALA Parliamentarian: Eli Mina
Time Allowance
Order of Business
• Call to Order
- Introductions and Announcements, Carla D. Hayden, president

- Establishing the Quorum, Carla D. Hayden, president (75 Councilors constitute quorum)

- Agenda Review, Carla D. Hayden, president, ALA CD#S.8 Revised

(New Items May be Introduced Here)

- Memorials, Tributes and Testimonials, Carla D. Hayden, president

Memorials:
MR-8
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MR-12
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Tributes:

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Resolution On The Occupation Of Iraq, ALA CD#61 (continued)

» MICHAEL GOLRICK: Member of the Executive Board. The words that appear on the screen are vastly different than the document that I have in front of me and is available in this room. So, I'm expressing a great deal of confusion about what it is we' re being asked on, when our paper is completely different than what Mark so elequently read and spoke to and appears on the screen.
» PRESIDENT CARLA HAYDEN: The mover is entitled to change his motion until it is before Council, and that's what he did.
» MICHAEL GOLRICK: This was the amendmented one?
» PRESIDENT CARLA HAYDEN: Right. So we need to get that to the projectionist. It's up there?
; » MICHAEL GOLRICK: But -- oh.
» PRESIDENT CARLA HAYDEN: There it is. Microphone number 7.
» AL KAGAN: SRRT Councilor. I'm the seconder of the motion. I would like
to call your attention to the speakers at this ALA meeting. The war in Iraq has purveyed our meeting. We listened to Richard Clarke speak against the war. We listened to Amy Goodman show a video and speak against the war. We listened to EL Doctorow speak against the war. We saw Michael Moore's film, Fahrenheit 9/11. The room was packed. There is no greater issue before the United States than this war.
I'd like to remind the body that ALA has risen to the occasion when we have
fought unjust wars. ALA did take a resolution against the war in Vietnam. A little
later than some of the other professional associations, but I'm glad we finally did
it.
I remember that ALA took a position for negotiation to take care of the
situation in Kuwait, just before the Gulf War. So we have a precedent for doing
these kinds of things when the most horrendouj 0.0165 2te.3 0 c 12.3 150.18 255.01 Tm (thi1r 11.98

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»JAMES CASEY: Councilor-at-Large. I really couldn't agree more with the statements read just previously. But I don't believe that this is a library issue. It's not an issue that ALA should be acting upon. How much as I personally agree with it, I think the association should stand aside on this one.
(Applause.)
» PRESIDENT CARLA HAYDEN: Microphone number 3.
» JOSEPH EAGAN: Maryland Chapter Councilor. While I personally oppose
the war in Iraq and decry the situation there, I do not feel that this is a library issue. I don't feel that it's connected to our basic mission as the American Library Association.
: » PRESIDENT CARLA HAYDEN: Microphone number 3.
» SUE KAMM: Councilor-at-Large. I urge my fellow Councilors to vote against this resolution for the reasons so many people have eloquently suggested. This is not a venue for the American Library Association. There are other venues for protesting the war that are more appropriate than ALA. And I think that we are wasting Council's time and the time of our members by considering resolution after resolution dealing with issues outside our purview.
We need to be spending time on domestic issues, such as adequate funding for library, raising salaries for library workers, having intellectual freedom prevail. This resolution is a time waster and I urge everyone to vote against it.
» PRESIDENT CARLA HAYDEN: In about 6 minutes we are going to have to make another decision about time.
Microphone number 6.
» MONIKA ANTONELLI: Councilor-at-Large. I believe this is a library issue. I'm glad that Sue Kamm brought up the issue of funding. How many libraries have had their funding cut? How many libraries are closing? We have poured $200 billion into this war and this means we do not have money for libraries, for schools. These things are connected. You have to make a choice where you want your money to go. Do you want it to go to fund a war or do you want it to fund libraries? You have to make that choice. Thank you.
» PRESIDENT CARLA HAYDEN: Microphone number 4.

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» BERNADINE ABBOTT HODUSKI: GODORT Councilor. He said he wanted that

to be an unbiased report. He said now if he did it again, he would be saying that we
have been fed misinformation that led us into a major policy decision. He asked
the people in the room who agreed with that; every single person in the room
agreed with it.
Then he asked the people in the room if they thought that we should never
have gone into Iraq. Only two people out of several hundred agreed that we should have gone in. So I just thought I would bring that to your attention, that people at a membership, at a program meeting, have discussed

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» JIM RETTIG: Councilor-at-Large. This debate isn't about Iraq or about the
war. It's about the role of this institution, and I don't think this is in our role.
» PRESIDENT CARLA HAYDEN: Microphone number 7.
» DONALD ROALKAM: AL TA Councilor. I move that we close debate before
losing the quorum.
» PRESIDENT CARLA HAYDEN: Those in favor?
(Showing of hands.)
Opposed? It's not two-thirds. Debate continuing. Microphone number 4.
» ELAINE HARGER: Councilor-at-Large. At this conference, the international responsibilities task force of SRRT sponsored a program which featured a 74 year old; retired librarian who lives in New York state. She has traveled to Iraq several times over the course of the last ten years, and she was with international peace groups in Baghdad in the couple of months leading up to the US invasion of Iraq and then for some months afterwards.
She described the massive numbers of people from all over the world who were there in Baghdad, saying no, we don't want this war to happen. Most of us didn't hear about that on the media back here in the states. There were many people who knew that the United States -- the people in the US were being lied to about the reasons for the invasion before it happened. Fortunately now our media is finally catching on to what a lot of us knew before that happened, and I'm very pl12.a8 14.2071 0 0 12.6 151.64 388.68 40j -0.035 Tc9Td

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» PRESIDENT CARLA HAYDEN: Ready for the vote. All those in favor (Showing of hands.)
Thank you.
All those opposed?
(Showing of hands.)
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