

Memorial Resolution Honoring Edward Swanson

Whereas, Edward Swanson, retired Manager, Minitex Contract Cataloging Program, University of Minnesota, and retired Coordinator of Library Cataloging and Principal Cataloger, Minnesota Historical Society, died on Friday December 10, 2010, after a brief illness; and

Whereas, He had a lifelong love of libraries, joining the Minnesota Library Association while he was still in high school, serving as President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Board Member, as Chair of the Technical Services Section, Editor of its Bulletin, and in many other leadership roles; and

Whereas, He was lifetime member of the American Library Association, serving on ALA Council 1979-83, and later on the International Relations Committee planning group; and

Whereas, He served the Resources and Technical Services Division, later to become the Association for Library Collections & Technical Services, as a Board Member, Parliamentarian, and on Nominating, International Relations, and 40th Anniversary Celebration Committees; and

Whereas, He contributed to the professional literature of cataloging, not only in his editing of manuals to assist catalogers in AACR2 application, but also as LRTS Editorial Board Member, Best of LRTS Committee Member, Special Editor, Book Review Editor, and Indexer of LRTS, and as Interim Editor of the ALCTS Newsletter; and

Whereas, He served three terms on the Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access, including a term as chair, and two terms on the MARBI Committee; and

Whereas, He served on the Freedom to Read Foundation Board, representing the International Relations Round Table; and

Whereas, He was a contributor to librarianship on a world scale, serving on the Governing Board and in many leadership positions in the International Federation of Library Associations, with special focus on Cataloging, Classification and Indexing, and Bibliographic Control; and

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Whereas, He was active in many organizations, from local to international, from grassroots to government, with the purpose of increasing library access, library use, library quality, library standards, library cooperation, and library community; and

Whereas, He was ever gracious in his interactions with colleagues at all levels; and

Whereas, He was renowned for his dry wit, his generous celebrations, his kindness, his wisdom in deliberations, and his unceasing intellectual curiosity; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members,

1. Recognizes the remarkable achievements of Edward Swanson and gratefully acknowledges his many contributions to the profession of librarianship; and
2. Expresses its sincere sympathy to the family of Edward Swanson, including his partner, Carsten Slostad of St. Paul, Minn., brother and sister-in-law David and Vivian Swanson of Willmar, Minn., sister and brother-in-law, Mary and Bob Rolfes of Mankato, Minn., and sister-in-law Mitsuko Swanson of Oak Harbor, Wash.

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association



Keith Michael Fiels

ALA Executive Director and Secretary of the ALA Council

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In New Orleans, Louisiana