

**2012-2013 ALA CD#31
2013 ALA Midwinter Meeting**

Resolution to Change Policy B.9.2.2 School Library Media Specialists (formerly ALA Policy #54.2.2)

Whereas, the American Association of School Librarians (AASL) is a division of the American Library Association that represents more than 7500 members, and through a state affiliate structure, speaks for school librarians throughout the nation; and

Whereas, at the 2010 ALA Midwinter Meeting, AASL adopted the professional title “school librarian” as the title which reflects the roles of the 21st century school library professional as leader, instructional partner, information specialist, teacher, and program administrator,

Whereas, AASL has recently approved the 2010 *ALA/AASL Standards for Initial Preparation of School Librarians*; and

Whereas, the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) has recently merged with the Teacher Education Accreditation Council (TEAC) to form the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP); and

Whereas, the American Library Association is a member of the Council for the Association of Educator Preparation (CAEP) as a specialty association and has designated AASL as the unit responsible for developing the curriculum guidelines for educational programs to prepare school librarians; and

Whereas, the current ALA Policy B.9.2.2 (formerly ALA Policy #54.2.2) reflects a structure that is no longer in place for accreditation of an educational unit providing the appropriate first professional degree for school librarians, now therefore be it

Resolved, that the following statement, adopted by the AASL Board on January 26, 2013, be endorsed by the ALA Council that the Policy Monitoring Committee will Change Policy B.9.2.2 **School Library Media Specialists** (formerly ALA Policy #54.2.2) from this text:

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Adopted July 11, 1988, by ALA Council; revised 2008)

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Adopted July 11, 1988, by ALA Council; revised 2008, 2013.)

Moved by Sara Kelly Johns, AASL Division Councilor, 518-569-2339

Seconded by Catherine Marriott, Councilor at Large

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1. Title of Resolution: Resolution:
Change Policy B.9.2.2 School Library Media Specialists (formerly ALA Policy #54.2.2)
2. ALA Units and/or Committees Consulted (if any):
AASL, ALA/NCATE Committee, ESLS/AASL
3. Endorsements by ALA Units and/or Committees (if any):
AASL, ALA/NCATE Committee, ESLS/AASL pending
4. Fiscal implications:
None
5. List all parties to whom resolution should be sent:
Policy Monitoring Committee
6. Impact on ALA Policies and Positions:
Goal Area: Building the Profession

Goal Statement: ALA promotes excellence and diversity in the library field. Objective (1): Ensure that library education and training reflect the core values of the profession and the needs of the communities served by libraries of all types.

Objective (2): Increase the availability of and access to continuing education, career development and certification opportunities for librarians, library staff, trustees and library advocates

6a) ALA general policy or viewpoint: Updating language

6b) Change in existing policy: Updating policy language for Policy B.9.2.2
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6c) New policy:

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6d) Policy conflicts: None

7. Initiating Committee or Unit (if any): AASL, ALA/NCATE, ESLS/AASL

8. Pertinent Background Information:

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