

Memorial Resolution Honoring Dr. Robert O. Ellett, Jr.

Whereas, Dr. Robert O. Ellett, Jr., an esteemed librarian and valued member of the cataloging community, died at the age of forty-eight on January 9, 2013;

Whereas, he was the Catalog Librarian at the Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Virginia, where he was among the first to begin cataloging using RDA (Resource Description and Access), when his library was selected as an RDA test site;

Whereas, he designed training courses and workshops for local and national library conferences, including several focusing on applying RDA to cataloging in all formats, and served as an instructor for FEDLINK's original cataloging and authority control workshops;

Whereas, he was a trainer for the Program for Cooperative Cataloging, member of several PCC committees, and founder and coordinator of the Virginia NACO Funnel Project;

Whereas, he was an inspiring and highly-regarded Lecturer at the San Jose State University School of Library & Information Science, teaching courses in cataloging and information science from August 2004 until his death;

Whereas, he was an active member of the Association for Library Collections and Technical Services (ALCTS), particularly of the Cataloging and Metadata Management Section (CaMMS, formerly the Cataloging and Classification Section), serving as a Member at Large of the CaMMS Executive Committee as well as a member of many committees and discussion groups focusing on education and training of catalogers; and

Whereas, he was an advocate for cooperative cataloging, was dedicated to interpreting RDA to catalogers and students, was generous in sharing his expertise through presentations and workshops, and was enthusiastic in conveying his love for his profession to both future and seasoned librarians; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the American Library Association, on behalf of its members,

- (1) recognizes and is grateful to Robert Ellett for his contributions to the library profession as a cataloger, trainer, instructor, mentor, and colleague, and his service to the Association; and
- (2) expresses its sincere sympathy to Margaret and Sam Motley, his mother and stepfather; his two sisters, Linda Fowler and Barbara Moore; and his many other beloved family members and friends.

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association
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in Chicago, Illinois



Keith Michael Fiels
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