

## MINUTES FROM DAKAR

### Minutes of ALA Executive Council Meeting

March 19, 1989  
Salle Saly, Novotel, Dakar

Present: Oyekan Owomoyela, Bernh Lindfors, Anne Adams, Elisabeth Mudimbe Boyi, Sandy Barkan, Clarisse Zimra, Janice Spiech, Harold Waters, Richard Bjornson, Daniel Kunene, George Lang for Steve Arnold, Dennis Bruns, Carole Davies, Ken Harrow presiding.

#### I. Adoption of Agenda

II. Adoption of minutes. Members took a few minutes to read the two sets of minutes. Janice Spiech raised a query about the place of peripheral or extraneous discussions in the set she had taken. Lindfors moved we summarize; seconded by Bjornson. Motion to adopt was moved by Lindfors and seconded by Oyekan.

#### III. Reports

##### A. ALA Survey

Chris Waters reported that there were 120 answers so far which was a pretty good return. Zinta Komrad was processing the responses. It seems that the quality of instruction has risen. Definitive report will come when majority of questionnaires are returned. Lindfors suggested that membership be informed again at Business Meeting for maximum returns.

##### B. Follow-up Proposal

1. Ken Harrow proposed we construct a sample list of works of African literature and make it available to universities around the country given the context of contemporary examinations of Western civilization. Anne Adams expressed a note of caution about people becoming teachers of African literature without knowledge of the field. Her suggestion was workshops/consultancy by members in vicinity. Mudimbe-Boyi added that ALA members should do seminars with articles in *The Chronicle* on the subject. Ken Harrow suggested that the next Vice-President be put in charge of a committee made up of Anne Adams, Ken Harrow and the new Vice-President as Chair. Executive agreed.

2. President discussed a letter from Tom Knipp about donations of "canonical" texts to African universities and colleges. Davies asked for a definition of the canonical African texts. Harrow offered "representative" rather than "canonical." His suggestion was a box on membership forms for donations and a line item for this including purchase, transportation, etc. Lindfors offered that we should seek subsidies for transportation of books, bulletins to Africa, and referred to a Ford Foundation letter.

##### C. Report on ALA Headquarters

A letter from UMBC's Daphne Harrison was identified which said that UMBC could not afford the ALA Headquarters as proposed. Harrow put forward another letter from Africana Center at Cornell which offered \$10,292 for equipment, \$3,500 for subvention and operation (2 work study students, supplies, etc.) and a 3-year initial commitment. Anne Adams would be responsible for maintaining the ALA Headquarters as part of her duties; the ALA responsible for printing and postage for its publications.

Suggestions were made that Steve Arnold and Anne Adams can work out details of their sharing of duties. The Executive was receptive to the Cornell proposal.

##### D. Status of Annals

1985 done — ready in a few weeks; '86, '87, '88 in process; Lindfors wanted to know how many would be finished in the forthcoming year. The response was three.

##### E. Election Results

Anne Adams had solicited Jonathan Ngate to assist in the tallying of results. There were 232 responses:

Vice-Pres - Eileen Julien  
Secretary - George Joseph  
Treasurer - Sandra Barkan  
Editor - Steve Arnold  
Executive Council: Irene d'Almeida, J. Kabayanda, Micheline Rice-Maximin.

Elisabeth Mudimbe-Boyi had a comment on active members and eligibility for office. There was some discussion. Lindfors suggested that it needed to be raised in the context of Nomination. Ken Harrow asked for an eligibility requirement. Edris suggested that the Nominating Committee should pay attention to activity and visibility within the association. He proposed the committee pay attention to research, etc. Harrow concluded that it was the Executive's wish that a committee within the executive be formed. The motion was moved by Edris and seconded by Mudimbe-Boyi and passed.

F. Update on Conference Planning  
1990 Wisconsin reported by Dan Kunene. Organizing of the conference was delayed by the needs of the Dakar meeting. An announcement is on the last page of the conference program. There will be a strong presence of African language writers, not to the exclusion of other writers and usual issues. A possible conflict with ACLALS 4-7 April, 1990. Funding is being sought.  
Lindfors suggested we talk to Emile Snyder for visitors. Makward felt we would get more response from African scholars.

Harrow complimented Edris on a phenomenal undertaking for this year's ALA conference in Dakar. Executive indicated unanimous support.

Chris Waters talked about US press coverage of the conference. An article on Senegal in *The New York Times* triggered other coverage by African journals.

Ken Harrow raised three points about conferences:

- 1) The need to share burdens of planning the conference with HQ
- 2) Concern about where conference will be after Wisconsin. Ohio State and Rutgers are possibilities.

3) A permanent fall back plan is needed, e.g. outside of a university possibility. Bjornson said that Columbus was a possibility at a later date. Dennis Bruns suggested, and some members agreed, that the ALA Headquarters would be a logical fall back site. Anne Adams said that it would work only if it is ALA hosted. It was suggested that a notice be placed in the Bulletin asking members to come forward and agree to host the conferences. Davies added that several people were interested but were intimidated by the prospect of organizing it singly. So the ALA needs to specify its role in conference organization. Bjornson suggested that the Program and arrangements with airlines are two aspects we could handle.

##### G. George Lang for ALA Editor Steve Arnold

A letter from Steve with a proposal for the ALA to get its own Computer Software/Hardware. Lindfors suggested that Maachosh is ideal for compatibility with Steve and Anne for this. Link with HQ is critical. Suggestion that both discuss shared responsibilities. Bjornson suggested that we hold this discussion until the next Exec meeting after discussion between Steve and Anne.

##### H. Treasurer's report/Written version circulating

1. More money in than was spent: 4 annals out; 2 out of print back in circulation; 3rd about to be published; 4th, camera ready. Copies are available from Steve Arnold.
2. \$7,000.00 in Endowment (PAX) fund
3. Bulletin costs need to be maintained at lowest possible rate
4. Membership around 500, a jump of about 200 members. Need to encourage African and European members. The Nigerian Branch of the Association with Calabar center identified. The average tenure of membership is 6 years based on years of ALA existence. Drop-out rate higher in Africa and Canada and has to do with foreign exchange.

There was some discussion on word processing and editing as a conference cost in the years following. Ken Harrow raised the question of the properness of editors' papers in annals. After some discussion, it was moved by Dan Kunene and seconded by Mudimbe-Boyi that editors of specific

annals not have their own papers considered and that members know this ahead of time. Clarisse said that there should be a statement in the Bulletin. The motion was carried.

#### IV. Other Matters A. Kuneke Letter

An in-process publication was published and bound, given to the Bayreuth library by Albert Gerard along with all his papers which included other unpublished manuscripts. It has created a bad situation. The letter asks that the ALA take up this matter because of its serious implications. Kuneke has brought it to the ALA so that the organization can mediate. Harrow solicited from members of action that the organization should take. Bjornson noted that Gerard was paid to make his papers part of the Bayreuth collection, that it was not a donation. He suggested that the ALA find a way to handle this so that it would not offend Gerard, yet take a stance on it by: trying to diffuse the offensive situation, and stating ALA policy while foregrounding ethical situation.

Lindfors drew an analogy with Publishers' archives which have research importance. Kuneke inserted the right of the author to give permission. Waters suggested we consult the American Library Association for guidelines. Oyekean raised ethical/copyright infringements as serious. Harrow concluded that:

- 1) there is immediate support for Dan, and
- 2) there is a larger policy issue.

The wording of both responses was left to a small committee which included Lindfors, Bjornson and Kuneke. It was suggested that the ALA still had to deal with the immediate issue. A number of suggestions were made which stressed writing to Bayreuth on Dan's behalf and intervening between Gerard and Kuneke. The closure of this issue to come at the next Exec meeting.

#### B. Update on UNESCO affiliation

Anne: no progress yet. Pursuing need to clarify ALA's position. The organization needs to be defined as an international association to be considered. Ben asserted that the organization now has US-tax exempt status which works against it qualifying. Brutus stated that the goals were incompatible. The organization needs to be "either/or" since UNESCO scrutinizes financial status and organization must be truly international.

#### C. Canon John Collins Award reported by Dennis Brutus

Last year a letter was sent from Dennis about ALA administering the award. John Collins has worked in different ways for South African liberation. Diana Collins, his wife, proposed an award limited to South African writers with an endowment. Questions were 1) Is ALA willing to administer the award; 2) Selection of judges.

Harrow identified this as an important addition to ALA responsibilities; it was suggested that we ask for volunteers, specialists on South Africa. Discussion was about Diana Collins' role in this committee and the amount of the award (\$500-1,000) and some other minor details which need to be clarified.

#### D. Rushdie resolution/infringement, etc./Threat on Soyinka raised by Ken Harrow

Oyekean brought a cautionary note to any decisions—the need to look at all aspects of the Rushdie issue. Anne Adams offered details and clarification about the spirit of the Soyinka statement and the response. Ken Harrow suggested the need to read and apply the resolution of the ALA committee on infringement of Human Rights. Dennis also identified the need to quote Article 19 of the Human Rights Charter ... (T)hat condemning any writer to death has to be challenged. Lindfors suggested we need to see Soyinka statement. Davies suggested that something about not supporting attacks on African culture and religious should be included. Bjornson suggested that these were very complex issues. Waters referred to committee to draft resolution to be presented to body.

#### E. Gates Proposal

This matter had been brought forward from the last Executive meeting. Ken Harrow wanted to know what Executive's wish was. Discussion centered on the need for specificity or no need to follow through. It was also concluded that many of these proposals were issues raised before in ALA and part of ALA Future agenda.

1. It was agreed that a letter would be sent to Brenda Berrian expressing our sympathy at her

father's death.

2. Janice Splieth raised the issue of a monetary award for the best article submitted to ALA annual. Submissions may be stimulated and quality increased thereby. Ben suggested that that idea may be more valuable if specific to graduate students. Carole Davies mentioned ASA model of recognizing most important contribution in the field for a given year as perhaps more viable. Discussion of this was inconclusive.

3. Dennis Brutus indicated that he was receiving the Paul Robeson award in Philadelphia in case ALA wanted to send a note of congratulations on the occasion.

4. Dan Kuneke expressed confusion as to our stand on South Africans participating at meetings. He expressed concern that South Africans from racist institutions were in Dakar at the conference. Ken Harrow's response was that ALA policy was clear and referred to the wording of the resolution on South African participation. There was a request that this be a continuing discussion.

A brief meeting of the Executive was proposed for the next day from 2:00-3:15 pm, before the formal opening, to follow up on discussions taken. The Agenda for the next meeting included: South African participation in ALA, Rushdie resolution, and the Gerard/Kuneke matter.

Submitted by:

Carole Boyce Davies  
Secretary

## Minutes of ALA Business Meeting

March 23, 1989

Dakar, Senegal

### I. Agenda

The meeting was called to order by the President, Ken Harrow, who began with the reading of the agenda.

Immediately, there was response from the floor by Cecil Abrahams who wanted the situation of South African participation debated before the meeting began. According to Abrahams, this issue had to be addressed first as it would determine if the ALA would continue to exist in the same form. This was supported by Thelma Ravell-Pinto and Daniel Kuneke and a number of members from the floor.

Ken Harrow's position was that there was a need for a quorum before any decisions can be made. Arthur Drayton suggested that the South African issue be moved to the beginning, directly after the minutes. There was some more discussion of the issue of quorum. A motion for changing the agenda, of moving the issue of South African participation after the editor's report was moved by Gugler and seconded by Mildred Hill Lubin. A second motion to place US Klan activity on the agenda was moved by Davies and seconded by George Joseph. Both motions carried and the agenda was adopted.

Mildred Hill-Lubin moved for a moment of silence, before the meeting started, for Prof. Albert Berrian. Other African writers who passed away including Yambo Ouologuem and Tchicaya U Tamsi were acknowledged.

### II. Minutes from the last meeting, published in Bulletin, were adopted.

### III. Old Business

1. SALUS Report—Chris Waters reported on the responses so far and indicated that a full report would come when all responses to the survey have been received.

2. The sending of lists of books and secondary sources to US universities and the sending of materials to African universities were mentioned by the President. Mildred Hill Lubin expressed concerns about listing African literary texts. Secretary indicated that there were also some reservations in the Executive and there was an additional suggestion by the V. President to offer workshops by ALA members instead. Discussion about these were inconclusive.

3. Editor's Report—Steve Arnold indicated that 1980-84 annuals were being reprinted; 1985 and 1986 were almost ready; 1987 was moving rapidly along; 1988, Wylie, Brutus and Sienick's are still in the editing stage. For 1989, he announced that five (5) copies of papers are to be submitted. He is

also requesting electronic coding from the authors whenever possible for ease in editing. He was also soliciting memorials for people who had died this year for the *Bulletin*.

#### MOTIONS ON SOUTH AFRICA

1. The ALA resolution of 1981 was read by Ken Harrow. The amendment to the wording at Cornell ALA, which included in its boycott those associated with apartheid institutions, was added.
2. Cecil Abrahams moved a motion [See *Resolutions below*] attached on participation by South Africans in ALA and its conferences which was seconded by Dan Kunene. Elaborations were made by Kunene and Abrahams.
3. A lengthy discussion ensued, including the following:
  - a. Makward indicated general problems of panel construction. He stated that the placing of South Africans on the panel was not a surprise, nor was it a coup d'etat that South Africans were in Dakar. ALA Executive had long known of the developing pattern since its meeting in Chicago.
  - b. Harrow indicated that the policy was developed to the convenor in Chicago.
  - c. Dennis Brutus asked to hear the written communications on the issue. Edris read part of the letter written to South Africans.
  - d. Minneke Schipper asserted that confusion comes when a person has to prove his position on apartheid. In principle, we should affirm that no S. A. beneficiary of apartheid should automatically be a member (South Africa does its own screenings and we should do the same). This should be policy in the future.
  - e. Arnold stated that it seems that policy and procedures were followed by the ALA.
  - f. Abrahams indicated that this action was not blaming past or present actions but directed at the future. And that he would be willing to strike out the line in the resolution which blames the ALA Executive for allowing this to happen.
  - g. Dennis Brutus argued for a separation of duties if the gatekeeping committee of four were accountable to the Executive who would make final decision. Proposers of motion accepted this. He also moved an amendment to strike all passages impugning the convenor and the ALA. This was seconded.
  - j. There was discussion about whether the ALA failed as a group or the Executive. Arnold withdrew his amendment. Abena Busia offered that we include the ALA, "as a body" failed to exercise the policies fully. Clarisse Zimra suggested that membership criteria be placed in *Bulletin*. The motion was carried with these adjustments.
- [See *Resolutions below*]
4. A second motion by Cecil Abrahams had to do with members who visit South Africa for research or as tourists being suspended from the organization for two years. Seconded by Kunene [See *Resolutions below*].
  - Eileen Julien wanted to know why two years. Cecil Abrahams responded that this was generous, allowing for human error. Minneke asked for some space for people visiting South Africa for reasons beneficial to liberation. Kunene responded that the wording included intent as stated by Schipper. Arnold again added that final decisions should be made by Executive after recommendations made by the Committee on South African participation. Proposers accepted the addition. The motion was carried.

#### III. Old Business Continued/Reports

4. UNESCO Affiliation. Anne Adams reported that there were some glitches around the criteria of International status and US tax status. She will undertake some research into negotiating a balance between the two.
5. Treasurer's Report: Lindfors reported an increase in number of members, that assets have grown and mentioned the \$7,000 endowment fund set aside. He itemized expenses regarding *Bulletin* and annuals. The bad news was that there have been no annuals for the last three years. But three to four annuals will be produced this year. The surplus in the budget will diminish to pay for these.
  - Joe Kubayanda wanted to know why only Nigeria has been selected for an African based treasury. The response was that this was experimental, and hoped to be expanded regionally.
  - Eileen Julien wanted clarification on the category of "returned cheques." Lindfors indicated that there were bounced cheques and Euro cheques.

6. John Collins Award: Dennis Brutus described a proposed award, indicated that the Executive had voted in favor of it and identified it as the first ALA award. Janis Mayes wanted some discussion of the Executive shared. Abena Busia wanted some information on the cost to ALA. The acceptance of the award to be administered by the ALA was moved by Dennis Brutus and seconded by Anthony Appiah.

Mildred Hill Lubin wanted to know if the ALA will use its money to run the Award. Rashida Abubakar moved that we take this as information and then re-present it for vote later. Appiah added to the motion, "subject to the Executive's approval." This carried with the adjustments.

7. Editors for the 1989 ALA Annual. Nominated and approved were Edris Makward, Aliko Son-golo and Thelma Ravell-Pinto.
8. Venues for Future ALA Conference
- a. 1990: Kunene reported that arrangements were progressing. The title is "Tongue and Mother Tongue: The Perpetual Search for Identity." Rashida Abubakar asked that Africanized languages in the New World be included. This was accepted by convenor with suggestions requested.
- b. New Jersey/New York collaboration is being investigated. Rashida agreed to investigate a Rutgers based conference possibility.
- c. Cecil Abrahams offered his university if no other venue for 1991 based on dates and times.
- d. Lindfors indicated that Ibadan was offered by Okpewho as a future site.
- e. Paper proposals for African Studies Meeting in Atlanta are to be given to Anne Adams by April 10, 1989.
- f. Ohio State was offered as a possibility for 1992 ALA conference.

9. ALA Headquarters: A report by Anne Adams on Cornell University's offer to be ALA Headquarters was presented. Cecil Abrahams and Abena Busia queried why an issue so important as the ALA Headquarters was not developed for the membership and announced so that other universities were allowed to bid.

Lindfors suggested that we defer the discussion until after the next year's Executive meeting. Sandra Barkan was concerned that the organization would not have a headquarters and that decisions should be made soon.

Discussion indicated that this was not directed at Cornell per se but there was concern that the process of bidding be fair. Adams and Harrow indicated that it should be in the minutes of the Executive published in the *Bulletin*. Abrahams asserted that there should be a separate statement inviting submissions, highlighted separately.

There was a suggestion from the floor that we advertise in the journals of other organizations. Anne Adams challenged that, saying that we never advertise any other ALA business in other journals. Lindfors proposed that we advertise a call for bids in the ALA *Bulletin*. If no other bids come in by the end of summer, Cornell will be accepted. This was seconded by George Joseph and accepted by membership.

#### IV. Election Results

Anne Adams announced election results:

Vice-President	- Eileen Julien
Secretary	- George Joseph
Treasurer	- Sandra Barkan
Executive Council:	Irene d'Almeida, Micheline Rice-Maximin, Josephat Kubayanda.

#### V. New Business

- A. Rushdie Resolution
1. The Resolution that the Executive agreed upon was read by Harrow. Abena Busia wanted to know why the reference to Rushdie was deleted. She proposed an amendment to add Rushdie's name to the resolution.
2. Cecil Abrahams suggested that we go for the general principle as opposed to Soyinka/Rushdie identification. This was supported by Mildred Hill Lubin. Joe Kubayanda argued that Soyinka, an African nationalist, needed specific mention from an African Literature Association.
3. Dennis Brutus summarized positions taken by writers' organizations and indicated that there were

movements (1) to get the Iranian delegation to acknowledge the fact that it has signed the UN Declaration for Writers; (2) to get Iran to dissociate itself from the death threat. The tendency so far is to condemn Rushdie's blasphemy but not to support the death threat.

Ame Adams cautioned that the Iranian government has little control over Muslim zealots. Aberna Busia proposed an amendment to the resolution to add words "in the light of threat to Wole Soyinka ... in view of his support of Salman Rushdie ..." to the resolution. The amendment carried with a majority, 14 in favor, 5 opposed.

B. Resolution on KKK on Campus [See Resolutions below] 1. Moved by Davies; seconded by Arthur Drayton who had during the school-year experienced Klan participation at Kansas State and SUNY, Binghamton.

2. Mildred Hill Lubin linked this present resolution to the Cornell incident and identified the First National Committee on Racism on Campus.

3. Dan Kunene identified acts of overt racism at University of Wisconsin, Madison, and talked about the need for unequivocal condemnation from university and college administrations. Other similar incidents were identified.

4. Suggestions were (a) that we write the UN expressing our concerns; (b) that the President get in touch with the Cornell University President who is on the Committee identified above (by Hill-Lubin); (c) that organizations (MLA, ASSA) with which we are affiliated be written for support; (d) that the specific institutions be written a position letter from the ALA, relating it to cross-cultural awareness and the study of African literatures. The resolution carried.

C. Dissemination of unpublished materials  
A policy should be drafted protecting writers and critics in the wake of Kunene experience of his unfinished manuscript being given to the Bayreuth library without his permission.

Suggestions were (a) that we bring Kunene and the other person together to resolve it orally; (b) that we prepare a statement on ethics and rights of writers/critics; (c) that we establish a Library and Archives Committee. Dan Kunene, Aberna Busia, Dennis Brutus and Richard Bjornson were nominated or volunteered for this committee.

D. Support for Senegalese Colleagues on Strike

1. Aberna Busia said that she was uncomfortable about the fact that we, as an organization, have done or said nothing to indicate our support. She suggested some statement from us expressing our concern was appropriate.

2. Ame Adams said she would ask the people she knew what was in their best interests; what they wanted us to do.

3. Dennis Brutus said he was uncomfortable with making it so personal to the president.

4. Sandy Barkan moved that we empower the president to do whatever. There was no second.

5. There was talk about Senegalese faculty having varied positions on the issue and therefore more than one source be consulted. Mildred Hill-Lubin suggested a loosely constructed statement that we were sensitive to the issues around which the faculty were on strike.

6. Arnold said he had talked with some people and they want us to do something to show our support.

7. Aberna Busia interjected that there was a conflation of two separate issues: (a) taking of a position on the resolving of the issues and (b) our statement of support for our colleagues experiencing difficulty. She was identifying with the latter.

It was moved and seconded that the ALA Executive be entrusted with the task of making inquiries and constructing a statement of concern and support for colleagues on strike. The motion was carried.

E. Announcements

1. Koff Anyidoho expressed gratitude to the ALA for materials sent by us to his university.

2. Brutus announced that as of that Tuesday, the Union of Writers of the African people was formed.

3. A resolution was offered thanking the convener, Edris Makward, for organizing the Dakar conference. There was unanimous support.

4. The new ALA Executive Council, it was announced, would meet the next day at 9:00 am in Saly Portudal.

The meeting was brought to a close.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carole Boyce Davis  
Secretary

## RESOLUTIONS TAKEN AT ALA BUSINESS MEETING, MARCH 1989, DAKAR, SENEGAL

### Resolution 1

Whereas the ALA has on several occasions expressed its concern about the unchecked presence of participants from South Africa;

and

Whereas the ALA has in place mechanisms to screen the political positions of participants from South Africa;

and

Whereas the ALA, as a body, has failed to exercise those mechanisms in the present conference,

### BET RESOLVED

1. That ALA membership for South Africans should be restricted to those individuals who can demonstrate convincingly that they are actively involved in South African based activities in dismantling apartheid. Final approval shall be granted by the ALA Executive upon advice from a committee (consisting in the first year) of four former ALA presidents from South Africa, namely Cecil Abrahams, Dennis Brutus, Daniel Kunene, and Cosmo Pieterse (and in subsequent years by a committee which includes South Africans in exile).

2. Current membership held by South Africans should be terminated forthwith and those affected members wishing to reapply should be required to satisfy the above criteria of admission.

Moved: Cecil Abrahams  
Seconded: Daniel Kunene

### Resolution 2

WHEREAS the ALA supports the liberation struggle of the oppressed people of South Africa;

and

WHEREAS the ALA supports sanctions against South Africa on academic, cultural, social, political and economic grounds;

### BET RESOLVED

1. That ALA members who visit South Africa either in their professional capacities or as tourists, be suspended from the organization for a period of two years; and, furthermore that the said members make a public apology for the error of their ways.

2. A member guilty of a second violation of the above restrictions shall have his/her membership of the ALA permanently revoked.
3. (Amendment: Steve Arnold) Judgments will be rendered by the Executive after recommendations made by Committee.

Moved: Cecil Abrahams  
Seconded: Daniel Kumene

Motion carried

### Resolution 3

#### Soyinka Resolution:

The ALA reaffirms its unequivocal support for the right of all writers to express their opinions freely and openly as described in Article 19 of the U. N. Declaration of Human Rights, to wit: "Everyone has the right to freedom of opinions without interference and to seek, receive, and impart information and ideas through any media regardless of frontiers." This affirmation becomes particularly important in light of threats recently directed against the life of a distinguished African writer, Wole Soyinka, in view of his support of Salman Rushdie.

Submitted by Ken Harrow for ALA Executive

### Resolution 4

#### BETT RESOLVED THAT

1. The ALA condemns the resurgence of racism on U.S. campuses.
2. The ALA especially condemns the recent Ku Klux Klan strategy of inserting itself on U.S. campuses to establish cells and the tendency of university administration to condone these appearances under the guise of academic freedom and first amendment freedoms.
3. The ALA refers the various university administrations to *We Charge Genocide* by William Patterson which documents the specifics of the history of murder of African Americans that is the Klan's and which has been deposited at the United Nations.
4. The ALA draws attention to the frightening implications of Klan participation in academic activity.
5. The ALA calls on university administrations and faculty across the country to support the UN position on the Klan and ask universities to recognize the ethical aspects of the issue and honor their obligations to uphold the highest standards of civilization.

Moved: Arthur Drayton  
Seconded: Carole Boyce Davies  
Motion carried.

## Call For Nominations for ALA Officers

Though, as customary, the ALA Executive assumed the responsibility of nominating candidates for the yearly elections which shall be held in February, any member may

nominate a candidate for any position. Four other paid-up members must co-sign the nomination. Those who want to do so should obtain the consent of anyone they nominate and have him or her send a brief biographical note and statement of principles to Vice-President Eileen Julien, who is the election officer. Her address: Department of Modern Foreign Languages and Literatures, Boston University, 718 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts 02215.

## Research Note

Holger G. Ehling is currently engaged in collecting primary and secondary sources on the Nigerian Civil War. Below is the list of the 50 novels he has located so far. Any information, especially on novels and literary criticism, would be most welcome. Address: Holger G. Ehling, In der Au 33, D-6000, Frankfurt 90 (W. Germany).

#### I Primary Literature

- Achebe, Chinua. *A Man of the People*. (1966). Rev. ed., London: Heinemann, 1981.
- Achuzia, Joe O. *Requiem Biafra*. Enugu: Fourth Dimension, 1986.
- Ademoyega, Adewale. *The Story of the First Nigerian Coup*. Lagos: Evans, n.d.
- Aka, S. M. O. *Mid-day Darkness*. Ibadan: Onibonjo Press, 1973.
- Akpan, Nkoyong Udo. *The Struggle for Secession, 1966-1970. A Personal Account of the Nigerian War*. London: Cass, 1972.
- Alade, R. B. *The Broken Bridge. Reflections and Experiences of a Medical Doctor During the Nigerian Civil War*. Ibadan: Caxton, 1975.
- Amadi, Eiechi. *Sunset in Biafra. A Civil War Diary*. (1973). London: Heinemann, rpt. 1983.
- *Peppersoup and the Road to Ibadan*. Ibadan: Onibonjo Press, 1977.
- Aniebo, I. N. C. *The Anatomy of Sacrifice*. London: Heinemann, 1974.
- Ekwensi, Cyprian. *Survive the Peace*. London: Heinemann, 1976.
- *Divided We Stand*. Enugu: Fourth Dimension, 1980.
- Ekwurru, Andrew. *Songs of Steel*. Whalley-on-Thames: Nelson, 1980.
- Emocheha, Buchi. *Destination Biafra*. London: Collins, 1982.
- Enekwe, Ossie Onuora. *Come Thunder*. Enugu, 1984.
- Essien, Jeremiah. *In the Shadow of Death*. Lagos, 1987.
- Forsyth, Frederick. *The Making of an African Legend: The Biafra Story*. Harmondsworth, 1977.
- Gbule, Ben. *Nigeria's Five Majors. Coup d'Etat of 15th January 1966. First Inside Account*. Lagos, Africana Ed. Publ., 1981.
- Henshaw, James Ene. *Enough is Enough*. Benin: Ethiope, 1976.
- Ike, Chukwuemeka. *Sunset at Dawn*. London: Collins & Harvill, 1976.
- Iroh, Eddie. *Forty Eight Guns for the General*. London: Heinemann, 1976.
- *Toads of War*. London: Heinemann, 1976.
- Kearey, Charles. *Last Plane from Uli*. London: Collins, 1972.
- Madiobo, Alexander A. *The Nigerian Revolution and the Biafra War*. Enugu, Fourth Dimension, 1980.
- Mazrui, Ali. *The Trial of Christopher Okigbo*. London: Heinemann, 1972.
- Menin, Teresa. *The Last Card*. Ibadan, 1987.