

**LAUC Statewide Resolution:**

*Memorial Resolution Honoring Locke Morrissey  
Submitted by Pauline Manaka, Vice-chair UC Irvine LAUC  
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**Whereas**, Locke Morrissey, lived from October 20, 1957 - December 14, 2010, died at 53, due to metastatic melanoma (skin cancer)

**Whereas**, he lived an exemplary fulfilling life, honored as a service provider, who was quickly recognized as a leader, an innovator, a collaborator, an honest worker, with enthusiasm and thoughtfulness in the field of librarianship

**Whereas**, Locke Morrissey served as Engineering Research Librarian at the University of California Irvine from September 3, 1990 until October 17, 1997 with many friends and supporters among co-workers; and

**Whereas**, he served from 1996/1997 as the Engineering Management and Sciences Team leader, and contributed to the planning a new science library, which he served as Acting Head in 1997; and

**Whereas**, in 1997 Locke was appointed to serve 25% in a position with the newly formed Science Technology & library Task Force by Richard Lucier of the University of California Digital Library [UCDL]; and

**Whereas**, on October 20, 1997, Locke Morrissey became Head of Collections, Reference & Research, Gleeson Library/Geschke Center, University of San Francisco, dedicated to instruction and services for students and faculty in nursing and, especially interested in research on the underrepresented minorities and lifestyles; and

**Whereas**, many people viewed Locke as mentor, a friend who was respected for promoting diversity and progress with San Jose State University library school interns at the Gleeson Library/ Geschke Center by grooming a new generation of librarians; and

**Whereas** in 1996 and 1997 he served as chair of the Librarian Association of the University of California [LAUC] Cultural Diversity Committee, and the local LAUC Irvine Cultural diversity committee, addressing how issues of race, class, disability, and other factors influenced library work and relations; and

**Whereas**, he served as the ACRL Councilor from 2007 until June 2010; and

**Whereas**, he also served ACRL as a member of the Racial and Ethnic Diversity Committee, Dr. E.J. Josey Spectrum Scholar Mentor Committee, Chapters Council, Excellence in Academic Libraries Award Nominations Committee, and sections including CLS, IS, and ULS; and

**Whereas**, he served on the *New England Journal of Medicine* Library Board from 2007 until 2009; and

**Whereas**, he was honored as the California Academic & Research Libraries (CARL) Outstanding Member of the Year in 2008; and, in addition to his numerous activities, established the CARL/ACRL Conference Scholarship Award – enabling library school students to attend the ACRL Conference; and

**Whereas**, in his casual, affectionate and informal way, always wearing a smile on his face, Locke Morrissey consistently maintained a high level of enthusiasm and upbeat spirit among friends and within the professional associations’ activities locally and nationwide, and will be remembered forever like a saint; and therefore be it

**Resolved**, That the Librarian Association of the University of California, Irvine [LAUC-I] and LAUC System wide mourns the loss of a genuine colleague, but celebrates and recognizes Locke Morrissey for his contributions to the profession as a librarian, a scholar, a colleague and mentor who, as a valued California patriot engaged in many issues on behalf of the underrepresented; and be it further

**Resolved**, that this Association expresses its sincere sympathy to the Morrissey family, his sister Melanie who was a great support to him during his final days, partner, Al Yeh, the staff at the Gleeson Library/Geschke Center at the University of San Francisco and former colleagues at the University of California; and.

**Be it finally resolved** that the Librarians Association of the University of California Assembly on this day, March 10, 2011 bids Lock Morrissey farewell.

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