Library Research Roundtable

Councilor’s Report (2/16/2022)

**Highlights: Virtual Information Session for Members, Councilors, and Executive Board (1/20/2023)**

1. ALA President’s Report ([CD#21](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%2021%20President%27s%20Report%20.pdf))
2. ALA President-Elect’s Report ([CD#29](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%2029%20President-Elect%20Report.pdf))
3. ALA Executive Director’s Report ([CD#23](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%2023%20Executive%20Director%27s%20Report_0.pdf))
4. ALA Treasurers Report ([CD#13](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%2013%20Treasurer%27s%20Report.pdf))
5. Budget Analysis and Review Committee (BARC) ([CD#33](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%2033-33.1%20BARC%20Report%20.pdf))
6. ALA Endowment Trustees Report ([CD#16](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%2016%20Endowment%20Trustees%20Report.pdf))
7. Nominating Committee Report ([CD#26](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%2026%20Nominating%20Committee%20Report_1.pdf))
8. Unite Against Book Bans Update

**Highlights: Special Council Session – Bylaws Convention (1/20/2022)**

ALA Bylaws Revision ([CD#25](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%2025%20Constitution%20and%20Bylaws%20Report_action.pdf))

A. MOTION 1

Move that the Council adopt this General Revision of the American Library Association

Bylaws as amended, for submission to the American Library Association membership,

with the proviso that, after appropriate review upon adoption of the General Revision

by the ALA membership, all recommended policy insertions be made in the ALA Policy

Manual.

B. MOTION 2

Move that the Council approve the creation of a joint working group of the Constitution

and Bylaws Committee, the Policy Monitoring Committee, and the Committee on

Organization to revise the ALA Policy Manual to include recommended policy insertions

from the adoption of the General Revision of the ALA Bylaws.

After robust discussion of the several articles which received amendments, **both of these** **motions passed**, sending the General Revision of the ALA Bylaws, as amended, to the membership for a vote. I urge all LRRT members to review the finished document, found here: <https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/governance/alaelection/2023/Cover%20Letter%20and%20Bylaws%20Attachment%20Membership%20Rescission%20Constitution%20Adoption%20Bylaws%202023%20FINAL%20PACKAGE_1.pdf> prior to the Spring 2023 elections.

**Highlights: ALA Council II (1/25/2021)**

1. Committee on Library Advocacy, ([CD#42](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%2042%20Committee%20on%20Library%20Advocacy%20.pdf))
2. Committee on Professional Ethics, ([CD#24](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%2024%20Committee%20on%20Professional%20Ethics_3.pdf))
3. Committee on the Status of Women in Librarianship, ([CD#43](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%2043%20Committee%20on%20the%20Status%20of%20Women%20in%20Librarianship_3.pdf))
4. Council Orientation Committee, ([CD#31](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%2031%20Council%20Orientation%20Committee%20Report.pdf))
5. International Relations Committee, ([CD#18](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%2018%20International%20Relations%20Committee_1.pdf))
6. Public Awareness Committee, ([CD#38](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%2038%20Public%20Awareness%20Committee%20Report.pdf))
7. Publishing Committee, ([CD#32](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%2032%20Publishing%20Committee%20Report_3.pdf))
8. Resolutions Committee Report, ([CD#10.1](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%2010.1%20Resolutions%20Committee%20Report_2.pdf))
9. Sustainability Committee, ([CD#37](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%2037%20Committee%20on%20Sustatinability.pdf))
10. Officer’s Report
    1. Review of Executive Board Actions since the 2022 Annual Conference, ([CD#15](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%2015%20Board%20Action%20Items%20since%20AC%202022.pdf))
    2. Implementation of the 2022 Annual Conference Council Actions, ([CD#9](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%209%20Implementation%20Report%20of%20Council%20Actions%20from%20the%202022%20Annual%20Conf.pdf))
11. Membership Committee, ([CD#44](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%2044%20Membership%20Report.pdf))
    1. Extended Mem. Timeline, ([CD#44.1](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%2044.1%20Extended%20Membership%20Timeline%20for%20Council.pdf))

On the recommendation of the ALA Membership Committee, the ALA Council to approve an extended timeline for the ALA membership model until FY25 due to additional market research. (**Motion passed**.)

* 1. ALA Dues Increase, ([CD#44.2](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%2044.2%20Resolution%20on%20Adjusting%20Membership%20Dues.pdf))

Beginning in FY24 and continuing for 5 years, all member dues will be reviewed by the ALA Executive Board, which may approve a dues adjustment not to exceed the percentage change in the national average Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the previous calendar year, rounded to the nearest dollar. (**Motion passed**.)

* 1. Round Table Dues, ([CD#44.3](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%2044.3%20Round%20Table%20Dues%20Standardization_0.pdf))

Motion One: On the recommendation of the ALA Membership Committee, the ALA Executive Board to recommend to ALA Council the following dues structure for all Round Tables effective FY24:

All Personal Members (Except Students) $ 15

Student Members $ 5

Organization/Corporate Members $ 30

**amended** to include free membership in the International Relations Roundtable for international members. (**Motion passed as amended**.)

Motion Two: On the recommendation of the ALA Membership Committee, the ALA Executive Board to recommend to ALA Council the following provisions to all Round Tables for a transitional period of three years starting in FY24 to minimize any adverse impact on individual Round Tables:

• At the close of each fiscal year, if a Round Table’s dues revenue has decreased by more than 2% from the previous fiscal year, ALA will provide a subsidy of the entire lost amount to the Round Table. Any decrease of less than 2% would not be recovered.

• No Round Table will lose its Councilor during this time; however, any Round Table experiencing sufficient membership growth could gain a Councilor during this period following the requirements in the ALA Bylaws. (**Motion passed**.)

1. Committee on Organization, ([CD#27](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%2027%20Committee%20on%20Organization%20Report_1.pdf))
   1. Modify the charge of the Information Technology Advisory Committee (**Motion passed**.)
   2. Modify the composition of the Code of Conduct Committee (**Motion passed**.)
2. Budget Analysis and Review Committee, ([CD# 33.1](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%2033-33.1%20BARC%20Report%20.pdf))

[ALA Annual 2022 CD# 59](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%2059%20Resolution%20on%20Continuing%20Virtual%20Access%20to%20ALA%20Member%20Meetings_0.pdf), Resolution on Continuing Virtual Access to ALA Membership Meetings, returned to council for a vote:

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

• Shall provide virtual access to all Membership Meetings for ALA members, mirroring access provided for in-person attendees. (**Motion passed**.)

1. Committee on Education, ([CD#41](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%2041%20Committee%20on%20Education_action%20item.pdf))

Motion for Council to approve 2022 Revision of ALA Core Competencies of Librarianship (<https://www.ala.org/educationcareers/sites/ala.org.educationcareers/files/content/ALACoreCompetenciesDec2022Version.pdf>). (**Motion passed**.)

1. Operating Agreement Update, ([CD#40](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%2040%20Operating%20Agreement%20Workgroup%20Update.pdf))

**Highlights: ALA Council III (1/26/2021)**

1. Memorial Resolutions Honoring:
   1. Deanna Bowling Marcum
   2. Dr. Roberto C. Delgadillo
   3. Menahem Schmelzer
   4. Barratt Wilkins
   5. Betty Lee Sung
   6. David Philip Norris
   7. Devona Pendergrass
2. Tribute Resolution Recognizing the Chinese American Librarians Association’s 50th Anniversary
3. Intellectual Freedom Committee, ([CD#19](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%2019%20Intellectual%20Freedom%20Committee_3.pdf))
4. Committee on Legislation, ([CD#20](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%2020%20Committee%20on%20Legislation.pdf))
5. Committee on Diversity, ([CD#14](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%2014%20Committee%20on%20Diversity%20Report_1.pdf))
6. Policy Monitoring Committee, ([CD#17](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%2017%20Policy%20Monitoring%20Committee_5.pdf))
   1. Motion to insert into the ALA Policy Manual as B.2.1.27.1, information on the DEI Scorecard for Library and Information Organizations (**Motion passed**.)
   2. Motion to insert into the ALA Policy Manual as B.2.1.3.1 Resolution to Support School and Youth Services Librarians Facing Increased Intellectual Freedom Challenges (**Motion passed**.)
   3. Motion to insert into the ALA Policy Manual as B.2.1.27.2 Resolution to Promote Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Efforts in AASL While Addressing Historical Effects of Racism (**Motion passed**.)
7. Budget Objectives/Programmatic Priorities, ([CD#13.1](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%2013.1%20Budget%20Objectives%20Programmatic%20Priorities.pdf))

The ALA Executive Board recommends to the ALA Council the following Budget Objectives, as a basis for the FY2024 budget and as a key framework for budget planning:

* Positive revenue/expense budget
* Rebuild membership base
* Monitor new revenue sources
* Develop budget surplus
* Focus on financial stability and growth
* Develop new budget metrics (**Motion passed**.)

1. Freedom to Read Foundation (FTRF) ([CD#22](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%2022%20Freedom%20To%20Read%20Foundation%20Report.pdf))
2. Affiliate Request, ([CD#45](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%2045%20LiteracyNation%20Application.pdf))
   1. The ALA Executive Board forwards this application for affiliate status for the Literacy Nation, Inc., in accordance with Policy A.10.2 recommends affiliation to the ALA Council. (**Motion passed**.)
3. Resolution on Human Rights and Freedom of Speech and Expression in Iran, ([CD#51](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%2051%20Resolution%20Human%20Rights%20and%20Freedom%20of%20Speech%20and%20Expression%20in%20Iran_REVISED_1.pdf))

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

1. stands with the people of Iran and supports their efforts for achieving human rights, women’s rights, freedom of speech and expression, and self-determination;

2. condemns acts of violence and censorship by the Islamic Republic of Iran;

3. encourages the United States government and international organizations to support the people of Iran; and

4. supports efforts providing resources, tools, educational materials, and other forms of

assistance that help Iranians and Iranian librarians. (**Motion passed**.)

1. Resolution on Revising the Code of Conduct to Include Online Activity, ([CD#52](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%2052%20Code%20of%20Conduct%20Resolution.pdf))

Resolved, that the American Library Association (ALA):

1. revises the Code of Conduct for conferences and meetings to include harassment

towards participants, including but not limited to members, staff, vendors and speakers

online and via social media platforms as unacceptable behavior

2. urges conference and meeting participants to refrain from posting content online that

might defame, negatively affect or otherwise cause harm to individuals or institutions. (**Motion referred to Executive Board for assignment to committee.**)

1. Resolution to establish policy monitoring oversight for the Executive Board, ([CD#53](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%2053%20Resolution%20on%20Executive%20Board%20Oversight.pdf))

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

directs the Committee on Organization to create and maintain a process for reporting deviations from Association policies to Council with the goal of enabling council to conduct its oversight role over the Executive Board.

**(Motion referred to the Committee on Organization.)**

1. Additional Business Motion 1

Move that the Committee on Organization work with past ASGCLA Board Members to remove the work of ASGCLA from ODLOS and the Committee on Diversity and identify a member-led unit to perform the work. (Also known as the Dissolution Question)

**(Motion referred to the Committee on Organization and Constitution & Bylaws.)**

1. ALA Honorary Membership Nomination (Closed Session)

Because of the nature of this nomination, I am not at liberty to divulge who the nominee was at this time, but I can say that the Honorary Membership was approved. This report will be updated when the Honorary Member is announced.