Library Research Roundtable

Councilor’s Report (2/21/2024)

**Highlights: Virtual Information Session for Members, Councilors, and Executive Board**

1. ALA President’s Report ([CD#21](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%2020%20Committee%20on%20Legislation_LLX%202024.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_LLX%202024.pdf))
3. ALA Executive Director’s Report ([CD#23](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%2023%20ALA%20Executive%20Director%20Report_LLX%202024.pdf))
4. ALA Treasurers Report ([CD#13](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%2013%20Treasurer%27s%20Report_LLX%202024.pdf))
5. ALA Endowment Trustees Report ([CD#16](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%2016%20ALA%20Endowment%20Trustees%20Report_LLX%202024.pdf))
6. Nominating Committee Report ([CD#26](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%2026%20Nominating%20Committee%20Report_LLX%202024.pdf))
7. Unite Against Book Bans Update

**Highlights: ALA Council I**

1. Budget Analysis & Review Committee ([CD#33](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%2033%20BARC%20Report_LLX%202024.pdf))
2. Committee on Diversity ([CD#14](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%2014%20Committee%20on%20Diversity%20Report_LLX%202024.pdf))
3. Committee on Education – no report submitted.
4. Committee on Library Advocacy ([CD#42](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%2042%20Committee%20on%20Library%20Advocacy_LLX%202024.pdf))
5. Committee on Professional Ethics ([CD#24](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%2024%20Committee%20on%20Professional%20Ethics%20Report_LLX%202024.pdf))
6. Committee on the Status of Women in Librarianship ([CD#43](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%2043%20%20Committee%20on%20the%20Status%20of%20Women%20in%20Librarianship_LLX%202024.pdf))
7. Council Training and Engagement Committee ([CD#31](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%2031%20Council%20Training%20and%20Engagement%20Committee_LLX%202024.pdf))
8. International Relations Committee ([CD#18](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%2018%20International%20Relations%20Committee_LLX%202024.pdf))
9. Public Awareness Committee ([CD#38](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%2038%20Public%20Awareness%20Committee%20Report_LLX%202024.pdf))
10. Publishing Committee ([CD#32](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%2032%20Publishing%20Committee%20Report_LLX%202024.pdf))
11. Resolutions Committee Report ([CD#10.1](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%2010.1%20Resolutions%20Committee%20Report_LLX%202024.pdf))
12. Sustainability Committee ([CD#37](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%2037%20Committee%20on%20Sustainability_LLX%202024.pdf))
13. ALA Treasurers Report ([CD#13](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%2013%20Treasurer%27s%20Report_LLX%202024.pdf))
14. Officer’s Report
    1. Review of Executive Board Actions since the 2023 Annual Conference ([CD#15](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%2015%20Executive%20Board%20Actions%20since%202023%20Annual%20Conference.pdf))
    2. Implementation of the 2023 Annual Conference Council Actions ([CD#9](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%209.0%20Implementation%20Report%20of%20the%202023%20Annual%20Conference%20and%20Nov%20Special%20Council%20actions.pdf))
15. Nominations for the Council ALA Executive Board Election ([CD#11](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%2011%20Nominations%20for%20the%20Council%20ALA%20Executive%20Board%20Election_LLX%202024.pdf))
16. Membership Committee ([CD#39](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%2039%20Membership%20Committee%20Report_LLX%202024.pdf)) - ALA Membership Model and Personal Dues

On the recommendation of the ALA Membership Committee, the ALA Council to approve the following prices for ALA personal dues effective Fiscal Year 2025:

* + - Individual Type I $125
    - Individual Type II $55
    - Supporter: $70
    - Student: $40

1. Committee on Organization ([CD#27](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%2027%20Committee%20on%20Organization%20Report_LLX%202024.pdf))

Modify the composition of the ALA Committee on Appointments

1. Policy Manual Revision Working Group update ([CD#40](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%2040%20Policy%20Manual%20Revision%20Working%20Group%20Report_LLX%202024.pdf))
2. Resolution Calling for an Immediate Ceasefire in Gaza ([CD#48](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%2048%20Resolution%20Calling%20for%20an%20Immediate%20Ceasefire%20in%20Gaza.pdf)) - **POSTPONED TO COUNCIL II**

**Highlights: ALA Council II**

1. Memorial Resolutions Honoring:
   1. Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee
   2. George Needham
   3. Candy Morgan
   4. Betty-Carol Sellen
   5. Adonna (Donna) C. Fleming
   6. Dr. Donna Louise Gilton
2. [Tribute Resolution Recognizing the 10th Anniversary of the Sustainability Round Table](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/T1%20Tribute%20Resolution%20Recognizing%20the%2010th%20Anniversary%20of%20the%20Sustainability%20Round%20Table_.pdf)
3. [Tribute Resolution Honoring Irene Padilla](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/T2%20Tribute%20Resolution%20Honoring%20Irene%20Padilla.pdf)
4. Intellectual Freedom Committee, ([CD#19](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%2019%20Intellectual%20Freedom%20Report%20AMENDED%20Report_LLX%202024.pdf); [CD#19.1](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%2019.1%20Freedom%20to%20Read%20Revision%20Task%20Force%20Report_LLX%202024.pdf); [CD#19.2](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%2019.2%20Intellectual%20Freedom%20Committee%20Request%20to%20Council_Core%20Values%20Taskforce%20Report_LLX%202024.pdf))
5. International Relations Committee, ([CD#18](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%2018%20International%20Relations%20Committee_LLX%202024.pdf))

Resolved that the American Library Association,

1. Implores all parties to uphold respect for human rights and dignity in line with international law, ensure access to humanitarian aid, and find a pathway to peace,

2. Deplores the destruction and damage of the Gaza Municipal Library, the Rashid al-Shawa Cultural Center, and other libraries and cultural institutions in Gaza;

3. Calls for the protection of libraries, schools, and other cultural institutions in Gaza and Israel and for both sides of the conflict to uphold the 1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict to take all feasible action to safeguard and respect all cultural property;

4. Urges the government of the United States, as well as other governments, intergovernmental organizations, and nongovernmental organizations to provide assistance for the reconstruction and restoration of libraries, schools, and other cultural institutions, including networking and other infrastructure, as soon as it is practicable in Gaza. **PASSED by Council**

1. Committee on Legislation, ([CD#20](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%2020%20Committee%20on%20Legislation_LLX%202024.pdf))
2. Policy Monitoring Committee ([CD#17](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%2017%20Policy%20Monitoring%20Committee%20Report.pdf))

PMC moves to amend the ALA Policy Manual A.4.2.3 Council Resolutions: Guidelines and

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4. ALA & Council Standing Committees are not required to submit their resolutions to the Resolutions Committee. Typically, resolutions from these bodies are included in their committee reports before Council as Action Items. However, they are encouraged to follow the form and content guidelines and share their resolutions with Council in advance via ALA Connect and during the Virtual or face to face Council forum so that members can thoughtfully engage in discussion on the Council floor. **PASSED by Council**

1. Bylaws Committee ([CD#25](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%2025%20Bylaws%20Committee%20Report_2024.01.25.FINAL.pdf))

On behalf of the ALA Bylaws Committee, I move to amend Article VI of the ALA Bylaws by adding a new Section 6 (and renumbering subsequent Sections of the Article) as follows:

“Section 6. Council Virtual Participation and Observation. Meetings of the Council shall be conducted in such a manner as to allow for virtual participation by Councilors. Councilors participating virtually will be required to follow instructions communicated in the notice of each meeting which may include, but not be limited to, prior registration. At each meeting, the Council will adopt rules to manage participation by both in-person and virtual participants as appropriate. Virtual observation methods shall be provided to the Association’s membership during open portions of meetings.” **PASSED by Council**

On behalf of the ALA Bylaws Committee, I move to amend Article V of the ALA Bylaws by adding a new Section 5 (and renumbering subsequent Sections of the Article) as follows:

“Section 5. Executive Board Participation and Observation. Meetings of the Executive Board shall be conducted in such a manner as to allow for virtual participation by Executive Board members. Board members participating virtually will be required to follow instructions communicated in the notice of each meeting which may include, but not be limited to, prior registration. At each meeting, the Executive Board will adopt rules to manage participation by both in-person and virtual participants as appropriate. Virtual observation methods shall be provided to the Association’s membership during open portions of meetings when scheduling, staffing, and other conditions reasonably allow.” **PASSED by Council**

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_%20LLX%202024.pdf))
2. Core Values Taskforce ([CD#34](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%2034%20Core%20Values%20Task%20Force%20Report_LLX%202024_0.pdf))

After careful consideration and analysis, the task force identified the following core values to be included in the revised ALA Professional Core Values:

• Access

• Equity

• Intellectual Freedom & Privacy

• Public Good

• Sustainability **PASSED by Council**

1. Resolution Calling for an Immediate Ceasefire in Gaza ([CD#48](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%2048%20Resolution%20Calling%20for%20an%20Immediate%20Ceasefire%20in%20Gaza.pdf))

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

1. Call for an immediate ceasefire and the exchange of all hostages and prisoners held by Hamas and Israel.

2. Suspend military aid to the government of Israel until the occupation is ended and the long-term security, well-being and dignity of both Israelis and Palestinians are achieved.

3. Demand the end of Israeli policies depriving Palestinians of food, water, electricity, fuel, medical care, and shelter.

4. Condemn the violence and the attack on innocent children, women, and civilians and commit to working toward a peaceful solution that recognizes equally the rights of the peoples in that region to live in peace and harmony. **DEFEATED by Council**