

TO: Core Board of Directors

TOPIC: Core Board Expectations and Outline of Board of Director Duties

ACTION / INFORMATION / REPORT: ACTION

ACTION REQUESTED BY: Don Allgeier, Core Bylaws and Organization Committee Chair

SUBMITTED: September 11, 2023

SUMMARY

A Core Board of Directors subgroup including Wendy Tressler, Angie Ohler, Lauren Corbet, Kevin King, and myself met to review the Core Board Expectations and document first discussed at the ALA Annual Core Board meeting along with the Outline of Board of Director Duties document. We produced updated reviewed documents that we now submit to the Board for approval.

BACKGROUND

Board of Directors President Wendy Tressler introduced the Core Board Expectations document at the June Board meeting. It was agreed at that meeting that a small team of board members would review the document along with the Board of Director Duties document to produce a revised version for the board of directors.

The subgroup of the Board met on August 23rd to discuss the documents. The group is moving the [Outline of Board of Director Duties](#) forward with no substantial changes. The linked Board Expectations document is included with [tracked changes](#) and in a [clean copy format](#) for Board review.

The revised Board Expectations document is comprised of four sections: communication, meetings and conferences, fiduciary responsibility, and Board liaison responsibilities. In the communications section, the subgroup recommended adding a new item that affirms the adherence to the ALA Code of Conduct.

The meetings and conferences section consolidates expectations for attendance at meetings and conferences. It includes an allowance for virtual board attendance for up to two members by request to allow for members that may not otherwise be able to participate on the Board.

The fiduciary responsibility section was renamed from Advocacy and Engagement. The subgroup added clarification about the intent of this responsibility and moved the parts pertaining to conference attendance to the previous section. There were no substantial changes to Board liaison responsibilities section.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There is no immediate budgetary impact, but the the Board Expectations document, if approved, will add clarity to the financial development expectations for Board members that could result in greater revenue over time.

ACTION REQUESTED

The subgroup recommends the adoption of the Board Expectations and Outline of Board of Director Duties documents by the Core Board of Directors.