

TO: Core Board of Directors

TOPIC: Core Councilor Report

ACTION / INFORMATION / REPORT: REPORT

ACTION REQUESTED BY: Rachel Fleming, Core Division Councilor

SUBMITTED: April 2, 2024

SUMMARY

ALA Governance Meetings were held at the LibLearnX Conference January 20th and 21st. Financial meetings were held prior to LibLearnX in a hybrid format Friday, January 12. Council sessions at LibLearnX 2024 included endorsement of revised ALA Core Values and consolidated ALA membership categories. Lengthy debates resulted in a Resolution on Damage and Destruction of Libraries and other Cultural Institutions in Gaza. Spring Executive Sessions, and summer virtual and in-person governance meetings have been scheduled.

BACKGROUND

- Council received a very brief Treasurer's report, due to the completion of the annual audit. The report contained two months of actuals and final FY23 numbers were not available. I look forward to hearing more detailed information at the upcoming spring BARC/F&A meeting.
- Council had a robust debate about the situation in Gaza, eventually resulting in the adoption of a [Resolution on Damage and Destruction of Libraries and other Cultural Institutions in Gaza](#).
- Council heard the [Core Values Taskforce Report](#), and adopted revised core values of: Access, Equity, Intellectual Freedom and Privacy, Public Good, and Sustainability. The task force recommended that the Executive Board establish working groups to write interpretations of each Core Value, and those working groups will be established at the spring Executive Board meeting. I encourage the Core Board to explore how Core can align with the revised Core Values.
- Council heard the [Membership Committee Report](#) and approved revised membership categories. Phase two, exploring enhanced membership packages is ongoing, including the potential restructuring of divisional dues.
- The [Publishing Committee](#) report included an update on the Publishing Ethics Subcommittee: "The subcommittee plans to complete a first draft of a publishing ethics policy in mid-February and a final draft before the ALA Annual Meeting in June 2024. The Publishing Committee plans to approve the final draft and then bring it to Council for adoption by ALA. Members hope that this will become the association's default publishing ethics policy, which editors/editorial boards can adapt and publish on their websites. With such a policy in place, ALA also will be able to apply for membership in the international Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE)."

- The [Committee on Legislation Report](#) and [Freedom to Read Foundation Report](#) both contain valuable information on the actions that ALA has taken in support of libraries and librarians in this challenging political climate.
- The Intellectual Freedom Committee report included the [Freedom to Read Statement Task Force Report](#). The Intellectual Freedom Committee will review the Task Force's report in the coming months and recommend any proposed actions to Council at its Annual Meeting in San Diego, California. The Task Force recommended three possible courses of action from refraining to revise, to undertaking light revisions, to considering alternate formats. Keep an eye out for any actions proposed by the Committee at the Annual Conference.
- [ALA Executive Board has cancelled LibLearnX 2026](#), and is consulting with stakeholders regarding next steps. LibLearnX in Phoenix, January 24-27, 2025 will still be taking place.
- ALA President Emily Drabinski and Interim Executive Director Leslie Burger hosted a ALA Members Town Hall. The [recording](#) of the session is available on ALA Connect.

UPCOMING GOVERNANCE MEETINGS

Governance Meeting information is available on the [ALA Governance Meetings](#) page. Materials are available on the [Council Documents](#) and [Executive Board Documents](#) pages.

- Monday, April 15, 2024
 - Virtual Budget Analysis & Review Committee (BARC)/Finance & Audit Subcommittee Meeting, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm CT
- Friday, April 19, 2024 through Sunday, April 21, 2024
 - Executive Board Meeting Spring Meeting
- Saturday, April 20, 2024
 - Executive Board Meeting, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm CT
- Tuesday, June 18, 2024
 - Virtual Membership Meeting,, 11:00 am-12:00 pm, CST
- Monday, June 24, 2024
 - Virtual Budget Analysis & Review Committee (BARC)/Finance & Audit Subcommittee Meeting, 11:00 am - 1:30 pm CT
 - Virtual Planning & Budget Assembly (PBA), Division Leadership, & BARC Meeting, 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm CT
- Friday, June 28, 2024
 - ALA Executive Board Meeting, Friday, June 28, 2024, 9:00 am-12:00 pm
 - ALA-APA Council Meeting, 9:30 am-10:00 am
 - ALA Council I, 10:00 am-12:00 pm
 - ALA Governance Institute/Strategic Leadership Workshop, 12:30 pm-2:30 pm
- Sunday, June 30, 2024
 - ALA Council II, 9:00 am-11:30 am
- Monday, July 1, 2024
 - ALA Council III, 9:00 am-11:30 am
 - ALA Executive Board Meeting II, 1:00 pm-5:00 pm

ACTION REQUESTED

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