

**Core: Leadership, Infrastructure, Futures**  
a Division of the American Library Association

2023 Board of Directors February Meeting  
February 10; 3:00-4:00 pm Central  
Draft Minutes

**Members Present:**

Margaret Heller, Presiding  
Wendy Tressler, President-Elect  
Lindsay Cronk  
Rachel Fleming  
Andrea Berstler  
Lauren Corbett  
Thomas Lamanna, II

**Ex-Officio:**

Don Allgeier  
Morag Boyd  
Cara Calabrese

**Staff:**

Julie Reese  
Tom Ferren  
Jenny Levine  
Mia Blixt-Shehan

**Absent:**

Tyler Dzuba  
Evviva Weinraub-Lajoie  
Alexandra Rivera

**1. Board Welcome and Roll Call**

President Margaret Heller called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. CT and welcomed the large group attending.

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

DOC 23.18 Approve [Agenda](#) (PDF)

President Heller proposed to accept the agenda. Andrea Berstler moved and Rachel Fleming seconded. MOTION unanimously passed to adopt agenda.

**3. Adoption of Consent Agenda**

DOC 23.19 Approve [2023 Mid-Year Meeting Minutes](#) (PDF)

DOC 23.20 Accept [Publications Coordination Committee's Report](#) (PDF; private document)

DOC 23.21 Accept [Core Councilor's Report](#) (PDF)

President Heller proposed to accept the consent agenda. Wendy Tressler moved and Lindsay Cronk seconded. MOTION unanimously passed to adopt consent agenda.

#### **4. President's Update**

##### **a. President's Program**

President Heller provided her update. The President's Program speaker will be announced in the coming weeks. She has met with many stakeholders and been particularly active in fundraising and sponsorships during the past month.

#### **5. President Elect's Update**

##### **a. Committee Appointments**

##### **b. Update from LLX**

President-Elect Wendy Tressler provided her update. The Committee on Appointments recently released their general Call for Volunteers as well as a call to serve on the AvramCamp Planning Committee, which has already attracted interest from people interested in serving as Chair and Vice-Chair. At LibLearnX (LLX) 2023, President-Elect Tressler attended the Governance Institute, the Expo, one additional meeting, and a reception for Presidents and President-Elects. She had an overall positive experience but wants to determine if there is a place for Core at future editions of LLX and, if so, what that is.

#### **6. Councilor's Report**

##### **a. ALA Council Meetings at LLX**

Councilor Rachel Fleming presented their report. The Council reviewed, debated, amended, and approved a final draft of the ALA bylaws at LLX 2023. Approval of the rescinding of the ALA Constitution and the general bylaw revision will be on the spring ballot. Councilor Fleming also informed the Board of a Point of Order made at the final Council meeting regarding the 2020 dissolution of the Library Information Technology Association (LITA), the Library Leadership & Management Association (LLAMA), and the Association for Library Collections and Technical Services (ALCTS), which were reorganized as Core, as well as the dissolution of the Association of Specialized, Government and Cooperative Library Agencies (ASGCLA), which was divided between Core and other ALA divisions. The Point of Order maintained that the reallocation of ASGCLA duties was done improperly, but this is highly unlikely to affect Core's status and the Point of Order noted that Core was not a target; furthermore, the vote to form Core was entirely in order. Finally, Councilor Fleming noted that their report highlighted Council documents where there is alignment between strategic priorities, presidential priorities, and other work being done at the association level that is aligned with Core's areas of interest in hopes of generating possibilities to further build Core membership.

7. Vote to Approve Dissolution of Assessment Section

DOC 23.22 [Assessment Section Dissolution](#) (PDF)

MOTION unanimously passed to accept the request as written in the proposal:

This proposal requests the Core Board to vote to dissolve the Assessment Section, and redistribute its current responsibilities to existing and future committees.

8. Vote to Approve Proposed New Preservation Section

DOC 23.23 [Preservation Section Proposal](#) (PDF)

Councilor Fleming suggested a friendly amendment to this proposal to make the effective date September 1, 2023. The Board consented. MOTION unanimously passed to, as written in the proposal, “establish a Core section with a readily recognizable focus on preservation.”

9. Vote to Approve Core Strategic Plan

DOC 23.24 [Core Strategic Plan 2022-2025](#) (PDF)

MOTION unanimously passed to accept the strategic plan for 2022-2025.

10. Announcements from Members/Guests

Lauren Corbett announced that Maggie Dull is resigning from the position of Chair of the Awards and Scholarships Coordination Committee. President-Elect Tressler is working on finding a replacement, and President Heller noted that she is working on a contingency plan to keep the awards moving forward in the meantime. Along with that, Corbett noted that the Metadata and Collections Section Leadership Team is working on a Call for Nominations for their next leader. Councilor Fleming reminded the Board of the ALA Presidential and Treasurer Candidates Forum on February 15, 2023.

11. Adjournment

President Heller proposed to adjourn at 3:50 p.m. CT. Andrea Berstler moved and Lindsay Cronk seconded. MOTION unanimously passed to adjourn the meeting.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

April Board Meeting: To Be Scheduled

2023 Annual Conference Board Meeting: Monday, June 26, 2023 from 1:00pm – 4:00pm