

**2013-2014 ALA CD#35 Revised 1/26/14
2014 ALA Midwinter Meeting**

Resolution to Improve Member Access to ALA Unit Governing Information

Whereas the American Library Association (ALA) Core Organizational Values include “An open, inclusive, and collaborative environment;”

Whereas the ALA Strategic Plan identifies Organizational Excellence among the Key Action Areas, stating “The association is inclusive, effective and responsive to the needs of ALA members;” and

Whereas ALA Policy A.7.4.4 Open Meetings states, “All meetings of the American Library Association and its units are open to all members and to members of the press;” now, therefore be it

Whereas ALA Divisions and Round Tables are governed by Executive Boards or Steering Committees whose work is of interest to their membership,

Whereas ALA Division and Round Table leadership have shared their meeting records for many years in various locations,

Resolved, the American Library Association (ALA)

1. Adjust policy to include, “the governing bodies of ALA Divisions and Round Tables shall make drafts of their meeting minutes or other reports of actions taken available via the unit’s ALA-hosted web page within 30 days of the meeting;”
2. Adjust policy to include, “the governing bodies of ALA Divisions and Round Tables shall make final versions of meeting minutes or other reports of actions taken available via the unit’s ALA-hosted web page within 30 days of their approval;”
3. Require governing bodies to maintain an easily-available historical record of these meetings and action reports; and
4. Exempt sub-units of the divisions and sub-units of round tables from the policy.

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1. Title of Resolution: Resolution to Improve Member Access to ALA Unit Governing Information

2. ALA Units and/or Committees Consulted (if any): Policy Monitoring Committee

3. Endorsements by ALA Units and/or Committees (if any):

4. Fiscal implications: Specify the resources needed to carry out the resolution's directive(s).: None

5. List all parties to whom resolution should be sent: ALA Division and Round Table staff and leadership

6. Impact on ALA Policies and Positions: Explain how the resolution supports ALA's Strategic Plan, its mission, and/or its core values.: Resolution expands the current ALA Policies and Procedures to include guidelines for sharing the meeting minutes of the governing bodies of ALA Units.

6a) ALA general policy or viewpoint: If the resolution sets forth a general policy or an ALA viewpoint, describe.: It adds to policy a requirement that ALA Division and Round Table governing bodies (executive boards, executive committees) make available the minutes of their meetings via a link on the unit's ALA-hosted webpage within 30 days of the minutes having been approved (e.g. not draft minutes).

6b) Change in existing policy: If this resolution necessitates a change in existing policy, state the policy number and the change.: It adds to Policy A.7.4

6c) New policy: If this resolution establishes new policy, describe.: Adds a statement to Policy A.7.4, "All governing bodies of the ALA Divisions and Round Tables link their meeting minutes from the unit's ALA-hosted web page within 30 days of approval of the minutes."

6d) Policy conflicts: If this resolution conflicts with existing policy, state provisions for resolving the conflict.: none

7. Initiating Committee or Unit (if any): none, introduce by Council member

8. Pertinent Background Information, e.g. bibliography, citations, supportive quotes, URLs, etc.: ALA Core Organization Value: "An open, inclusive, and collaborative environment."

ALA Strategic Plan Key Action Area: Organizational Excellence: "The association is inclusive, effective and responsive to the needs of ALA members."

ALA Policy A.7.4.4 Open Meetings: "All meetings of the American Library Association and its units are open to all members and to members of the press."

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