

Resolution on Electronic Communications for ALA Council

Whereas Council is moving towards paperless meetings;

Whereas the current guidelines defining the uses of the Council email lists were developed in 1994 and have not been reviewed;

Whereas several new tools have become available since these guidelines were developed;

Whereas there seems to be confusion on the part of Council as to the capabilities, requirements, and consequences of using these tools; and

Whereas Council needs to provide clear guidance to ALA HQ staff regarding which Council documents should be available to whom and when; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that

- (1) The ALA President shall appoint a task force of the Council to work with ALA HQ staff to
 - a. Examine and revise as needed the guidelines for the Council email lists and electronic communications,
 - b. Determine when various Council Documents should be available to the membership-at-large and the public-at-large,
 - c. Determine what options are available for sharing Council Documents and what are the capabilities, requirements, and consequences of each option,
 - d. Make recommendations to Council regarding which option(s) should be adopted,
 - e. Determine a schedule for re-examining these issues.
- (2) The task force shall prepare an interim report for Annual 2014.
- (3) The task force shall prepare a final report and recommendations for Midwinter 2015.

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