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 options(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.

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association

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