

**American Library Association
Committee on Accreditation**

**Actions Taken – Midwinter Meeting 2014
Issued February 3, 2014**

Members of the 2012-2013 ALA Committee on Accreditation: Barbara Moran (Chair), Elizabeth Aversa, Anthony Bernier, Jean Donham, Joan Giesecke, Joan Howland, Ling Hwey Jeng, Laura Neumann, Mary Stansbury, Candace Wells, Vicki Williamson, and Arthuree Wright.

The Committee on Accreditation took the following actions at its January 25-26, 2014, meeting:

Accreditation Decisions

Initial accreditation status was granted to the following program, with the next comprehensive review visit scheduled to take place in fall 2020:

- Master of Information Studies at the University of Ottawa

Continued accreditation status was granted to the following program, with the next comprehensive review visit scheduled to take place in fall 2020:

- Master of Library and Information Science at the University of Washington.

Continued accreditation status and release from conditional accreditation status was granted to the following program, with the next comprehensive review visit scheduled to take place in fall 2020:

- Master of Library and Information Science at Valdosta State University.

Conditional accreditation status was granted to the following program, with the next comprehensive review visit scheduled to take place in fall 2016:

- Master of Library and Information Studies at the University of British Columbia.

Accreditation Process, Policies and Procedures (AP3), third edition, policy change

- Approved the following policy change to AP3, effective for accreditation decisions made January 25, 2014 and thereafter :
I.11.1 Retroactive period of initial accreditation
Initial accreditation, when granted, applies retroactively for students who complete degree requirements 24 months prior to the date that initial accreditation is granted. For example, if initial accreditation is granted in January of 2015, students who complete degree requirements in January 2013 or later are considered to have graduated from an ALA-accredited program.

External Review Panel Appointments

- Approved External Review Panels (ERP) for spring 2015 comprehensive review visits to the University of Missouri, and the University of Puerto Rico.
- Approved the Progress Review Panel for the spring 2015 progress review visit to the University at Buffalo, State University of New York.
- Approved ERP chairs for fall 2015 comprehensive review visits to Dominican University, Emporia State University, University of Hawaii, Long Island University, and Syracuse University.

Other Committee & ALA Matters

- Met with recent Appeal Review Committee chairs.
- Met with ALA Executive Board Liaison to COA, Maureen Sullivan.
- Discussed the ongoing review of the *Standards for Accreditation of Master's Programs in Library and Information Studies*.
- Conducted an open program entitled "Draft revised Standards for Accreditation of LIS Master's Programs."