

Report to ALA Council
Policy Monitoring Committee
2021 ALA Annual Meeting

In accordance with Policy A.4.2.6 of the *ALA Policy Manual*, the Policy Monitoring Committee (PMC) has reviewed all actions taken by the ALA Council during the 2020 calendar year for possible incorporation into, addition to, or changes to the *ALA Policy Manual*.

Based on Council actions at the Annual Virtual Conference the Committee has no Policy Manual updates to report.

Policy Manual Review for Phrase “Midwinter Meeting”

The Committee met on February 25th and March 4th to work on a spreadsheet provided by Sheryl Reyes and Marsha Burgess containing instances of the phrase “Midwinter Meeting” in the Policy Manual. The Committee reviewed each instance and developed language to recontextualize the phrase or eliminate it from the Manual. The completed spreadsheet was posted to the PMC ALA Connect site on March 4th 2021 and will serve as a resource and discussion point for other stakeholders (i.e. Constitution and Bylaws Committee).

Increased size of Policy Monitoring Committee

The Chair completed a COO – Action Request Form asking for an increase to PMC membership by 10 members and met with the COO on April 16th to discuss the request. Justification was based on the work involved for a reconciliation of the PDF and Web versions of the Policy Manual and a rewrite of both the Process (Section A) and the Positions and Public Policy Statements (Section B) of the Manual. An increase in diversity and expert representation from Divisions, Roundtables, and Council and Association Committees was also recognized as key to the success of the committee.

COO approval was posted to ALAConnect by the Chair, Jim Neal, on April 16, 2021.

In Conclusion

The Committee would like to thank President Julius C. Jefferson, Jr. for his guidance, as well as staff liaison, Marsha Burgess, for her knowledge sharing, patience, and cheerful, ready assistance with our work!

Policy Monitoring Committee

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