
ACTIONS OF THE ALA COUNCIL

2020 Virtual Council Meetings

ALA COUNCIL I

Tuesday, June 23, 2020

By CONSENT, Adopted ALA CD#5.1, 2020 Virtual Council rules as distributed.

By CONSENT, Adopted ALA CD#8.5, 2020 Virtual Council I Agenda as distributed.

By CONSENT, Adopted ALA CD#2.1, 2020 Midwinter Meeting Council Minutes as distributed.

By CONSENT, Approved the following slate of candidates for the elections of (4) councilors to serve on the ALA Committee on Committees:

The first four (4) candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be elected to 1-year term (2020-2021). Candidates: **Melissa I. Cardenas-Dow**, Social Sciences Librarian, Sacramento State University, Sacramento, California; **LeRoy LaFleur**, Director of Learning and Teaching Services, Harvard College Libraries, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA; **Leo Lo**, Associate Dean, Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA; **Dr. Muzhgan I. Nazarova**, Turkic Languages Librarian, Library of Congress - Acquisitions and Bibliographic Access Directorate/Asian and Middle Eastern Division/Middle East and South Asia Section, Washington, DC; **Anchalee (Joy) Panigabutra-Roberts**, Head of Cataloging, University of Tennessee Libraries, Knoxville, Tennessee; **Leslie Preddy**, School Librarian, Perry Township Schools: Perry Meridian Middle School, Indianapolis, Indiana; **Jahala D. Simuel**, Head of Access Services and Medical Librarian, Howard University, Louis Stokes Health Sciences Library, Washington, DC; **Erica Ann Watson**, Electronic Services Librarian, Contra Costa College, San Pablo, CA

Floor Nomination: Kimberly B. Knight, Deputy Director of Libraries, Alexandria Library, Alexandria, VA

(Report of the ALA Council Committee on Committees, ALA CD#12)

By CONSENT, Approved the following slate of candidates for the elections of (5) councilors to serve on the ALA Planning and Budget Assembly:

The first three (2) Chapter Councilor candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be elected to 2-year term (2020-2022). Candidates: **Erica Harbeson**, Research & Knowledge Analyst, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, Washington D.C.; **Sam Helmick**, Public Services Librarian, Burlington Public Library, Burlington, Iowa; **Jack Martin**, Executive Director, Providence Public Library, Providence, RI; **Meredith Wickham**, Director, First Regional Library System, Hernando, Mississippi;

The first two (3) Councilor At-Large candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be elected to 2-year term (2020-2022). Candidates: **Susan Gregory**, Director, Bozeman Public Library, Bozeman, MT; **Michael Gutiérrez**, Head of Public Services, South Dakota State University, Brookings, South Dakota; **Grace M. Jackson-Brown**, Research & Instruction Librarian, Missouri State University, Springfield, Missouri; **kYmberly Keeton, M.L.S., C.A.**, African American Community Archivist & Librarian, Austin History Center, Austin Public Library, Austin, Texas; **Louis Muñoz Jr.** Reference and ILL Librarian, Morristown and Morris Township Library, Morristown, New Jersey; **Romelia Salinas**, Associate Dean, Library & Learning Resources, Mt. San Antonio College, Walnut, CA;

NO FLOOR NOMINATIONS

(Report of the ALA Council Committee on Committees, ALA CD#12.1)

ADOPTED, ALA CD#43, Resolution on Protecting Privacy and Safety in Coronavirus-related Library Policy.

Resolved, the American Library Association (ALA). on behalf of its members

1. encourages libraries to adopt policies in response to the COVID-19 pandemic consistent with libraries' core values of intellectual freedom and privacy;
2. encourages libraries to work with public health officials to disseminate crucial information;
3. encourages libraries to modify services and practices to protect patrons and staff in the support of the work of first responders;
4. encourages libraries to protect our patrons and maintain the trust of our community by not collecting data for non-library purposes, including contact tracing;
5. directs the ALA Executive Board to issue further guidance to libraries in support of patron privacy as it relates to contact tracing.

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ALA COUNCIL II Tuesday, June 23, 2020

By CONSENT, Adopted ALA CD#8.5, 2020 Virtual Council II Agenda as distributed.

APPROVED, ALA CD#27.2,(Item#1) ALA Committee on Organization, dissolve three divisions of the American Library Association: Association for Library Collections and Technical Services, Library Information Technology Association, and Library Leadership and Management Association; effective August 31, 2020.

APPROVED, ALA CD#27.2, (Item#2) ALA Committee on Organization, authorize organization of Core: Leadership, Infrastructure, Futures as a division of the American Library Association, effective September 1, 2020.

APPROVED, ALA CD#27.2, (Item#3) ALA Committee on Organization, dissolve the Association of Specialized, Government, and Cooperative Library Agencies as a Division of ALA.

APPROVED, ALA CD#27.2, (Item#4) ALA Committee on Organization, to allocate the ASGCLA components to the respective ALA Units

APPROVED, ALA CD#25.1, ALA Constitution and Bylaws Committee, proposed changes to ALA Bylaws Article VI, Section 3, Section 4b. Section 4c.; Article VIII, Section 2a, Section 2b.; Article II, Section 5c

Item 1: Adding language to the Constitution which clarifies that both Council and membership meetings may be held electronically and that voting through electronic means may take place at those meetings.

Make the following additions to the ALA Constitution by adding underlined/bold language in the Sections below:

Article VI, Section 3.

"Seventy-five voting members of the Council shall constitute a quorum **for a meeting, whether held in person or electronically.**"

Article VI, Section 4.b.

"Any question of policy may, by a majority vote of Council, be submitted to the Association to be voted upon either at a membership meeting or by mail **or electronic means as the Council may determine.**"

Article VI, Section 4.c.

"Any action of the Council may be set aside by a majority vote by mail **or by electronic means** in which one-fourth (25%) of the members of the Association have voted. Such vote by mail **or electronic means** shall be held upon petition of one percent of the personal members as certified by the Executive Director of the Association.

Article VIII, Section 2a.

"subject to a mail **or electronic** vote by Council."

Article VIII, Section 2b.

"subject to a mail **or electronic** vote by Council."

Item 2: Changing requirements for a quorum in the Bylaws to make them consistent with the Constitution.

Article VI, Section 3 of the ALA Constitution currently states that "Seventy-five members of the Council shall constitute a quorum." This change brings the ALA Bylaws into accordance with the ALA Constitution.

Make the following additions to the ALA Bylaws by adding underlined/bold language in the Section below and strike the sections indicated by a strikethrough:

Article II, Section 5c.

"For votes by Council, ~~fifty percent of the voting membership~~ **seventy-five voting members** shall constitute a quorum and a majority of those voting shall be required to carry."

(Report of the ALA Constitution and Bylaws, ALA CD#25.1)

ADOPTED, ALA CD 19.9, ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee, IFC Statement Condemning Police Violence Against Protesters and Journalists

Resolution Condemning Police Violence Against Black, Indigenous, People of Color, Protesters, and Journalists

Resolved, that the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members:

1. calls upon its members to support initiatives to end police violence against Black people, to combat the systemic racism that infects our society, and to speak out against all attempts to restrict First Amendment rights.
2. calls upon federal, state, and local governments to uphold, preserve, and respect the constitutional rights of protestors, of journalists, and of all people who want to make their voices heard and to share their words and ideas with the rest of the world and future generations.

3. directs ALA staff to expeditiously publish and distribute this resolution to all ALA members through appropriate channels of communication

(Report of the ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee, ALA CD#19.6-19.10)

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ALA COUNCIL III Saturday, June 27, 2020

By CONSENT, ADOPTED ALA CD#8.7, 2020 Virtual Council III Agenda as distributed.

ADOPTED AS AMENDED, ALA CD 42, ALA Forward Together Steering Committee, Process Timeline

1. ALA Council, as the policy-making body of the Association, takes responsibility for the decision making on the Forward Together process;
2. ALA Council requests that the ALA Executive Board present the SCOE Report with specific action items and a draft timeline to ALA Council along with consolidated feedback from the various conversation sessions, hearings, and email commentary prior to a fall meeting;
3. That the President call at least one meeting of ALA Council (fall meeting) prior to the Midwinter Meeting devoted exclusively to discussion of changes to the structure of ALA governance and the detailed plans for a Constitutional Convention;
4. ALA Council requests the Forward Together Working Group and the Forward Together Fiscal Analysis Working Group provide regular, ongoing formal updates to ALA Council for discussion prior to ALA Annual Conference in Chicago in 2021;
5. ALA Council requests that the timeline include scheduling a Constitutional Convention before and during the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago in 2021.

REFERRED, ALA CD 46, Resolution Condemning U.S. Media Corporations Abridgement of Free Speech

Resolved, that the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members:

1. Directs the executive director to publish a statement condemning the actions of these companies mentioned above and for other media companies to respect the intellectual freedom of its users and/or clients
2. Urges its members to educate their patrons about data collection, surveillance and algorithm bias.

APPROVED, To refer this resolution to the Intellectual Freedom Committee and the International Relations Committee to form a working group that shall include members from both committees as well as the original mover and seconder of the resolution with a report due back at Midwinter 2021.

ADOPTED, ALA CD 45, Resolution on Developing Library Security Policies in keeping with ALA Policy

Resolved, that the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members

Directs the ALA President to convene a working group representative of different types of libraries, ALA's ethnic affiliates and including other experts as the President deems appropriate, to create guidance on library security policies that is in keeping with the above values and recommendations, takes into account the unique needs of each library type, and incorporates available community resources.