

**American Library Association
Committee on Accreditation
Actions Taken – Spring Meeting 2009**

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The members of the 2008-2009 American Library Association (ALA) Committee on Accreditation are Richard E. Rubin, Chair; Richard AmRhein, Gail W. Avery, Larry Bernstein, Lynn Silipigni Connaway, Ruth Faklis, Vicki L. Gregory, Lynne Howarth, Joseph Janes, John P. Mulvaney, Donna M. Shannon, David Werner.

At its Spring Meeting, held April 17 and 18, 2009, the ALA Committee on Accreditation (COA) took the following actions:

Accreditation Decisions

- Granted a three year extension of precandidacy status to the Master of Library and Information Science program at East Carolina University.
- Maintained candidacy status of the Master of Library and Information Science program at the College of St. Catherine with the next visit scheduled to take place in fall 2010.

Reports

- Reviewed and responded to biennial narrative reports, statistical reports, conditional status reports, annual candidacy status reports, annual precandidacy status reports, and special reports from accredited, precandidate, and candidate programs.
- Developed a response to the ALA Executive Board on recommendations in the final report of the ALA Presidential Task Force on Library Education.

Committee Matters

- Planned for External Review Panel and Appeals Panel training programs scheduled for the ALA 2009 Annual Conference.
- Planned the open meeting scheduled for the ALA 2009 Annual Conference ***ALA Accreditation - Employers Speak.***
- Reviewed progress with the 2005-2010 COA Strategic Plan.
- Met with ALA attorney concerning providing collegial advice to programs.