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**Report to ALA Council  
Policy Monitoring Committee  
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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 2017 ALA Midwinter Meeting for possible incorporation into, addition to, or changes to the *ALA Policy Manual*. Based on Council actions at the Midwinter Meeting in Atlanta, GA, the Policy Monitoring Committee offers one point of information and finds the following two items that require Council action:

**Item #1:** At the 2017 ALA Midwinter Meeting, Council adopted CD#31, Resolution Protecting Families and Caregivers. In addition, Council requested the motion be referred to PMC to ascertain if it affects current ALA policy. During our conference call on March 16, PMC concluded that the resolution did not affect current ALA policy as written. Please see sections A.5.5.2 (Participation) and A.5.5.3 (Provision of Explanation of Absences) for reference.

**Item #2:** At the 2017 ALA Midwinter Meeting, Council defeated Resolution on the Education Requirements for Future ALA Executive Directors (CD#11).

*Background:* At the 2000 ALA Midwinter Meetings in San Antonio, TX, Council voted to require that the ALA Executive Director have a Master's Degree from an ALA-accredited program or a Master's Degree with a specialty in school library media from an educational unit accredited by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE)—now known as the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP). However, after the 2000 Midwinter meeting, PMC did not insert the requirement in the *Policy Manual*. When this requirement was reviewed by Council at Midwinter 2017, PMC observed that the requirement would need to be included in the *Manual* should Council vote against removing it. Because the Council did vote against removing the requirement, PMC acted accordingly by locating the proper section of the *Manual* to place it.

The responsibilities for the ALA Executive Director fall in section A.4.1 which simultaneously discusses the responsibilities of the Executive Board. It is the consensus of PMC, for the sake of clarity and to better reflect the importance of the office, that the responsibilities of Executive Director be listed separately.

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Therefore, **PMC MOVES** that section A.4.1 read as follows:

#### A.4.1 Executive Board Review (Old Number 13.1)

The Executive Board shall review administrative decisions made in the internal management of Headquarters by the Executive Director. ~~and the Executive Director shall be authorized to carry out the provisions of the budget including hiring and firing of staff without submitting matters previously authorized or individual appointments to the Executive Board except in the form of reports of action. Any action by the Executive Director shall be subject to review by the Executive Board upon request of any member of the Executive Board.~~

Further, **PMC MOVES** the creation of following section for the *Policy Manual*:

##### A.4.1.1 Executive Director

The Executive Director shall be authorized to carry out the provisions of the budget including hiring and firing of staff without submitting matters previously authorized or individual appointments to the Executive Board except in the form of reports of action. Any action by the Executive Director shall be subject to review by the Executive Board upon request of any member of the Executive Board. **An ALA-accredited Master's Degree or a CAEP-accredited Master's Degree with a specialty in school library media is a required qualification for the ALA Executive Director.** (Emphases added for clarity of the report, will not be included in the *Manual*).

### In Conclusion

The Committee would like to thank our staff liaison, Lois Ann Gregory-Wood, for her knowledge sharing, her patience, and her cheerful, ready assistance.

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