



**ALSC Online Board Meeting – October 29, 2020  
FINAL as of November 4, 2020**

**Attendees**

**Board Members:** Kirby McCurtis, Africa Hands, Amber Creger, April Mazza, Ariana Sani Hussain, Cecilia McGowan, Kimberly Patton, Lucia Gonzalez, Maggie Jacobs, Meredith Steiner, Sujei Lugo

**Staff Members:** Aimee Strittmatter, Alena Rivers, Angela Hubbard, Anne Michaud, Elizabeth Serrano, Jordan Dubin, Laura Schulte-Cooper, Sarah Polen

**Guests:** Amy Koester

**Proceedings**

- Meeting called to order at 3:00 p.m. by President Kirby McCurtis
- Board agreed to hold the meeting in an informal manner and within the guidelines of the ALSC Community Agreements document
- Agenda approved
- Meeting adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

**MOTION: move to accept the ALSC Board meeting minutes of September 10, 2020, motion passed**

**Discussion**

**ALSC Division Councilor Report**

ALSC Division Councilor Kim Patton provided a report on recent ALA Council meetings. Council discussions included the ALA Budget and the Forward Together Working Group's discussion around the SCOE recommendation for Round Tables. Kim encouraged ALSC Board members to read and review council notes and reach out to her with comments or questions in advance of these continuing Council discussions.

**ACTION: Kim will share a link to the council discussion notes with the board.**

**Membership Committee Charge**

The ALSC Membership Committee submitted a Form K with a request to change their committee's charge to more accurately reflect the retention work being done by this committee. The board discussed the document, proposed changes and reason for change.

**MOTION: move to support the Membership Committee change, motion passed.**

**Odyssey Recommendation #1 Discussion**

The Board returned to the discussion of the first recommendation from the Odyssey Award Evaluation Working Group's report submitted last June. The ALSC Board considered notes from the working group and YALSA's Board of Directors as part of their decision making.

**MOTION: move to approve recommendation 1 of the Odyssey Award Evaluation Working Group Joint Board Report, motion passed**

#### **Announcements**

Board Member Sujei Lugo brought up the rising increase in libraries unilaterally laying off or furloughing their youth services staff and departments due to the impact of COVID-19 and the possibility for ALSC to support these workers via a statement, blog post, or other activity. The ALSC Executive Committee had discussed the very same issue during the meeting the day before. The ALSC Public Awareness and Advocacy committee is being consulted on this issue and their thoughts will be brought back to the Board. Additionally, the next Community Forum will focus on this issue.

Aimee Strittmatter announced that the ALA Presidential Candidates have been announced and will forward language from ALA regarding candidate endorsements by members as ALA units may not endorse candidates.

**MOTION: move to adjourn, motion passed.**