TO: ALA Council

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ALA Policy Manual Revision Working Group

RE: Information Report

INFORMATION REPORT

In July 2023, following the affirmative membership vote to approve the General Revision of the ALA Bylaws in the first half of 2023, the ALA Executive Board constituted the ALA Policy Manual Revision Working Group (APM/RWG)—with representation from the Bylaws Committee, the Committee on Organization, and the Policy Manual Review Committee—and charged us with revising the ALA Policy Manual to include recommended policy insertions from the adoption of the General Revision of the ALA Bylaws. We were asked to complete our work by LibLearnX 2025 and have been meeting monthly ever since.

In August 2023, the ALA Executive Board revised our charge via housekeeping, as follows:

Move that the Council approve the creation of a joint working group of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, the Policy Monitoring Committee, and the Committee on Organization to carry out a general revision of the ALA Policy Manual, including recommended policy insertions from the adoption of the General Revision of the ALA Bylaws.

After reviewing the structure of Part A of the ALA Policy Manual, Appendix A to the General Revision of the ALA Bylaws, and a document prepared by Working Group member Aaron Dobbs (“Policy Manual (2021) to Bylaws (2023) Connections”), the Working Group moved all of the insertions recommended in Appendix A to the General Revision of the Bylaws into a working copy of Part A of the Policy Manual in order to create a single working document. Then, in order to begin harmonizing and updating the language in the working document, we solicited and received Working Group volunteers to lead the work on individual chapters as follows:

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We continue to systematically make our way through the manual, but have moved to a bi-weekly meeting schedule in order to expedite our progress.

Respectfully submitted,

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