

## Working Group for ALA Societal Statement Guidelines

Whereas, the American Library Association promotes the following Core Values of Librarianship for the profession: Access, Equity, Intellectual Freedom and Privacy, Public Good, and Sustainability;

Whereas, members expect ALA to stand firmly and visibly in support of these Core Values, with one expression of this support through social justice focused resolutions presented to Council and open letters from the Executive Board;

Whereas, the American Library Association is a member of the Center for Association Leadership (ASAE);

Whereas, ASAE has developed a framework for societal statements, intended to to serve as a “framework to help ASAE evaluate when and how the organization issues public statements about national and societal issues”, available at <https://powerofassociations.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/2023-ASAE-Societal-Statement-Framework.pdf>;

Whereas, the American Library Association has no such set of association-wide guidelines; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, that the American Library Association, on behalf of its members

1. Directs the Executive Board to create a working group to review the ASAE Societal Statement Framework and develop a similar set of criteria for the ALA to be brought to Council via resolution for discussion at LibLearnX 2025.

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