

Committee Information Update (CIU)

Appendix I: Revised Form

ALA COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Name: Public and Cultural Programs Advisory Committee

Conference Year: 2024

Committee Chair: Marie Pyko

Staff Liaison: Melanie Welch & Hannah Arata

Committee Members: Grace Adeneye, Kat Kim Bell, Cecily Ponce De Leon, Jina Duvernay, Fabio Montella, Maletta Payne, Anchalee Panigabutra-Roberts, Julie Robinson, Sharie Rosenstein Werb

Date of meeting(s)	Meeting format (in-person or virtual)	Number of members present	Guest Presenters, Speakers
August 28, 2024	Virtual	5	n/a
October 16, 2024	Virtual	5	n/a
December 18, 2024	Virtual	3	ALA presidential candidates

Committee Charge: To serve as an advisory committee to the ALA Public Programs Office. To promote excellence in cultural programming; to assist library staff to become more effective providers of cultural programming; to identify and disseminate resources for cultural programming; and to promote the Cultural Communities Fund.

Objectives of the committee for this conference year, including any planned activities:

1. Promotion of all Public Programs Office projects.
2. Act as peer reviewers and project advisors for Public Programs Office grant opportunities.
3. Members prioritize trending topics of interest within the library field for ProgrammingLibrarian.org content.

Describe interactions with other units within ALA: n/a

Synthesis of activities (summarize discussions, decision(s) or motion(s) reached, and note follow-up action(s) required:

1. ProgrammingLibrarian.org content curation help. Members will propose topic ideas for Programming Librarian articles to be written by freelancers.
2. Promotion of Public Programs Office opportunities, projects, and resources shared to personal networks. Members used provided promotional templates to help promote the LTC: Access grant, NILPPA Toolkit, and Media Literacy Webinar Series.
3. Some members will serve as grant reviewers of LTC: Access applications.

If unable to achieve desired committee outcomes, what hampered the ability to achieve stated goals (lack of resources, member participation, communication issues, procedural delays, etc.?)

- Many desired outcomes have been achieved so far, however, member meeting attendance is generally low and can be higher.

Priorities/recommendations for the upcoming year:

- More participation from members in full-committee meetings.
- Continued recommendation that all members use their networks to promote PPO projects and grant opportunities and come to meetings prepared to reflect on current trends in library programs.

Other comments/information you believe will help the Association in its work: N/A

Submitted by: Melanie Welch on behalf of Marie Pyko, PCPAC chair Date Submitted: January 7, 2025