

## Constitution & Bylaws Housekeeping

Whereas ALA Council directed the Constitution and Bylaws Committee to make final “housekeeping” edits **that do not change the intent of the approved final draft** [emphasis added] to finalize the General Bylaws Revision; and

Whereas Article VIII Section 1A of the *General Bylaws Revision* final draft contains a partial list of ALA standing committees. Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the American Library Association (ALA) Council

1. Directs the Constitution and Bylaws Committee to remove the partial list of standing committees and specify that the full list of standing committee shall be found in the ALA Policy Manual.

Changes for the Constitution and Bylaws Committee:

Revise Section 1A to read:

- A. *Standing Committees.* ~~The standing committees of the Association named in these bylaws are the Bylaws Committee, the Committee on Appointments, the Committee on Committees, the Committee on Organization, the Election Committee, the Intellectual Freedom Committee, the Nominating Committee, and the Policy Monitoring Committee.~~ Additional standing Standing committees shall may be adopted by resolution of the Council. The Committee on Organization shall recommend to for Council approval the name, size, composition, and charge of any such committee, which shall be recorded in the ALA Policy Manual.

Therefore, the new Section would read:

- A. *Standing Committees.* Standing committees shall be adopted by resolution of the Council. The Committee on Organization shall recommend for Council approval the name, size, composition, and charge of any such committee, which shall be recorded in the ALA Policy Manual.

Rationale:

Removing the committees summarized in this paragraph provides maximally "permissive" bylaws, which we were striving for in the General Revision.

Adding "which shall be recorded in the ALA Policy Manual" establishes another explicit link between the bylaws and the ALA Policy Manual and specifies the Policy Manual as the place where ALA's committees are instantiated and be monitored by the Policy Monitoring Committee.

In addition to this added language, introductory language to the General Bylaws Revision item on the Spring ballot could be provided clarifying that adoption of the bylaws does not affect any of ALA's current standing committees. Changes to any of the committees in the current Constitution and Bylaws and the General Bylaws Revision originate in the Committee on Organization.

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