

To: BARC and F&A Subcommittee

Re: Operating Agreement Policy Discussion

ACTION REQUESTED/INFORMATION/REPORT: none

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DRAFT OF MOTION: none

DATE: October 12, 2022

BACKGROUND:

<https://operatingagreement.ala.org/>

<https://operatingagreement.ala.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/EBD-10.12-CD-40.1-Operating-Agreement-Work-Group-Report-w-Recommendations-June-2022-3.pdf>

The Operating Agreement Work Group (OAWG) presented its [final report and recommendation](#) at the 2022 Annual Conference meetings. The Executive Board approved the formation of the Operating Agreement Implementation Task Force with Peter Hepburn as Co-Chair and directed Executive Director Tracie Hall to form an internal group to update operational practices. The groups will report back to the Executive Board and Executive Director.

The OAWG proposed a draft policy for consideration by the ALA Council and Executive Board. Ideally, OAWG would like Council to review and approve the draft policy in January 2023 or if Council is not ready, during their June 2023 meeting. To prepare for those discussions, we are seeking BARC and F&A input on the draft policy and their direction as to the timing of the Council vote.

The policy outlines the relationship between ALA and its Divisions but it is the practice or implementation of the policy that governs the daily interactions. It is difficult to separate policy from practice but the practice cannot be fully determined until the policy is approved. BARC guidance on the process and draft policy will assist Council in their review process.

Next steps:

Provide suggestions or edits to the draft policy.

Work with the Past Co-Chairs on bringing the draft policy to ALA Council and the Executive Board.

ACTIONS: No formal action required.