

American Library Association
Committee Information Update

Please note: ALA and Council committees are required to **submit an update of their activities within one-month after each Midwinter Meeting and Annual Conference.** This form will be sent to the ALA Council and the ALA Committee on Organization.

Report for Midwinter _____

Report for Annual Conference 2013

Name of Committee: Committee on Accreditation

Committee Chair: Brian Andrew

Committee Members Present: Brian Andrew (Chair), Elizabeth Aversa, James Benson, Anthony Bernier, Joan Giesecke, Joan Howland, Ling Hwey Jeng, Barbara Moran, Mary Stansbury, Vicki Williamson, Arthuree Wright, Laura Neumann

Committee Members Absent: None

Others Present: ALA staff (2). Representatives from the University of Alberta, Maryland, North Texas, Pittsburgh, and Southern Connecticut University. Molly Rafael, ALA Exec Board Liaison. Joseph Vibert, Executive Director, Association for Specialized and Professional Accreditation (ASPA).

Accomplishments [at this meeting], a concise account:

Made accreditation decisions concerning five programs; approved External Review Panels (ERP) for fall 2014 comprehensive review visits and ERP chairpersons for spring 2015 comprehensive reviews; discussed the ongoing review of the *Standards for Accreditation of Master's Programs in Library and Information Studies*; conducted open program "*Accreditation Transparency and Information Disclosure: How Bare is Fair?*"

Planned activities for upcoming year, a concise account:

Make accreditation decisions concerning eight programs, including initial accreditation of the program at the University of Ottawa (Canada). Respond to annual statistical and biennial narrative reports from all accredited and candidate programs (66). Provide trainings and conference programs, including at the ALISE Annual Conference on the *Standards* revision. Review process, policies and procedures, including the appeals review process and bring suggested revisions forward for review and approval by the ALA Executive Board.

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

Submitted by: Karen O'Brien, Director, Office for Accreditation

Date Submitted: September 11, 2013

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