

**Report to ALA Council
Policy Monitoring Committee
2016 ALA Annual Conference**

In accordance with Policy A.4.2.6 of the ALA *Policy Manual*, the Policy Monitoring Committee (PMC) has reviewed all actions taken by the ALA Council during the 2016 ALA Midwinter Conference for possible incorporation into, addition to, or changes to the ALA *Policy Manual*.

Item #1. During the 2016 ALA Midwinter Meeting in Boston, MA, the ALA Council took the following action:

ADOPTED, ALA CD#19.2, User Generated Content in Library Discovery System: An Interpretation of the ALA Library Bill of Rights.

Based on Council's action, **PMC MOVES INSERTION** of the new interpretation at B.2.1.25:

User-Generated Content in Library Discovery Systems

Libraries offer a variety of discovery systems to provide access to the resources in their collections. When discovery systems incorporate social media components, intelligent objects and knowledge-sharing tools, they create opportunities for users to contribute to discussions about library resources within the discovery system. Libraries that open their discovery systems to user-generated content should develop and publish viewpoint-neutral policies that describe how users may contribute, how user-generated content will be displayed, and how the personal information of contributors will be protected. Adopted, January 2016.

(See "Policy Reference File": User-Generated Content in Library Discovery Systems: An Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights, 2015-2016 ALA CD#19.2 – PDF, 2pgs)

INFORMATION ITEMS

The Chair of the ALA Constitution and Bylaws Committee contacted the PMC regarding American Libraries/AL Direct and the publishing of election information in one or both of those venues.

The PMC has been advised that the American Libraries Advisory Committee is currently addressing this topic. Because no official action has been taken on this issue by Council, the Policy Monitoring Committee has no role at this time.

In Conclusion

The Committee would like to thank our staff liaison, Lois Ann Gregory-Wood, for her knowledge sharing, her patience, and her cheerful, ready assistance.

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