

Resolution to Improve Member Access to ALA Unit Governing Information

Whereas the American Library Association (ALA) Core Organizational Values include “An open, inclusive, and collaborative environment;”

Whereas the ALA Strategic Plan identifies Organizational Excellence among the Key Action Areas, stating “The association is inclusive, effective and responsive to the needs of ALA members;” and

Whereas ALA Policy A.7.4.4 Open Meetings states, “All meetings of the American Library Association and its units are open to all members and to members of the press;” now, therefore be it

Whereas ALA Divisions and Round Tables are governed by Executive Boards or Steering Committees whose work is of interest to their membership,

Whereas ALA Division and Round Table leadership have shared their meeting records for many years in various locations,

Resolved, That the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members:

1. Adjust policy to include, “the governing bodies of ALA Divisions and Round Tables shall make drafts of their meeting minutes or other reports of actions taken available via the unit’s ALA-hosted web page within 30 days of the meeting;”
2. Adjust policy to include, “the governing bodies of ALA Divisions and Round Tables shall make final versions of meeting minutes or other reports of actions taken available via the unit’s ALA-hosted web page within 30 days of their approval;”
3. Require governing bodies to maintain an easily-available historical record of these meetings and action reports; and
4. Exempt sub-units of the divisions and sub-units of round tables from the policy.

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