

ALA Committee Report Form to Council

TO: ALA Council

DATE: November 15, 2023

RE: *(select one)*

ACTION REQUESTED

INFORMATION

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Action requested from Councilors is to cast their vote to: *(if applicable)*

On behalf of the ALA Executive Board, I move that the ALA Council approve the following Executive Board Election Guidelines recommended by the ALA Executive Board for adoption in the ALA Policy Manual and direct the Policy Manual Revision Working Group to insert and amend the ALA Policy Manual, Section A where necessary and appropriate.

ACTION REQUESTED BY: ALA Executive Board

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BACKGROUND: *(add information)*

This will be the first year where Councilors will elect Executive Board members per the composition of the new ALA Bylaws (Article, V. Section 1.). To ensure a common understanding and transparency, and to prevent unnecessary administrative complications, the ALA Executive Board are recommending the following draft election policies for the ten (10) Executive Board members elected by the Council as follows:

- A. An individual who may be a member of multiple groups shall only be placed on the ballot for one Executive Board member position and only be elected to one Executive Board member position.
- B. All candidates must consent to serving prior to election and those nominated may decline any or all nominations; candidates will not be placed on the ballot for positions they have declined nomination for.
- C. Floor nominations must stipulate the specific category an individual is being nominated for.
- D. Elections will only be held for vacated offices as determined by current Executive Board assignments.
- E. Candidates, including floor nominated candidates, must provide proof of the specific category of membership they are being nominated for.
- F. Candidates elected by the Council may not serve in more than one position on the executive board simultaneously.
- G. Write-in candidates will not be part of the ballot.