

Resolution on Maintaining Equitable In-Person Participation for All at ALA Membership Meetings

Whereas ALA Membership Meetings have historically been conducted in-person with unrestricted access and participation for all ALA members;

Whereas for a decade ALA Virtual Membership Meetings (VMM) preceded in-person Membership Meetings and voting was conducted by an electronic poll without requiring attendee voting credentials;

Whereas ALA Membership Meetings have recently been conducted in hybrid mode, both in-person and virtually;

Whereas in accordance with *Robert's Rules*, prior registration for electronic voting has been mandated to participate at this year's hybrid ALA Membership Meeting;

Whereas requiring prior registration to participate in voting will disenfranchise those attending in-person who are unaware of the new prior registration requirement; now therefore, be it

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

Urges The Association by the 2024 Annual Conference to implement an in-person voting option at the hybrid Membership Meeting through same day registration at the time of the meeting or without a pre-registration requirement.

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