

**YALSA Board of Directors  
ALA Virtual Meeting,  
June 24 – 27, 2020**

**Topic: Councilor Pre-Report**

**Background: According to the YALSA bylaws the YALSA Division Councilor, “...shall attend all meetings of the ALA Council; shall report to YALSA about Council agenda before Council meets to request YALSA voting position on any agenda items; shall vote as directed by the YALSA Board on designated Council agenda items; shall represent YALSA positions before Council through necessary presentations and resolutions...” At Council meetings resolutions are typically put forward and other issues are discussed that may be of importance to YALSA. YALSA’s Councilor, Abigail Phillips, has provided an update below. The Board will want to give feedback on how to cast YALSA’s vote on upcoming resolutions and/or determining the desirability of YALSA’s Board submitting a resolution.**

**Action Required: Consent**

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**ALA Midwinter 2020 Background:**

Since Midwinter meeting, the majority of Council discussions have revolved around the financial situation that was revealed during Midwinter. Council members and other ALA leaders held a number of Q&A session with the President Wanda Kay Brown to learn more about the financial status of ALA and what will be done.

Attached is a document with her responses to those questions, submitting earlier this month. I have also attached another document she submitted that detailed the Divisions Fund Balances.

**Council I: Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> 12:00- 2:00 pm CST**

- A discussion and action movement to pass a resolution about the “new to Council” online voting process. This passed and now virtual voting will be a part of Council meetings.
- A brief overview of the current financial situation of ALA from the Treasurer
  - Notable:
    - 23 furlough days for ALA staff
    - Unable to move to new headquarter because of funding;
    - \$4,528,720 budget deficit
    - See attached report from Treasurer; key pages start at #5);

**Council II: Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> 3:00 – 5:30pm CST**

- **Resolution (ALA CD #43) on protecting privacy and safety in coronavirus-related library policy** – discussed
- **Resolution (ALA CD #45) on Developing Library Security Policies in keeping with ALA Policy** – had a significant amount of discussion with feedback; the author is reworking it with feedback from Council; will present on Saturday
  - includes mentions of youth in the resolution.
- **SCOE/Forward Together** – discussion became very heated when council was provided with the timeline of events and the planned dissolution of Council. Meeting was held 30 minutes long but voting still could not be conducting due to discussion and concerns raised. This has also been moved to Saturday.
- **Two resolution not discussed and moved to Saturday:**
  - RESOLUTION [ALA CD#46] Condemning U.S. Media Corporations Abridgement of Free Speech
  - RESOLUTION [ALA CD#47] on Financial Autonomy and Collaboration among ALA Management, Divisions, Roundtables

**Council III Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup> 12:00 - 3:15pm CST     TBH**

Please join! This will be quite a discussion. Now only the two above resolutions but a more detailed discussion of the

- Registration link for attending Council III: [https://ala-events.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_x1EzGVImTc-vbYQZtaRyOw](https://ala-events.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_x1EzGVImTc-vbYQZtaRyOw)
- Council Documents can be found here: <http://www.ala.org/aboutala/annual-and-midwinter-2020>.