

**Fall Executive Committee Meeting
October 26-27, 2012, Chicago**

Topic: ALA Council Update

Background: YALSA’s Division Councilor, Vicki Emery, has provided an update on ALA Council that includes major items approved by Council at the 2012 ALA Annual Conference as well as recent discussions on the Council listserv.

Action Required: Information

2012 ALA Annual Conference
Anaheim, CA

Action items approved by ALA Council affect many areas of our organization and YALSA. I encourage all Board Members to go to the following site to read how ALA Council allocated their three meetings: <http://ow.ly/ellah> (.pdf). Here are some highlights that may affect YALSA members:

ALA Council I
Sunday, June 24, 2012

ADOPTED ALA CD#40, **Resolution on Voter Suppression in America**, as amended to read: “That the American Library Association (ALA): (1) opposes voter ID laws, restrictions on voter registration, cuts to early voting and any other laws resulting in the restriction of lawful access to voting; (2) encourages libraries; librarians; and library support staff to provide information to citizens to mitigate these restrictions should they remain in effect on Election Day.”

ALA Council II
Monday, June 25, 2012

ADOPTED, MMD#7, ALA CD#41, Revised 6/25/12, **Resolution that School Libraries and Librarians are Critical to Educational Success**, as amended to read: “That the American Library Association (ALA): (1) directs the ALA Presidential Task Force on School Librarians to lead the Association in its continued mission to address the urgent need for advocacy for school libraries and school librarians; and to address the impact of the de-professionalization and curtailment of school library instructional programs on students and student achievement, continuing to engage librarians of all types from across the association to advocate for school libraries, which are imperative to the survival and success of all libraries; (2) encourages state associations and affiliates to influence legislation requiring adequate funding and appropriate staffing of school libraries in schools at all levels; (3) places a high priority on seeing that upcoming ESEA legislation recognizes and specifically supports the necessity for effective school library programs and credentialed school librarians; (4) works to encourage federal lobbying efforts to include school libraries in legislation and regulations, including areas such as

digital literacy and broadband; and (5) actively seeks partnerships with national organizations to reach mutual goals of sustaining school libraries.”

ALA Council Update since Annual Conference in Anaheim (pertinent discussions on the listserv, possible Midwinter resolutions, etc.)

- No Council conversations on ALA Connect.
- On the listserv: ALA Digital Literacy Task Force released a preliminary copy of their report, “Digital Literacy, Libraries, and Public Policy” for comments until October 19.
- Conversations about the LJ editorial titled “Too Many eBook Cooks: Ineffectual Committees Aren’t Fast Enough to Ensure Robust Access.”

2013 ALA Midwinter Council and Other Meetings

Saturday, January 26, 2013

- Council Orientation, 8:00 – 10:30 AM
- Council/Executive Board/Membership Information Session, 3:00 – 4:30 PM
- ALA Presidential/Treasurer Candidates Forum, 4:30 – 5:30 PM
- Council Reception, 9:00 – 10:00 PM

Sunday, January 27, 2013

- Council I, 8:30 – 11:00 AM
- ALA-APA Council, 11:00 – 11:30 AM
- ALA President’s Program, 3:30 – 5:30 PM

Monday, January 28, 2013

- Youth Media Awards, 7:45 – 9:00 AM
- Youth Council Caucus, 9:00 – 10:00 AM
- Council II, 10:00 – 12:15 PM
- ALA Executive Board Candidates Forum, 12:30 – 1:30 PM or immediately following the adjournment of Council II

Tuesday, January 29, 2013

- Council III, 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM

*Respectfully submitted,
Vicki Emery, YALSA Division Councilor*

Additional Resources:

- Council meeting agendas:
http://www.ala.org/aboutala/governance/council/council_agendas
- Guidelines for Preparation of ALA Resolutions:
http://www.ala.org/aboutala/governance/council/resolution_guidelines