

YALSA ALA Liaison - Board Report

MidWinter or Annual /Year 2022

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Updates:

Committee on Library Advocacy (COLA)

- [This new ALA resource](#) gives more information about how libraries can qualify for the Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund.
- ALA Executive Board [issued a statement](#) on efforts to ban curriculum and materials related to BIPOC, LGBTQIA+, and women’s history
 - They also directed the formation of a working group led by OIF to develop the toolkit mentioned in the statement

Committee on Legislation (COL)

- Library of Congress subject heading “aliens” will be replaced by “noncitizens” and “illegal aliens” will be replaced by “illegal immigration.” A press release can be found [here](#).
- The 2022 Legislative Agenda created by the committee to guide the initiatives and focus for the next year will most likely be announced sometime in January

Conference Committee

- Those who submitted proposals for ALA Annual 2022 have been notified about their program status
- ALA shared a Resolution to Achieve Carbon Neutrality for ALA Conferences by 2025. They hope this resolution and subsequent actions will help other divisions pursue carbon neutrality in their own conference and event planning.

Committee on Professional Ethics (COPE)

- COPE is working on Q&As on ableism and sexism that will be shared with ALA members.

Freedom to Read Foundation (FTRF)

- Updated bylaws will include new membership categories, including a category for unemployed and furloughed library staff members

- Members need to join or renew by April 1 in order to be able to vote

Intellectual Freedom Committee (IFC)

- ALA has released a [statement regarding censorship](#)
- The release of the problematic authors Q & A has been pushed back to early 2022
- OIF reminds folks to reach out if they need support with a challenge in their school or library. [Here are instructions about how to report.](#)

EDI Assembly

- Next meeting is Wednesday, January 19, 2022 from 7-8:30 PM (ET).
 - If YALSA wants to share an update on our EDI-related initiatives, we need to complete a form by January 12.
- Graduates of the University of Texas at Austin School of Information have started a grassroots fundraising campaign to create an endowed scholarship to help more BIPOC scholars entire the profession.
 - More information about the scholarship can be found [here](#).
 - Donations can be made [at this link](#).
- There is an open call for applications for the 2022 IDEA (Innovation, Disruption, Enquiry, Access) Institute on Artificial Intelligence.
 - Details can be found [at this link](#).
 - Applications are due February 1, 2022

Action Items:

- To be included in the next EDI Assembly Agenda, YALSA needs to [complete this form](#) by January 12 about updates on YALSA EDI-related initiatives