



Memorandum

To: NJLA Executive Board
From: Eileen M. Palmer, Chapter Councilor
Date: 6/20/2022
Re: ALA Annual Conference Council Agenda Items of Interest

Council receives a variety of reports and updates throughout all three Council sessions. I highlight here those items on the upcoming Council Agenda that I think will be of most interest to the Executive Board. All Council documents may be found at: <https://www.ala.org/aboutala/virtual-january-and-annual-conference-council-meetings>

Council I

Written reports have been submitted to the Consent Agenda from:

- Budget Analysis & Review Committee ALA CD#33.1
- Committee on Diversity, ALA CD#14.1
- Committee on Library Advocacy, ALA CD#42.1
- Committee on Professional Ethics, ALA CD#24.1
- Committee on the Status of Women in Librarianship, ALA CD#43.1
- Council Orientation Committee, ALA CD#31.1
- Divisions President's Report, ALA CD#28-28.8
- International Relations Committee, ALA CD#18.1
- Policy Monitoring Committee, ALA CD#17.1
- Public Awareness Committee, ALA CD#38.1
- Publishing Committee, ALA CD#32.1
- Sustainability Committee, ALA CD#37.1
- Treasurer's Report, ALA CD#13.2

Council will debate the following Agenda Items in Council I:

- ALA Resolutions Committee moves the Resolution Calling for Student Loan Cancellation ([ALA VMD #2](#)) adopted at the Virtual Membership meeting on March 17, 2022.
- ALA Resolutions committee moves the Resolution in Defense of the Right to Engage in Political Boycotts ([CD#55](#)) as adopted at the ALA Membership Meeting on June 25, 2022.
- Scholarship and Grants -- The Jason Reynolds/Simon & Schuster Travel Grants to ALA Annual
<https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%2048%20Simon%20Schuster%20Jason%20Reynolds%20Travel%20Grant%20-%20for%20Council.pdf>
- Transforming ALA Governance (TAG), ALA [CD#36](#) action item. This document, if approved, moves ALA on a formal path away from a democratic form of governance towards governance by a small number of people with little to no oversight or membership recourse. I don't support it but expect that it will pass. Chapters will have a role in the new advisory council but no guaranteed role in ALA's actual governance.

Council II

The agenda for Council II includes the following action items:

- Committee on Organization, [ALA CD#27.1](#)
- Committee on Education, ALA CD#41.1 action item
 - [Core Competencies for Librarianship](#)
- Working Group to Condemn White Supremacy and Fascism as Antithetical to Library Work, ALA CD#34
- ALA Core Values Task Force, [ALA CD#30](#) action item
- Resolution to Discontinue ALA Council Forum, [ALA CD#56](#) action item

Council III

The last session will include the following reports:

- Operating Agreement Working Group ALA CD#40.1
- Constitution & Bylaws, [ALA CD#25.3](#) action item
- Intellectual Freedom Committee, ALA [CD#19.2- 19.4](#)
- Working Group on Intellectual Freedom and Social Justice update

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- Committee on Library Advocacy and Intellectual Freedom Committee
 - Unite Against Book Bans campaign

- Committee on Legislation, ALA CD#20.1

I will provide a follow up report of actions taken at Council later in July. It's been a pleasure and privilege to serve as your ALA Councilor and to serve on the Executive Board during this time of so much change. I am proud of the work of this Board and its leadership over the last three years. I hope that NJLA will continue to work to be a more inclusive organization and will continue to learn how to make a place for all voices in our profession. And I hope NJLA will continue to push for that within our national association. I thank our members and Board for this opportunity.

Respectfully Submitted,

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