

NJLA Executive Board ALA Councilor Report January 2023

Biden signs budget, library funding success

LSTA administered by IMLS saw an increase of \$13.5 million to \$211 million as the leading source of federal funding for America's libraries.

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ALA 2023 Library Learning Experience January 27- 20, 2023 New Orleans, LA

ALA Bylaws Feedback Listening Session (Virtual)

A third will be scheduled in December, with the fourth being the Bylaws convention at the LibLearnX conference in January.

the Council discussion on November 3, 2022 to prepare for the January discussions regarding the **Operating Agreement Policy**. As a reminder, the Work Group finalized its recommendations in June 2022 resulting in a **Budget Process Task Force** being led by Treasurer Peter Hepburn and an internal work group examining operational practices. The proposed policy changes have been forwarded to the Committee on Organization (COO) chaired by Andrew Pace. During our January meetings, we will continue to discuss the proposed changes with a possible vote in June 2023.

New Chapter Leader's Orientation- January 12

Welcome to new association leaders (Presidents, President-elects, Chapter Councilors, Treasurers, etc.) The ALA-Chapter partnership is crucial to the success of state and regional associations as well as to the national association.

This orientation webinar, January 12 from 3:00-4:00 pm Central (adjust for other time zones) is designed for Chapter leadership to learn more about ALA and the partnership and opportunities and support through ALA.

(Board Meeting conflict) The Chapter Relations Committee and the Chapter Relations Office have set up a Chapter Councilors Orientation for Wednesday, January 11, 2023

The American Library Association's (ALA) Public Policy and Advocacy team has been researching incoming members since before the election, with an eye toward connections with libraries

Now ALA is asking leaders like you in the library world to share your intelligence about Members-elect. **If you have experience with these officials on the state or local level, we would appreciate it if you would share your knowledge with the PPA team.**

- Were any officials supportive of school libraries?
- Were they a Friend of the Library? A Board of Trustee member?
- Do they have a librarian family member?
- Have you read articles in local media that mention support for libraries or education?

All of your background intelligence (even on elected officials who are not in your district or state) will be helpful for ALA to begin to build relationships on Capitol Hill. A list of these incoming members can be found here:

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/interactive/2022/new-members-of-congress/>

Please share any background intelligence or other information with us by email:

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