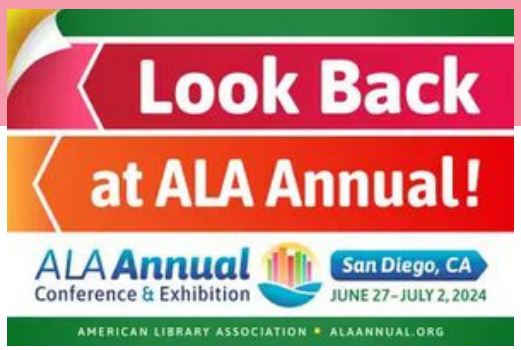
# NJLA Executive Board
# ALA Councilor
# July 2024




## 2024 ALA Annual Conference & Exhibition
## San Diego | June 27 – July 2, 2024

Final Annual registration numbers of
7,928 paid registrants (13,523 total).

**SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 2024**

**ALA-APA Council Meeting*, 9:30 am-10:00 am required**

ALA-APA Bylaws CD#7.1 - Bylaws revision draft 135 Y

**ALA Council I*, 10:00 am-12:00 pm required**

**Summary https://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/blogs/the-scoop/council-i-elevating-intellectual-freedom/**

Consent agenda- 18 reports

Review Executive Board actions since 2024 LLx meeting CD 15.1

- Membership Dues
- Action on resolution on libraries in Gaza- no response is typical
- Job profile for ALA Director, $325K salary
- Reviewing awards across ALA

Committee on Committees- nominees for CoC and Planning and Budget Assembly CD 12

Conference Committee - publisher, program, council resolutions for conference
Carbon Neutrality by 2025, falling short of attendees paying offset
ALA books conferences 10 years in advance, changing dates not easy

CD#51 motion passed 151-5

Resolution to increase services and support for chapters of the American Association of **School Libraries** and Association of Conference and Research Libraries' **academic library chapters** (CD#51) to more equitably match those of public library chapters from the Chapter Relations Office, Public Policy and Advocacy Office, and Office of Intellectual Freedom.

(CD#52). 162 unamimous yes

Resolution to reaffirm ALA's commitment to **intellectual freedom**. It also included a call to action for supporters to petition their elected officials to protect, preserve, and defend the First Amendment and the right to read freely.

SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 2024

**ALA Council II*, 9:00 am-12:00 pm required**

The agenda for Council II (CD#8.5)

Policy Monitoring Comm.

recommendation to strike outdated material from the ALA Policy Manual (CD#17.1) The deletions- national security in the nuclear age to AIDS screening for library employees.

Publishing Committee proposed the creation of an ALA journal publication ethics policy (CD#32.2) based on guidelines developed by the Committee on Publication Ethics. The proposal passed.

*"wide-ranging discussion about the future of the Association. Dozens of councilors approached the microphone with ideas about member engagement, fiscal responsibility, public perception, AI, the needs of rural and tribal libraries, support for school libraries and the freedom to read, and ongoing work on ALA's operating agreement."*

MONDAY, JUNE 31, 2024

**ALA Council III*, 9:00 am-12:00 pm required**

Executive Board member Stephanie Chase introduced a resolution directing the board to form a **working group to develop Societal Statement Guidelines for ALA**, using a framework provided by the Center for Association Leadership. The resolution also directed the working group to provide an update by ALA's 2025 Annual Conference in Philadelphia (CD#53). The motion passed 151-6 with five voters abstaining.
(I was the Seconder on this resolution)
https://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/tag/alaac24/

American Library Association Council strongly reaffirms freedom for all to read freely the association's elected Council delivered a strong message opposing censors and those who are trying to remove hundreds of books at a time targeting LGBTQ+ and people of color from library shelves.

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**United for Libraries**-Tuesday, July 30 - Thursday, August 1, 2024
This interactive three-day virtual event will feature expert speakers on current topics facing
library Trustees, Friends, Foundations, and staff who work with them.
https://www.ala.org/united/events_conferences/virtual

**Challenge Support**
The ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom provides confidential support during censorship challenges to library materials, services, and programs. Anyone can report censorship, even if they do not require assistance. https://www.ala.org/tools/challengesupport

**New Public Library Technology Survey report details digital equity roles**
https://www.ala.org/news/2024/07/new-public-library-technology-survey-report-details-digital-equity-roles
Key findings include:

- Almost half of libraries (46.9%) offer hotspots for checkout, increase 14.4% from 2020.
- About a quarter of libraries (24.6%) have digital media production equipment and over one-third (39.5%) have maker production equipment.
- 95.3% of public libraries offer some kind of formal or informal digital literacy training, and almost 30% report they offer a digital navigator program to assist patrons.