

July

NJLA Executive Board ALA Councilor Report July 19, 2022

All Documents found:

<https://www.ala.org/aboutala/virtual-january-and-annual-conference-council-meetings>

First ever hybrid Council Meeting

ALA CD #8.6 Council I Meeting Agenda June 25, 2022 2:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.

ALA CD #8.7 Council II Meeting Agenda June 26, 2022 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

ALA CD #8.8 Council III Meeting Agenda June 27 9 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.

ALA Annual Conference registration: Overall 13,990, digital 834

Library Journal

American Library Association's governing Council takes another step toward transforming its own structure.

<http://ow.ly/kQLk50JPW6l>



The 1st vote to rescind the ALA Constitution passes 144-3-1

- Constitution & Bylaws CD 25.3. The resolution streamlines and eliminates redundancy in our governing bylaws and constitution. One of three required votes.
- Discussion to vote to rescind constitution then separate by 6 months vote replace with (modern, well written) constitution, bylaws .
Then debate full day with amendments bylaws- then full membership vote.
"Councilors of all stripes asking for change"
- (LJ) Crucially, an amendment to the TAG recommendations passed by a narrow vote of 76 to 64, with four abstentions. This amendment means that Council will retain its authority as a policy-making body, rather than handing that power off to a reconstituted Executive Board and taking on an advisory role.

ALA President: Lessa Nani Pelayo-Lozada

@Lessa4Libraries tweet:

I would be remiss if I didn't mention the bulk of my time at #ALAAC22 — time with #ALACouncil and the Executive Board. We had difficult conversations around things like ALA policies and made some big moves around governance. I can't wait to see where we take @ALALibrary

Resolution in **support of immigrant rights** also passed nearly unanimously— 140- 2 2 —after the addition of amendments to explicitly mention youth and to tweak the wording to make it more workable for advocacy staff.

A resolution decrying the destruction of **libraries and other cultural institutions in Ukraine** also passed handily.

CD 61 Resolution on Body Autonomy, Equity and ALA Conference Sites is defeated 31-97-8

(LJ) resolution defending the right to boycott was defeated, as was probably the most emotionally debated measure of the conference—a resolution calling on ALA to stop holding conferences in places that do not support bodily autonomy by virtue of having banned abortion. The movers and supporters emphasized the risk to the safety of pregnant attendees, or those who could become pregnant, who might be denied needed care while at the conference, and connected it to the threats to safety posed by incidents like bathroom bills and the Pulse shooting.

However, emotional appeals from multiple librarians in trigger ban states pointed out that they are already bearing the brunt of many politically charged attacks, including those on books by and about LGBTQIA+ and BIPOC people, and will also be trying to help provide accurate and useful information on abortion despite the new obstacles. They implored the rest of the field to support them and not abandon them.

Freedom to Read Foundation

FTRF President @Barbstripling

shares highlights of the foundation's activities in this Report to #ALACouncil including #FirstAmendment litigation; advocacy & #IntellectualFreedom efforts; and upcoming social justice symposium

https://ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%202022.1%20Freedom%20to%20Read%20Foundation%20Report_1.pdf

- **ALA Finances:** #ALAAC22 \$6 million PPP loans grants in FY21 & FY22 forgiven
FY22 \$16 million grants, \$5,3 pass through grant
Paying down loan debts, better financial ops #alacouncil
But more work, during pandemic w no in person conference
Estimate of annual income \$114 million

-Laverne Mann, Cherry Hill Public Library



American Libraries Magazine all coverage of ALA Annual June 2022

<https://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/tag/alaac22/>