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%20for%20Council.pdf](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%2048%20Simon%20Schuster%20Jason%20Reynolds%20Travel%20Grant%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
June 20, 2022

- 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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