

COUNCIL I
JUNE 29, 2024: 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

ALA President Emily Drabinski called the meeting to order at 10:00 am

APPROVED by Consent:

- Adoption of Rules & Guidelines for ALA Hybrid Council Meetings, CD #5.1
- Agenda Review, CD #8.4
- Approval of the LLX Council Minutes 2024, CD #2.2
- Committee on Education, CD#41.1
- Committee on Diversity, CD#14.1
- Committee on Library Advocacy, CD#42.1
- Committee on Professional Ethics, CD#24.1
- Committee on the Status of Women in Librarianship, CD #43.1
- Committee on Sustainability, CD #37.1 (no report submitted)
- Council Training and Engagement Committee, CD #31.1
- Divisions President’s Report, CD #28-28.8
- Endowment Trustees Report, CD #16.1
- Membership Committee Report, CD #39.1
- Policy Manual Revision Working Group, CD #35.1
- Public Awareness Committee, CD #38.1
- Resolutions Committee, CD #10.2
- Treasurer’s Report, CD #13.1

Councilor Leah Richardson moved to include adjournment time in ALA Council Minutes.

APPROVED by consent to include adjournment time in Council minutes.

Councilor Kara Watley moved to remove Budget Analysis and Review Committee report, CD #33.1 as it is not yet linked on the Council documents page.

APPROVED by consent to remove CD #33.1 from Consent Agenda

Review of Executive Board Actions since the 2023 Annual Conference, CD #15 & Implementation of the 2023 Annual Conference and Special Council Meeting Actions, CD #9

ALA Interim Executive Director Leslie Burger provided the following updates on actions taken by ALA Council and Executive Board. Actions are outlined in CD #15 and #9.

Committee on Committees (COC) Report

ALA President-elect and Committee on Committees Chair Cindy Hohl presented the following:

- COC Nominees, from which, the four candidates receiving highest number of votes will be elected to serve one-year term on 2024-2025 on COC:
 - Erin Berman
 - Margaret Conroy
 - Aaron Dobbs
 - Aubrey Iglesias.
 - Samantha Kannegiser
 - Tina Lerno
 - Jillian Rudes
 - Gail Tobin

President Drabinski called for floor nominations for COC.

Councilor Eboni Henry nominated Council Tatanisha “Tiki” Love and Shauntee Burns-Simpson, who both accepted the nomination.

- The amended COC nominees are:
 - Erin Berman
 - Margaret Conroy
 - Aaron Dobbs
 - Aubrey Iglesias.
 - Samantha Kannegiser
 - Tina Lerno
 - Jillian Rudes
 - Gail Tobin
 - Tatanisha “Tiki” Love
 - Shauntee Burns-Simpson

- Planning & Budget Assembly (PBA) At-Large Councilor Nominees, from which the three receiving highest votes will be elected for two-year terms 2024-2026 on PBA:
 - Vivian Bordeaux
 - Jennifer Brown
 - Ana Elysa de Campos Salles
 - Tatanisha “Tiki” love
 - Leah Richardson

- Jahala Simuel
- Planning & Budget Assembly (PBA) Chapter Councilor nominees, from which the two candidates receiving highest number of votes will be elected for 2-year terms from 2024-2026:
 - Sherry Anderson
 - Amy Dissmeyer
 - Edenia M. Hernandez
 - Joseph Thompson

President Drabinski called for floor nominations for PBA. There were no floor nominees.

The following four Councilors will serve as election tellers:

- Dorcas Hand, Head Teller
- Joy Bridwell
- Kenny Garcia
- Anchalee Joy Panigabutra-Roberts

President-elect Hohl provided an update on the Executive Board nomination process:

- Charge of the COC is to bring forth the slate of nominees for the ALA Executive Board, and the new bylaws stipulate 15 members, including of course four officers of association, and 10 members from membership categories stipulated in the bylaws.
- This year, the COC was charged with nominating an at-large member, Division member and Rainbow Roundtable member
- COC identified challenges including limitations on identifying individuals based on specific membership affiliation versus the totality of an individual's ALA work and being unaware of individuals' interest/availability
- There are opportunities to improve the way individuals can submit interest and to identify candidates, as well as continuing to examine if the current membership stipulations in ALA bylaws should continue
- COC recommends further consideration of the nomination process currently to ensure that it is fair and equitable for all
- COC would recommend nominating two times number of individuals as available slots

Conference Committee, CD # 44.1

Chair Jennifer Ferris presented the following updates:

- Committee addressed two Council resolutions:
 - Previous Council resolution to achieve carbon neutrality for all ALA conferences by year 2025

- Despite concerted efforts to disseminate information, attendees still do not significantly select the carbon offset option on conference registration form. As of yesterday, 162 people donated out of 1,975
- The committee is issuing a call-to-action amongst conference attendees to do so
- Second Council resolution to investigate changing future dates of ALA Annual Conference
 - ALA books out 10 years in advances, and the website provides information on site selection criteria
 - Next iteration of the committee will follow-up on this, and it will also be discussed by the Executive Board in closed session at this conference

Resolution to Support AASL School Library Chapters and ACRL Academic Library Chapters, CD #51

Councilor Kathy Lester moved the following:

Therefore, be it resolved that the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members:

1. Requests that a Task Force including representatives from AASL, ACRL, PLA, Executive Board, IFC, CRC, an at-large member, and appropriate staff be appointed to further the understanding and awareness of these inequities and to consider action steps to retain and broaden services that CRO, PPAO, and OIF have recently provided including:
 - a. Supporting the Chapter Relations Office (CRO), the Public Policy and Advocacy Office (PPAO), and the Office for Intellectual Freedom (OIF) to coordinate with the American Association of School Librarians (AASL) and the Association of College and Research Librarians (ACRL) in sustaining and expanding services to AASL School Library State Chapters and the ACRL Chapters Council including reliable invitations to advocacy events.
 - b. Planning chapter workshops and webinar times, including the State Intellectual Freedom Network (SIFNET) and State Legislative Leader meetings, to accommodate ALA members' employment constraints.
 - c. Updating the recommended job description for ALA Chapter Councilors to include two-way communication with all relevant state-level and regional-level chapter organizations.
2. Requires the Task Force to report back to Council by ALA Annual 2025 on indicated action steps

Council Stephanie Chase moved to strike Clause C, CD #51 amendment.

Councilor Tara Brady called to question CD #51 amendment

President Drabinski called for a vote to end debate on CD #51 amendment

Results:

- 143 yes
- 16 no
- 1 abstain

APPROVED to end debate on CD #51 amendment.

President Drabinski called for a vote on CD #51 amendment.

Results:

- 54 yes
- 103 no
- 4 abstain

DEFEATED to strike Clause C, CD #51

President Drabinski re-opened debate on the original CD #51.

Councilor Erin Berman called to question CD #51

President Drabinski called for a vote on closing debate on CD #51.

Results:

- 155 yes
- 8 no
- 1 abstain

APPROVED to close debate on CD #51.

President Drabinski called for a vote on CD #51

Results:

- 151 yes
- 5 no
- 3 abstain

APPROVED Resolution to Support AASL School Library Chapters and ACRL Academic Library Chapters, CD #51

Resolution Reaffirming ALA's Commitment to Intellectual Freedom and Issuing a Call to Action, CD #52

Councilor Peter Coyl moved the following:

Resolved, that the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members:

1. condemns, in the strongest possible terms, all efforts to remove materials from library shelves, and efforts to prevent minors from accessing developmentally relevant library materials;
2. condemns, in the strongest possible terms, threats to the physical safety of library workers;
3. decries the removal and undermining of professional standards by state and local governments and efforts to restrict membership in a legally established professional trade association;
4. strongly urges publishers and booksellers to resist censorship or segregation of the materials they make available in schoolbook fairs;
5. urges elected officials and others to acknowledge the importance of libraries in a functioning democracy, oppose all efforts to restrict access to information, and prioritize the safety of library workers and other public servants in this challenging environment;
6. expresses concern about the manipulation of social media, artificial intelligence, and other technologies that result in the restriction of intellectual freedom and access to information;
7. acknowledges the tireless work of library workers, supportive elected officials, advocates, and library supporters for their efforts to uphold the First Amendment;
8. thanks booksellers, organizational partners, community groups, and library advocates for their active participation in public meetings and public discourse, contributing to Amicus Briefs and other advocacy efforts in the courts, and their efforts to lobby elected officials to protect the right to read; and
9. calls upon concerned people everywhere to petition their elected officials to protect, preserve, and defend the First Amendment and the Right of Free People to Read Freely.

President Drabinski called for a vote on CD #52

Results:

- 162 yes
- 0 no
- 0 abstain

APPROVED Resolution Reaffirming ALA's Commitment to Intellectual Freedom and issuing a Call to Action, CD #52

Announcements

- Interim Executive Director Leslie Burger provided updates on registration numbers:

- Annual Conference registration is currently at 7,805 paid, which exceeds budget by 114%, and total registrants for the conference at 13,036, which exceeds budget by 122%
- Anticipated revenue exceeds budget at 114%
- Councilor Ed Garcia acknowledged the Rhode Island Library Association President Beatrice Pulliam is in attendance

President Drabinski adjourned the meeting.

COUNCIL II
JUNE 29, 2024: 9:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M. PT

President Drabinski called the meeting to order.

Councilor Leah Richardson moved to add a discussion of LibLearnX 2025 to the agenda.

APPROVED by Consent to add LibLearnX 2025 discussion to agenda.

Councilor Deb Sica moved to add a discussion of the Operating Agreement to the agenda.
Treasurer Peter Hepburn objected.

President Drabinski called for a vote to add the Operating Agreement discussion to the agenda.

Results:

- 42 yes
- 97 no

- 12 abstain

DEFEATED to add the Operating Agreement discussion to the agenda.

APPROVED by Consent: Agenda, CD #8.5 as amended

Committee on Organization (COO), CD #27.1

Chair Andrew Pace provided the following updates:

- COO review of standing committees is underway with a survey out to all committees
- Committee brings four action items today

Chair Pace moved to create a Makerspace Round Table, CD #27.1, Action 1

ALA Councilor moved to table the discussion of CD #27.1, Action 1 until LibLearnX 2025.

President Drabinski called for a vote on the motion to table CD 27.1, action 1 until LibLearnX 2025.

Results:

- 121 yes
- 31 no
- 1 abstain

APPROVED to table CD 27.1, Action 1 until LibLearnX 2025.

Chair Pace moved to change the name and charge of the Training, Orientation, Leadership Development Committee, CD #27.1, Action 2.

President Drabinski called for a vote on CD #27.1, Action 2

Results:

- 150 yes
- 3 no
- 1 abstain

APPROVED to change the name and charge of the Training, Orientation, Leadership Development Committee, CD #27.1, Action 2.

Chair Pace moved to create the ALA Affiliates Committee, CD #27.1, Action 3

President Drabinski called for a vote on CD #27.1, Action 3

Results:

- 156 yes
- 1 no
- 2 abstain

APPROVED to create the ALA Affiliates Committee, Cd #27.1, Action 3

Chair Pace moved to discontinue the Committee on Research & Statistics, CD #27.1
Action 4

Councilor Jennifer Brown called to question CD #27.1

President Drabinski called for a vote on ending debate on CD #27.1, Action 4

Results:

- 126 yes
- 26 no
- 4 abstain

APPROVED ending debate on CD #27.1, Action 4

President Drabinski called for a vote on CD #27.1, Action 4

Results:

- 129 yes
- 24 no
- 2 abstain

APPROVED to discontinue the Committee on Research & Statistics, CD #27.1, Action 4

President Drabinski recognized International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) president Vicky McDonald and President-elect Leslie Weir.

Bylaws Committee, CD #25.1

Chair Brian Schottlaender provided the following updates:

- The Round Table Coordinating Assembly, led by its Chair Mark Robison, who is a member of the ALA Bylaws Committee, has been working to draft a template for Round Table governance documents. The Bylaws Committee has reviewed that draft template
- Bylaws Committee brings one action item concerning the reference in bylaws to the annual estimates of income, and the proposed changes are outlined in CD #25.1

Chair Schottlaender moved on behalf of the Bylaws Committee to amend Article XIII, Section 1 as noted in the report, CD #25.1

President Drabinski called for a vote on CD #25.1

Results:

- 147 yes
- 3 no
- 8 abstain

APPROVED to amend Article XIII, Section 1 as noted in the report, CD #25.1

Policy Monitoring Committee, CD #17.1

Chair Elena Carrillo noted that the Policy Monitoring Committee brings proposed changes to address outdated language in the policy manual.

Chair Carrillo moved to delete: B.5.3 Disarmament and Conflict Resolution Information in Libraries (Old Number 50.10), CD #17.1, Action 1

President Drabinski called for a vote on CD #17.1, Action 1

Results:

- 130 yes
- 18 no
- 8 abstain

APPROVED to delete: B.5.3 Disarmament and Conflict Resolution Information in Libraries (Old Number 50.10), CD #17.1, Action 1

Chair Carrillo moved to delete: B.5.4 Nuclear Freeze, the Arms Race and National Security (Old Number 50.11), CD #17.1, Action 2

President Drabinski called for a vote on CD #17.1, Action 2

Results:

- 93 yes
- 54 no
- 12 abstain

APPROVED to delete: B.5.4 Nuclear Freeze, the Arms Race and National Security (Old Number 50.11), CD #17.1, Action 2

Chair Carrillo moved to delete: B.9.19 AIDS Screening (Old Number 54.19), CD #17.1, Action 3.

President Drabinski called for a vote on CD #17.1, Action 3

Results:

- 120 yes
- 28 no
- 9 abstain

APPROVED to delete: B.9.19 AIDS Screening (Old Number 54.19), CD #17.1, Action 3.

Publishing Committee, CD #32.1-2

Chair Heather Campbell provided the following updates:

- Committee member Emily Knox requested that the committee draft a policy on publishing ethics
 - Formed publishing ethics sub-committee with 15 members on the sub-committee who represent various journals and editorial boards.
 - The draft policy is attached as D #32.2.

Chair Campbell moved to approve the creation of an ALA journal publication ethics policy (draft attached) as association policy, permitting this new policy to be added to the ALA Policy Manual and ALA Publishing web page, and enabling the association to pursue membership in COPE, CD # 32.1

President Drabinski called for a vote on CD #32.1.

Results:

- 152 yes
- 2 no
- 1 abstain

APPROVED the creation of an ALA journal publication ethics policy (draft attached) as association policy, permitting this new policy to be added to the ALA Policy Manual and ALA Publishing web page, and enabling the association to pursue membership in COPE, CD # 32.1

LGBTQIA+ Taskforce Report, CD #49

Chair Kate Alderete provided the following updates:

- The charge of the task force was to determine a strategy for addressing and tracking retaliatory employment cases against LGBTQIA+ library workers, developing a communication plan, highlighting ALA's specific LGBTQIA+ labor work community
- Recommendations are as follows:
 - ALA implement the survey to inform further data collection on this topic. The survey should be widely distributed and then given to Office for Diversity,

- Literacy & Outreach Services (ODLOS) to track, analyze, and institutionalize support for LGBTQIA+ library workers in an ongoing and sustainable manner
- ODLOS centralize organization-wide resources and make them accessible to all
 - That a committee be formed to analyze and gather resources, and if there is an absence of resources, that resources be developed
 - ALA Board of Directors' Rainbow Roundtable and NALCo representatives work directly with this committee to ensure the development and establishment of centralized and ongoing resources

The recommendations will go to the Executive Board for action

Discussion of the LibLearnX (LLX) 2025

President Drabinski asked Council to approve by consent to limit discussion of this topic to 15 minutes. There were no objections.

Councilor Richardson noted that the Executive Board voted to approve the LLX 2025 skeleton schedule. There were two no votes, and Councilor Richardson asked for details on why they voted no.

Councilor Board Member Helmick shared that they voted no because:

1. Institute highly rated event by attendees in 2023 and 2024 and helps develop increasingly needful skill set for our profession; 2. The schedule shifted the executive board candidate forum to exclusively virtual space that precludes in person connection with members as candidates run for office; 3 schedule allocated time for 1 meeting rather than traditional 3 gatherings; and 4. It is healthy when ALA leadership doesn't uniformly agree on matters we work for multiple approaches to ensure ALA and its members thrive.

Councilor and Executive Board Member Chase echoed above concerns about the number of council meetings and executive board forum moving virtually.

Future of American Library Association

President Drabinski invited Council to have an open discussion of the future of ALA membership.

Council Elizabeth Nebeker moved that the council extend the deadline for submissions for new business for Council III be amended to two hours after adjournment of council II.

President Drabinski called for a vote on the motion to extend the deadline.

Results:

- 128 yes
- 16 no

- 3 abstain

APPROVED to extend the deadline for submissions for new business for council III be amended to two hours after adjournment of council II.

Announcements:

- Councilor Eboni Henry noted the Diversity Caucus will reconvene after Council III.
- Councilor Nora Wiltse noted the Youth Council Caucus will convene after the adjournment of Council II
- Councilor Madeline Pena announced that REFORMA is having its national conference Long Beach, CA on September 18 -21, 2025.
- Member Rivera noted that the next National Joint Conference of Librarians of Color Conference will be held October 7-11, 2026, in Spokane Washington
- Interim Executive Director Lelsie Burger reported registration numbers:
 - 7901 paid, 115% to target and Total registrants at 13,445, which is 123% to target
 - Estimated \$5.39 million in revenue compared to target of \$4.69 million
- President Drabinski reminded Council that Committee on Committees and Planning & Budget Assembly Ballots will open at the adjournment of this meeting and close tomorrow, Monday, July 1st at 7 am PT

President Drabinski adjourned the meeting at 1:23 p.m. PT

ALA COUNCIL III
July 1, 2024: 9:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

President Drabinski called the meeting to order.

Councilor Gina Kromhout moved to add agenda item: update from the Executive Board with regards to President-elect.

APPROVED by Consent to add update from the Executive Board with regards to President-elect agenda item.

APPROVED by Consent: Agenda, CD #8.6, as amended.

Council acknowledged the following Memorial Resolutions honoring:

- Joseph John Harzbecker Jr.
- Nancy E. Gwinn
- Karen Crane
- William Noel
- Dr. Carole J. McCollough
- Dr. Phyllis Jean Fisher
- Linda Anne Dougherty
- Delaine Andree Eastin
- Jodie Gambill
- Carolyn V. Neal
- Marcia Goodfellow Schatz
- James (Jim) Joseph Campbell
- Satia Marshall Orange

Council acknowledged the following Tribute Resolutions honoring:

- ALA international relations round table 75th anniversary
- Heartfelt appreciation honoring Dr. Raymond Punn

ALA Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Peter Hepburn provided the following updates:

- FY 2024 year to date (YTD) financial results as of March 31, 2024:

- Deficit of \$3.2 million, and at the same point in FY23, there is a surplus of \$8.2 million.
- FY24 YTD numbers reflect positive to budget of \$853,000
- Preliminary April 2024 numbers look favorable
- Revenues in FY24 totaled \$28.7 million as of March 31st, with grants and awards at 39% total revenue, General Fund 36%, Divisions 21%, Endowment 3% and Round Tables 1%
- Revenues for grants and awards are recorded in the year received and expenses in year(s) of disbursement, so revenues and expenses overall will not necessarily align each year
- Considering certain circumstances, such as those relating to this year's LibLearnX shortfall and cancellation fee for LLX 2026, it is likely ALA will finish FY24 behind budget
- FY25 Budget
 - FY25 will begin September 1st and budget objectives were approved by the Executive Board
 - First iteration of the FY25 budget came to the Budget Analysis and Review Committee (BARC) and Finance and Audit subcommittee of the Executive Board in April, and both groups met last week to review the second iteration
 - Current planning has ALA realizing \$48 million in revenue versus \$56 million in expenses with a deficit of \$9 million
 - Please note grant revenue of \$8 million was recorded in previous fiscal years with expenses recorded this year
 - FY25 will be a one-Division conference year which always has a negative impact, as well as an anticipated deficit in conferences due to anticipated shortfall for LLX 2025
 - Despite bright spots, finances are not as healthy as we need them to be
- While finances are not as dire as the liquidity issues of 2020, some alarm is warranted
- If planned revenue is not realized and efficiencies/cost cutting not accomplished in FY25, ALA will be in a precarious position for FY26. Treasurer Hepburn and the Board will work to avoid this
- Bright spots in budget:
 - Endowment, Round Tables, some of Divisions and Continuing Education continue to perform well
 - Capital campaign for 150th anniversary to contribute to our financial health and help grow the endowment
- Detailed financial reports are available on the Executive Board documents page

Tellers Report on the COC and PBA Election Results, ALA CD #12.2

Had Teller Dorcas Hand provided the following updates:

- Election tellers met Monday, July 1st, 8 am PT to review and certify election results

- For the 2024-2025 Committee on Committees, 138 ballots were returned and following four candidates were elected to serve a 1-year term:
 - Erin Berman
 - Shauntee Burns-Simpson
 - Aaron Dobbs
 - Jillian Rudes
- For the 2024-2026 Planning & Budget Assembly Chapter councilor, 135 ballots were returned, and two candidates were elected to serve a 2-year term:
 - Edenia Hernandez
 - Joseph Thompson
- For the 2024-2026 Planning & Budget Assembly At-large Councilor, 135 ballots were returned, and three candidates were elected to serve 2-year term:
 - Ana Elisa de Campos-Salles
 - Jahala Simuel
 - Vivian Bordeaux

Intellectual Freedom Committee, CD #19.3-5

Chair Lesliediana Jones provided the following reports:

- Working to revise and updates to the upcoming 11th edition of the Intellectual Freedom Manual, which is due to be published in 2025
- Office of Intellectual Freedom (OIF) has a new deputy director Sarah Lamden
- New implementations from OIF
 - Book resumes, a tool to use to fight censorship and show why a book should remain in the library
 - Intellectual freedom helps lines coming to some states and/or regions
 - 10 grants of \$10,000 each have been made available by the support of the Acton Family giving and Mellon Foundation. Applications for the grants opened on April 3 and close on July 14
 - First cohort of Lawyers for Libraries, met in May in Chicago for train-the-trainer sessions
 - Unite Against Book Bans added 13 partners in the third quarter, resulting in 233 partners at the national, state and/or local levels.
 - New publication “Ban Books, Ban Belief” was co-developed with the Interfaith Alliance and available on their website

Committee on Legislation, CD #21.1

Chair Ed Garcia provided the following updates:

- Participated in commentary and advocacy for the Federal Communication Commission’s (FCC) Without Limits program, which is moving slowly but a vote to approve was recently announced
- FCC voted to approve cyber security pilot program
- Working on re-authorization of Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act and draft bill includes several library favorable provisions

- Kicked off annual federal appropriations campaign in March with 6th annual congressional fly in
- Successful “Dear Appropriator” letter campaign, nearly matching totals from last year
- House Appropriations Sub-committee overseeing Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) is calling for 15.4% cut, the lowest funding level since FY 2019
- House did not release Library Services & Technology Act (LSTA) recommendation but likely will mirror 15 percent cut to IMLS
- Did not release funding level innovations to literacy program that is currently funded at 30 million dollars
- GOP bill recommends 13% reduction for education compared to current levels
- ALA alerted advocates in relevant states to contact members of house appropriations committee before July 10th vote
- LSTA/IMLS task force met here in San Diego to strategize about IMLS re-authorization
- In April ALA welcomed new policy from the Biden Administration under Title IX that would protect library content on queer themes, but some members of Congress oppose this effort
- Sign up for advocacy alerts at ALA.org/action
- ALA signed 14 comments and letters on topics from Biden's administration
- Public Policy & Advocacy (PPA) team is active on social media, Connect, press releases, advocacy alerts, and more

Chair Garcia moved the Resolution Urging Library Workers and Supporters to Participate in the 2024 Elections, CD #20.1:

Resolved, that the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members, Urges all ALA members, library workers, and library supporters, to participate in the 2024 elections and future elections, including, as applicable, by registering to vote; confirming or updating their voter registration; informing themselves about races on their ballot; engaging with campaigns, colleagues, and community members; and voting.

President Drabinski called for a vote on CD #20.1

Results:

- 163 yes
- 1 no
- 0 abstain

APPROVED Resolution Urging Library Workers and Supporters to Participate in the 2024 Elections, CD #20.1

International Relations Committee (IRC), CD # 18.1

Chair Julius Jefferson provided the following updates:

- 413 international colleagues from 55 countries registered for this conference
- Introduced International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) president Vicky McDonald and President-elect Leslie Weir, as well as delegations from China, Korea and Japan.
- Conference features any international programs including programs curated by IRC subcommittees, as well as a record number of Global Solutions posters
- The IFLA world library congress was cancelled this year this August but there are additional opportunities to engage with IFLA sessions internationally, which are referenced in the report
- ALA applying for consultative status at United Nations
- International Relations Round Table, with support from International Relations Office, hosted 8 international related webinars with over 500 global registrants per webinar
- International librarians' reception at San Diego Public Library tonight
- International Relations Round Table is celebrating 75 years and seeks to raise \$75,000 for the endowment to create MLIS student engagement grants
- Update on Resolution on Damage and Destruction of Libraries and Other Cultural Institutions in Gaza approved by Council in January sent to President Joe Biden, Secretary of State Anthony Blinken and Israeli ambassador to the US Michael Herzog, without a response
- Work underway for 11th Sharjah International Library Conference in November
- International Relations Office is coordinating with Guadalajara Book Fair for ALA members to have Free Pass Program in November

Freedom to Read Foundation, CD #22.1

Councilor & Executive Board Member Sophia Sotilleo provided the following updates:

- Significant victory in Leila Green Little, et al. v. Llano County
- Joined with Iowa Library Association and American Association of School Librarians (AASL) to file an amicus brief GLBT Youth in Iowa Schools Task Force, et al. v. Reynolds, et al. and Penguin Random House, et al. v. Robbins, et al
- Sent Coalition Letter Against the Adoption of Florida SB 1372 / HB 1291: Letter to the North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District (NJ) encouraging retention of the book Let's Talk About It
- Sent Letter to Fort Zumwalt School District (MO) urging the school board to adhere to their existing materials selection and reconsideration policies and support their school library professionals.
- Sent Letter to the Cameron R-1 School District (MO) urging the board to end the use of parental permission slips to access the school library, retain challenged books,

adhere to written materials selection and reconsideration policies and support school library professionals.

- Letter to the Alpena County Public Library (MI) urging the library board to keep the young adult book All Boys Aren't Blue
- Provided a number of grants through Krug Fund
- Called for all ALA Councilors and ALA members and their institutions to become members of the Freedom to Read Foundation, as well as donate when possible

Resolution on the Working Group for ALA Societal Statement Guidelines, CD #53

Councilor & ALA Executive Board Member Stephanie Chase moved the following:

Resolved, that the American Library Association, on behalf of its members

1. Directs the Executive Board to create a working group to review the ASAE Societal Statement Framework and develop a similar set of criteria for the ALA to be brought to Council via resolution for discussion at Annual Conference 2025.

Councilor Chase submitted, as mover, to change to an Annual Conference 2025 deadline rather than LibLearnX 2025, as noted in posted in document. President Drabinski called for any objections to the change. There were none.

Councilor and Executive Board member Sam Helmick moved to strike the words “similar set of.” President Drabinski asked if there were any objections to the change. There were none.

President Drabinski called for discussion on revised resolution:

Resolved, that the American Library Association, on behalf of its members

1. Directs the Executive Board to create a working group to review the ASAE Societal Statement Framework and develop criteria for the ALA to be brought to Council via resolution for discussion at Annual Conference 2025.

President Drabinski called for a vote on CD #53

Results:

- 151 yes
- 6 no
- 5 abstain

APPROVED Resolution on the Working Group for ALA Societal Statement Guidelines, CD #53

Resolution to Update Recently Removed Language in the ALA Policy Manual, CD #54

Councilor Tara Brady moved the following:

Therefore, be it resolved that the American Libraries Association, on behalf of its members; Shall convene a working group with the Committee on Legislation, the Policy Monitoring Committee, and interested ALA members to consider options to revise, update and reinstate these any other similar policy positions and bring a report and recommendations to LLX 2025.

President Drabinski called for a vote on CD #54

Results:

- 15 yes
- 143 no
- 5 abstain

DEFEATED Resolution to Update Recently Removed Language in the ALA Policy Manual, CD #54

Update on ALA President-elect

Council Gina Kromhout requested an update from the Executive Board on the special council meeting in July, as well as a discussion on the process outlined to fill the President-elect vacancy.

President Drabinski reviewed the process:

- Bylaws delineate that the Executive Board shall fill vacancy in the office of President-elect or Treasurer within 30 days of any such vacancy subject to confirmation vote by Council. However, the office will not be vacant until after current President-elect Hohl is seated as 2024-2025 President
- The Executive Board assembled a working group with representation from each of the Board cohorts to determine a recommendation for appointment
- The Executive Board will meet July 9th to in closed session to discuss and finalize its recommendation and on July 23rd, Council will take up the confirmation vote

Retiring Council and Executive Board Members

President Drabinski acknowledged the service of outgoing ALA Executive Board members and Councilors. A full list is provided in CD #46.1.

Announcements:

- Councilor Pace acknowledged the service of President Drabinski over the last year
- Councilor and Executive Board Member Chase acknowledge the service and leadership of Immediate Past President Less Pelayo-Lozada
- Councilor Mike Marlin noted he is rolling off Council after 13 years and encouraged ALA to add accessibility to its strategic directions and for Council to keep accessibility in mind in its activities

- Councilor Eboni Henry reminded Council that the Diversity Caucus will meet immediately after this meeting
- Councilor Deb Sica acknowledged President Drabinski's service in response to the tremendous challenges and attacks while in office
- Councilor Jules Shore acknowledged ALA Governance staff in supporting Council
- Interim Executive Director Berger provided updated registration numbers:
 - 7,928 paid registrants at 116% above budget
 - 13,523 total registrants, with revenue at 123% to goal, reflecting unaudited estimated numbers of \$5.4 million to budgeted \$4.69 million
- President Drabinski asked retiring Councilors and Board members to meet for a photo after the meeting adjourns

President Drabinski expressed gratitude for her presidential year, especially to her presidential advisory committee, President-elect Cindy Hohl, ALA Parliamentarian Adrian Stratton and ALA staff.

President Drabinski adjourned the meeting.