

TO: ALA Council

DATE: January 2026

RE: *(select one)*

- ACTION REQUESTED
- INFORMATION
- REPORT

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Council Engagement & Training Committee

Action requested from Councilors is to cast their vote to: *(if applicable)*

ACTION REQUESTED BY: *Council Engagement & Training Committee*

Committee Members: A Blancarte-Hayward, M Farrell, R Fleming, R Gould, S Hollich, G Kromhout

CONTACT PERSON: *James K Teliha, jkteliha@utica.edu*

STAFF LIAISON CONTACT: *Marsha P. Burgess, Governance Officer, mburgess@ala.org*

BACKGROUND: To develop and carry out an ongoing training and engagement program for councilors.

Activities of the committee:

1. Review, maintain, and improve the council training online tutorials.
2. Support Marsha and the work of her office by whatever means necessary.
3. Work with COO and Leadership Development on a proposed merger of committees for next year.
4. Email discussions with Karen Schneider, Joanie Chavis, Sheryl Reyes, Marsha Burgess on committee merger proposals.