

ALA Committee/Taskforce Report Form to Council

TO: ALA Council

DATE: January 9, 2026

RE: *(select one)*

- ACTION REQUESTED
- INFORMATION
- REPORT

ACTION REQUESTED/INFORMATION/REPORT: *Report from the Budget and Analysis and Review Committee (BARC)*

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

ACTION REQUESTED BY: *Budget and Analysis and Review Committee (BARC)*

CONTACT PERSON: Ed Garcia, Chair

STAFF LIAISON CONTACT: Denise Moritz, ALA Director of Financial Reporting and Compliance

BACKGROUND: *(add information)*

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**Report to the ALA Council
Budget Analysis and Review Committee (BARC)
Ed Garcia, Chair**

BARC Committee Members: Ed Garcia (chair), George Gottschalk, Tim Miller, Larry Neal (Treasurer), Dr. Janice Newsum, Katy O'Neill, Mary Rzepczynski, Sophia Sotilleo, Joseph Thompson

Staff Liaison: Denise Moritz

Committee Charge: To review the proposed budget, as forwarded by the ALA executive board, in the context of the ALA strategic plan, annual priorities and budget assumptions; to review the financial performance of the association and the budget impact of potential actions of ALA council; to make budget recommendations to the ALA executive board and to report to council regarding budget analysis and process.

Recent Committee Activities:

BARC Orientation

BARC held a joint orientation session for new and returning members with the Finance & Audit Committee of the Executive Board on September 11, 2025. The orientation included an overview of ALA finances and the budgeting process from ALA Treasurer Larry Neal and finance staff as well as a detailed overview of the endowment by Senior Endowment Trustee Brett Bonfield.

Fall joint meeting with Finance & Audit Committee

BARC held a joint fall meeting with the Finance & Audit Committee of the Executive Board on October 3, 2025. Actions taken by BARC at the Fall meeting:

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- 1- Recommended approval of the final FY26 ALA-APA budget to the Finance & Audit Committee.
- 2- Recommended approval of the final FY26 ALA budget to the Finance & Audit Committee.

December joint meeting with Finance & Audit Committee

BARC held a joint meeting with the Finance & Audit Committee of the Executive Board on December 9, 2025. At this meeting both committees received a financial report from CFO Dina Tsourdinis and ALA Treasurer Neal. The committees also reviewed a proposed revision to ALA Policy 13.4.1 (G) Endowment Transfer Repayments and discussed the proposal to dissolve BARC and create a new Finance Committee as outlined in [EBD/BARC 3.15](#).

Actions taken by BARC:

- 1- APPROVED and recommended that the Budget Analysis and Review Committee (BARC) recommends to the Committee on Organization the dissolution of the Budget Analysis and Review Committee (BARC) and the creation of a new Finance Committee as outlined in [EBD/BARC 3.15](#) and requests COO to bring these actions to ALA Council at the January Council meetings.

January joint meeting with Finance & Audit Committee

BARC is scheduled to hold a joint meeting with the Finance & Audit Committee of the Executive Board on January 21, 2026.

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