

ALSC Division Councilor Report

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2018 ALA Annual Meeting—New Orleans, LA

Councilor Activities Since Spring 2018 Executive Committee Meeting

Month	Activity
Ongoing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Monitored ALA Council listserv and read all posts. 2. Monitored Youth Council Caucus ALA Connect space and read all posts.
April	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Via Zoom, attended the Spring 2018 ALSC Executive Committee Meeting. 2. Via e-mail and Google Docs, collaborated with ALSC Board colleagues on a strategic plan assessment worksheet for the Advocacy goal area. 3. Via e-mail, engaged with ALSC Executive Committee members about the possibility of extending our “Doing ALA Differently” community Forum topic into the ALSC Membership Meeting at the 2018 ALA Annual Conference.
May	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Via e-mail, discussed with ALSC Board members a potential ALSC letter of support for a proposed Innovative Approaches to Literacy (IAL) grant. 2. Via e-mail, discussed with ALSC Executive Committee members the Pura Belpré Expansion Task Force report. 3. Via e-mail, worked with ALSC President Nina Lindsay on plans for a memorial resolution honoring Mimi Kayden. 4. Via e-mail, served as a resource and Council liaison for the member group writing Mimi Kayden’s memorial resolution. 5. Via e-mail, informed ALSC Executive Committee members of the Resolution to Honor African Americans Who Fought Library Segregation to be presented at the 2018 ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans. 6. Via e-mail, discussed with ALSC Executive Committee members the Batchelder Evolution Task Force final report and next steps. 7. Via e-mail, informed ALSC Executive Committee members of a potential AASL-ALSC-YALSA joint Resolution on the Importance of Continuing Education. 8. Via e-mail, communicated with ALSC Division Councilor-Elect Julie Dietzel-Glair on the 2018 ALA Annual Conference Council and ALSC Executive Committee schedule. 9. Via e-mail, collaborated with AASL Division Councilor Diane Chen and YALSA Division Councilor Todd Krueger on Youth Council Caucus (YCC) and potential resolutions for the 2018 ALA Annual Conference.
June	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Via e-mail, continued to serve as a resource and Council liaison for the member group writing Mimi Kayden’s memorial resolution. 2. Via ALA Connect, monitored ALSC Board discussion about ALSC endorsement of the Resolution to Honor African Americans Who Fought Library Segregation. 3. Via ALA Connect/Google Forms, voted on the motion that ALSC endorse the Resolution to Honor African Americans Who Fought Library Segregation. 4. Via e-mail, monitored ALSC Board discussion about possible responses to the ALA Investment Plan (FY 19-21). 5. Prepared Councilor report for the 2018 ALA Annual Conference.

Council Issues Since Spring 2018 Executive Committee Meeting

Alternate Times for Council Forums. The bulk of conversation on the Council listserv since April surrounded alternate times for the three Council Forums traditionally held at both the ALA Midwinter Meeting and Annual Conference. While Councilors are not required to attend Forums—they are not nor have they ever been official meetings of Council—many Councilors and ALA members have expressed simultaneous interest and difficulty in attending Forums, which take place Saturday, Sunday, and Monday from 8:30-10 p.m.

In follow-up to a Midwinter 2018 suggestion that one Council Forum take place in the morning, Councilor-at-Large Karen G. Schneider facilitated a robust listserv discussion and informal vote on piloting alternate times for Council Forum at the 2018 ALA Annual Meeting. A majority of Councilors stated a strong preference for Council Forums to be scheduled in mornings or afternoons; therefore, Council Forums will take place in New Orleans according to the following pilot schedule:

- **Sunday 6/24, 7:15 am - 8:15 am** (Council I starts at 8:30 am)
- **Monday 6/25, 7:15 am - 8:15 am** (Council II starts at 8:30 am)
- **Monday 6/25, 4 pm - 5 pm** (Council III is Tuesday, 6/26 at 7:45 am)

After New Orleans, a working group will convene to determine the effectiveness of the pilot and consider next steps for future Council Forums.

Resolution to Honor African Americans Who Fought Library Segregation. Council members representing divisions, chapters, round tables, and at-large populations expressed overwhelming support for the Resolution to Honor African Americans Who Fought Library Segregation. Helmed by Councilor-at Large Sara Dallas, the effort involved collaboration between many Council members who worked to edit and refine the resolution language before it was submitted. A large number of divisions, chapters, round tables, and individual Councilors have endorsed this resolution, which will be presented to Council at the 2018 ALA Annual Conference.

Other Issues. Modest discussion occurred on several topics, such as the ongoing ALA organizational review, National Library Legislative Day, the Net Neutrality repeal, and a retirement reception and tribute resolution for Council Secretariat Lois Ann Gregory-Wood. Most other messages appearing on the Council listserv were announcements, updates, and reports; few of these posts generated more than brief discussion among Council members.