

ALSC Division Councilor Report

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Councilor Activities Since 2018 ALA Annual Conference

Month	Activity
Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitored ALA Council listserv and read all posts • Monitored Youth Council Caucus Connect Space. Note: No new posts since conference.
July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Made strides to get up to speed on methods of communication and procedures for ALSC Division Councilor • Participated in virtual ALSC Board discussion and voted regarding the next steps for the early literacy initiative • Informed ALSC Board members about discussion and upcoming Council vote regarding Resolution To Rescind Meeting Rooms: An Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights (2017-2018 ALA CD#19.6_62617_act) • Communicated with AASL and YALSA Councilors regarding a potential Council resolution regarding education
August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in ALSC Board meeting regarding the Batchelder Award Evolution Task Force via Zoom • Responded to email from ALA Member to Council Members regarding the Resolution To Rescind Meeting Rooms: An Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights (2017-2018 ALA CD#19.6_62617_act) • After consultation with fellow Board members, voted in favor of the Resolution to Rescind Meeting Rooms: An Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights • Participated in ALSC Board discussion and voted regarding the recommendations of the Batchelder Award Evolution Task Force • Made travel arrangements for attending ALSC Board Executive Committee in October
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in email discussion regarding new ALSC logo • Informed ALSC Board members about opportunities to comment on the IFC working group Meeting Room Interpretation draft • Monitored comments on Google doc for Meeting Room Interpretation draft submitted by Intellectual Freedom Committee working group • Participated in working group to select the 2019 ALSC Emerging Leader based on the merit of applications for the opportunity

Council Issues and Activity Since 2018 ALA Annual Conference

Meeting Rooms: An Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights

- July 20, 2018 – the ALA Executive Board unanimously voted to allow an online vote of Council on the Resolution to Rescind Meeting Rooms: An Interpretation of the *Library Bill of Rights* (2017-2018 ALA CD#19.6_62617_act).
- Thursday, July 26 through Thursday, August 9 – Discussion was held regarding the resolution

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- August 9 through August 16 – An electronic vote was held regarding the resolution. The resolution passed with 97% of councilors voting in favor (Voting results can be seen [here](#).)
- September 4 – The Intellectual Freedom Committee (IFC) working group presented a new draft for Meeting Rooms: An Interpretation of the *Library Bill of Rights* and invited comments on the [Google doc](#) through September 14.
- It is expected that a new Meeting Room Interpretation will be voted on by Council before the 2019 Midwinter Meeting.

Organizational Effectiveness

- Discussion on the organizational effectiveness of ALA as a whole is ongoing. After seeking input from at the 2018 Midwinter Meeting and Annual Conference, and working in tandem with Tecker International, the Steering Committee on Organizational Effectiveness has an official charge:
 - “The Steering Committee on Organizational Effectiveness will carry out a comprehensive review and study of ALA's governance, member participation and legal structures and systems, with the goal of proposing changes that will vitalize its success, strength and agility as a 21st century association. The Steering Committee will provide advice and support to the Executive Board on priority improvements. The work of the Steering Committee will focus on membership development and engagement, and on encompassing the diversity of voices that enrich ALA through incorporating the perspectives, interests and contributions of a wide variety of stakeholders and affiliated groups. Its work will be mission driven and embrace the Association's core values. Through input and feedback from across the Association, the Steering Committee will explore alternative models and reorganization possibilities. It will work with the Executive Team and a consultant to formulate and present its findings and recommendations to the Executive Board”

Council Forum Schedule

- A new forum schedule for council members was piloted at the 2018 Annual Conference. The results of that pilot and schedule for forums at the 2019 Midwinter Meeting are still pending.