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The ALA Committee on Accreditation has dropped its long-standing policy of holding all of its meetings as closed sessions. Beginning with the 1979 ALA midwinter meeting, the Committee will open its deliberations to all members of the association, going into closed session only when considering matters relating to applications for accreditation visits, deliberations on site visit reports, and discussion and action on annual reports received from accredited programs.

The Committee is responsible for awarding accreditation to graduate library education programs in institutions in the United States and Canada. There are now 64 accredited library education programs, and several new applicants are evaluated each year.

The new open meeting policy will improve communication between the committee and the faculties and students of library schools as well as allowing ALA members to observe the working of one of the association's most important committees.