The OLPR Advisory Committee has appointed a new Task Force on Minimum Qualifications for Librarians. The task force is reviewing issues relating to the MLS as a valid job prerequisite, as well as issues related to equivalent qualifications attained through alternative routes.

The task force will make recommendations as to ALA’s role in these areas. Chairing the group is Henry W. Garland III, Los Angeles, California. Other members are: Lester E. Asheim, University of No. Carolina School of Library Science; Julie Blume, University of No. Carolina Health Sciences Library; Diana Cohen, State Library of Ohio; Keith Cottam, Joint University Libraries, Nashville; Mildred Fisher, Queensborough Public Library, New York; Sue Mahmood, Minnesota Office of Public Libraries and Interlibrary Cooperation; and Glen Zimmerman, Library of Congress. David Dowell, Duke University Libraries is OLPR Advisory Committee liaison.

The task force welcomes statements of concern from ALA members and others. Contact Margaret Myers, ALA/OLPR, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, IL 60611.