

Core Town Hall 4 Q&A

December 13, 2019

1. **Assessment CoP supports additional of Assessment as a 6th section.** (Anne Moore)
2. **What would the 6th section be?** (Anonymous Attendee)
3. **I fully support making Assessment a 6th section within CORE. I agree that we've done some important work related to our organizational structure, support for more agility in project-related activities and member engagement, and of course assessment cuts across all three areas of LITA, ALCTS and LLAMA - lots of possibilities for collaboration across these functional areas, as well as others. I'm biased of course, but I think it also makes sense.** (Nancy Turner)
A: Thanks, we fully agree
4. **How do we get an email list of the people who are subscribed to an area of ALA Connect?** (Anne Moore)
A: We can't. It's a privacy feature, but people can connect through Connect
5. **One question that's come up a few times: what would happen to publications/awards and their names if Core goes forward? Will the publications and awards continue? Would their names have to change if they refer to one of the former divisions?** (Tyler Dzuba)
A: Initially all pubs/awards would go forward. During the transition we would look at each one. I know some of the awards, at least in ALCTS and LLAMA, have struggled for nominations in recent years. We're collecting that data to help inform the conversation. For any sponsored awards we'll have to talk with the sponsor about transitioning their support as a Core award. Pubs will definitely go forward, both now and during the transition. ALCTS in particular has a strong pubs program.
6. **And how long would an awards ceremony run!?! ;-)** (Anonymous Attendee)
7. **Another note on awards: the landscape of sponsors is continually changing as vendors merge and staff who had close relationships with divisions have retired or moved on.** (Keri Cascio)
8. **Is there an opportunity for new and increased scholarships/sponsorships to support member participation in programming, conferences and continuing education?** (Erica Findley)
9. **I know you've answered this, but to make it clear: why can't the divisions keep doing joint conferences and events while they're separate?** (Tyler Dzuba)
10. **I'm still feeling concern over finances, especially if there is member attrition as a result of the merge. Do you have any reassurances, shared concerns, back-up game**

plans? (Anonymous Attendee)

11. **With the specialization of staff roles, will you be able to document structures, timelines, and generally outline how the membership should accomplish their work? We, as members, struggle to figure out how to work through the procedures and processes to accomplish our goals.** (Anne Moore)
12. **If Divisions stay separate, how will the declining membership continue to impact them? Right now it sounds like new services can't be offered, but how long before existing services are impacted?** (Erica Findley)
13. **Will the November forum still occur if the outcome of voting at annual on whether to combine is a 'no' ?** (Anonymous Attendee)
14. **To be honest, the more I hear about this the less confident I am** (Anonymous Attendee)
A: Could you expand on that?
15. **How set in stone is the name Core? I think a merger is a good idea, but the name is so meaningless as to have no ability to attract new members** (Diane Boehr)
16. **I hope the steering committee realizes that it just doesn't augur well for the stated values of "transparency" etc., that the membership was allowed no input into the choice of name.** (Anonymous Attendee)
17. **Is it perhaps not that ALA isn't providing value, but there is increasing "competition" from more specialized areas of library work. I worry that with CORE, members may find it even more difficult to see ALA as their home.** (Anonymous Attendee)
18. **and the majority of people at the combined board meeting disliked "Futures" yet there it is. Just 1 example of how the leadership of this is focusing on what THEY think is important** (AMANDA ROS)
19. **Interesting that one person is feeling less confident, because I'm feeling more confident from attending this today and hearing what has been said.** (Anonymous Attendee)
20. **Kerry, this is being rushed. Input from members is falling on deaf ears and the sole concern is money, not member needs** (Anonymous Attendee)
21. **"this is the best we could come up with" doesn't make me confident at all** (AMANDA ROS)

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