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**Report to ALA Council
Policy Monitoring Committee
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In accordance with Policy A.4.2.6 of the ALA *Policy Manual*, the Policy Monitoring Committee (PMC) has reviewed all actions taken by the ALA Council during the 2016 ALA Annual Conference for possible incorporation into, addition to, or changes to the ALA *Policy Manual*. Based on Council actions at the Annual Conference in Orlando, FL, the Policy Monitoring Committee finds the following two items that require Council action:

Item #1: At the 2016 ALA Annual Conference, the Committee on Organization (COO) recommended that the ALA Council define a subdivision of ALA as a Division or Roundtable. Based on Council's action, **PMC MOVES INSERTION** of the following definition as section A.4.3.18 to read as follows:

“A sub-division is a Division or a Roundtable.”

Item #2: At the 2016 ALA Annual Conference the Intellectual Freedom Committee (IFC) recommended that ALA Council accept an interpretation of *Library Bill of Rights* regarding religion in libraries. Based on Council's action, **PMC MOVES INSERTION** of the following interpretation as section B.2.1.26:

“The First Amendment guarantees the right of individuals to believe and practice their religion or to practice no religion at all, and prohibits government from establishing or endorsing a religion or religions. Thus the freedom of, for and from religion, are similarly guaranteed. The First Amendment also guarantees the corollary right of individuals to receive information on religious topics. Libraries support this right by providing access to diverse religious thought without becoming a proponent of any of them.”

In Conclusion

The Committee would like to thank our staff liaison, Lois Ann Gregory-Wood, for her knowledge sharing, her patience, and her cheerful, ready assistance.

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