

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT

TO: ALA COUNCIL

DATE: JUNE 3, 2022

RE: REVIEW OF COUNCIL ACTIONS 2008 TO 2021

In accordance with Policy A.4.2.6 of the ALA Policy Manual, the Policy Monitoring Committee has reviewed actions by the ALA Council during the January 2022 Virtual Meeting and the March 2022 Virtual Meeting for incorporation into, addition to, or changes to the ALA Policy Manual.

Based on Council Actions the committee has no Policy Manual updates to report.

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REPORT:

In January 2022 the Policy Monitoring Committee began a review of Council Actions taken during midwinter meetings and annual conferences from 2008 to 2021. The purpose of the review is to

- Identify Council Actions that warrant inclusion in the Policy Manual and if the appropriate text was inserted into the Policy Manual
- Trace the actions taken to include the most current updates needed in the Policy Manual
- Reconcile discrepancies in policies and text in both the PDF and Web versions of the Policy Manual
- Make recommendations for updated text, edits or deletions of policies in the Policy Manual.

As part of the review discrepancies and needed changes or corrections to policies have been recorded and will be used to make recommendations to Council.

The committee has experienced several challenges in conducting this review of Council actions. The Council Action reports do not include text of approved resolutions and so they had to depend on Council minutes to verify text of documents. When there was a delay in approving committee reports and subsequent delays in recordings additions or updates to the manual, the verification required multiple year searches. In some instances, the edited text was not consistent with the approved text.

The inability to make electronic searches of the ALA Policy Manual added considerable time to determine the status of policies in the manual. The review process required a check of two additional sources to complete verification of the text of each policy, namely, the PDF version and Web version of the policy manual that appear of the ALA website.

The results of this initial review of Council Actions 2008 to 2021 have been recorded on a spreadsheet and will be used to complete the reconciliations needed in the ALA Policy Manual.

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