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ALA Executive Board
June 15, 2009 Conference Call


ACTION REQUESTED: Referral of specific recommendations

DRAFT MOTION:
The Executive Board confirms referral of CD#35-2, 35-3, 35-4, 35-5 to the Policy Monitoring Committee, as indicated in Council discussion (Council II and Council III, 2009 ALA Midwinter Meeting) and asks staff to transmit CD#35 and the transcript of the Council discussion to PMC.

The Executive Board confirms referral of CD#35-1, 35-2, 35-4, 35-5 to the Budget Analysis & Review Committee, as indicated in Council discussion and in CD#35 and asks staff to transmit CD#35 and the transcript of the Council discussion to BARC.

The Executive Board refers CD#35-6, 35-7, 35-8, 35-9, 35-10, 35-11, 35-15 to BARC to review the direct and indirect financial implications and asks staff to transmit CD#35 and the transcript of the Council discussion to BARC.

The Executive Board refers CD#35.11 to the Policy Monitoring Committee to review related procedures and protocols and make recommendations to the ALA Council.

The Executive Board refers CD#35.12 and 35.13 to Constitution and Bylaws Committee to review and recommend revisions to Bylaws Articles VIII, Section 8, and X, and make recommendations to the ALA Council.

The Executive Board refers CD#35.14 to the Committee on Training, Orientation and Leadership Development to incorporate information about ALA policies regarding the conduct of business, including the Open Meetings Policy and related policies and practices of the Association, in future orientation and training for ALA leaders, and asks staff to transmit CD#35 to TOLD.

The ALA Executive Board notes that the charges of several ALA committees cover areas addressed by this report, asks those committees to review the report and, in their ongoing work, specifically address the recommendations for electronic participation from their various perspectives. The Board asks staff to transmit CD#35 to the following groups: the ALA...
Conference Committee, the ALA Web Advisory Committee, the ALA Committee on Organization.

The ALA Executive Board notes concerns related to accessibility expressed in the Council debate and asks the ASCLA LSSPS Accessibility Assembly to review the report and work with other groups across the Association as they address e-participation issues, to ensure that accessibility is considered.

REQUESTED BY: Keith Michael Fiels, Executive Director
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DATE: 15 June 2009

BACKGROUND:

• At the 2007 Annual Conference, ALA Council: VOTED, That a formal task force be established by President Loriene Roy charged with examining existing documents and developing recommendations to adapt association policy so as to help ALA move forward with effective e-participation practices; and that the task force complete its charge by Midwinter 2009. (ALA CD#27.1, Item #2, Committee on Organization Report on the Establishment of a Task Force.)

• In August 2007, Loriene Roy and Jim Rettig appointed the Task Force on Electronic Member Participation: “To examine existing documents and develop recommendations to adapt ALA policies to help the Association move forward with effective e-participation practices; to survey current and planned e-participation throughout the ALA and its units; to explore, in consultation with BARC, the financial implications of expanded e-participation; and to report its findings to the ALA Council at the 2009 ALA Midwinter Meeting in Denver, CO.”


• At Council II, ALA Council approved items 1-4 of the TFOEMP Report. In discussion, several items were referred to the Policy Monitoring Committee; no formal motion to refer was made. (Note that the original motion on item 4 referred to COO.) The Report itself urges BARC review and referral to BARC was implicit in the debate, but again no motion to refer was made. The Executive Board is asked to formalize referrals that are already understood.

• At Council III, ALA Council again took up item 4 in the TFOEMP Report. Following extensive debate and several changes, ALA Council again approved item 4 as revised, with an explicit referral to Policy Monitoring Committee rather than COO.

• At Council III, ALA Council approved item 5, with discussion indicating referral to PMC and BARC.
• At Council III, ALA Council referred items 6-16 to the ALA Executive Board, “to investigate general options for Council’s consideration, soliciting input from the ALA Executive Director, the Budget Analysis and Review Committee, and other bodies as the Executive Board deems necessary.” Management is recommending that the Board refer specific items to other appropriate bodies, as indicated in the draft motion.

• Additional status information will be provided in a separate document.