**ALA Councilor Report for Virginia Library Association, April 2023**

**ALA Council Documents are located here:** [**https://www.ala.org/aboutala/governance/council/documents**](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/governance/council/documents)

  **Meetings Attended by ALA Councilor since last report**

* ALA LibLearnX, January 2023, New Orleans, LA
	+ ALA Governance Institute, January 27, 2023, 9:00 – 1:00 PM
	+ ALA Special Council Session, January 27, 2023, 1:00 – 5:00 PM
	+ ALA-APA Meeting, January 28, 2023, 2:00 – 2:30 PM
	+ ALA Council I, January 28, 2023, 2:30 – 5:30 PM
	+ ALA Council II, January 29, 2023, 1:30 – 4:45 PM

**Highlights:**

* ALA held a [Special Council](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%208.1%20Special%20Council%20Session%20AGENDA_FINAL_0.pdf) session on January 27 for the sole purpose of approving the bylaws.
* Emily Drabinski, chair of the Committee on Committees, presented the [nominations for the elections to the Executive Board.](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%2011%20Report%20of%20the%20ALA%20Council%20Committee%20on%20Committees-Executive%20Board%20Election%202023-2026.pdf)
* Motions to approve [an extended timeline for the current ALA membership model until FY25](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%2044.1%20Extended%20Membership%20Timeline%20for%20Council.pdf), and a five-year approval beginning in FY24 to allow for the Executive Board to make [annual dues adjustments](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%2044.2%20Resolution%20on%20Adjusting%20Membership%20Dues.pdf), both passed. Council passed an amendment to keep dues free for those on the IRRT (International Relations Round Table).
* Resolution was passed [to continue virtual access to ALA membership](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%2033-33.1%20BARC%20Report%20.pdf) meetings.
* Proposed action relating to approve a 2022 Revision of the ALA Core Competencies of Librarianship to [reflect revised language about ALA accreditation](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%2041%20Committee%20on%20Education_action%20item_0.pdf), which passed.
* [Afiliate status for LiteracyNation, Inc](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%2045%20LiteracyNation%20Application.pdf)., approved.
* [Resolution on Human Rights and Freedom of Speech and Expression in Iran](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%2051%20Resolution%20Human%20Rights%20and%20Freedom%20of%20Speech%20and%20Expression%20in%20Iran_REVISED_1.pdf), approved.
* Resolution on [Revising the Code of Conduct](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%2052%20Code%20of%20Conduct%20Resolution.pdf) as amended, was put forward. The resolution was referred to the Executive Board.
* Resolution to establish [policy monitoring oversight](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%2053%20Resolution%20on%20Executive%20Board%20Oversight.pdf) for the Executive Board, was referred to the Committee on Organization (COO).

Full summaries can be found:

<https://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/blogs/the-scoop/ala-council-i-liblearnx23/>

<https://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/blogs/the-scoop/ala-council-ii-memorials-and-resolutions/>

Results of the 2023 ALA Election can be found [here](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/governance/ExecutiveBoard/20222023Docs/23-ALA%20Final%20Report%20Certified%20TEXT.pdf).

*---Submitted by Kerri Copus, April 18, 2023*