

ALA Councilor Report for Virginia Library Association, September 2022

ALA Council Documents are located here:

<https://www.ala.org/aboutala/governance/council/documents>

I. Meetings Attended by ALA Councilor since last report

- a. ALA Annual Conference, June 2022, Washington DC
 - i. ALA Council Community Reception
 - ii. ALA Council I, II, and III
 1. Committee reports
 2. Officer reports
 3. Highlights of action items discussed and voted on:
 - a. Resolution calling for ALA to support student loan cancellation (passed)
 - b. Resolution in defense of the right to engage in political boycotts (did not pass)
 - c. Resolution calling on ALA to stop holding conferences in places that do not support bodily autonomy (did not pass)
 - d. Resolution statement on damage and destruction of libraries in Ukraine (passed)
 - e. Resolution to approve travel grant proposal (passed)
 - f. Resolution on continuing virtual access to ALA membership meetings (passed)
 - g. Transforming ALA Governance: [This article in Library Journal summarizes actions taken at ALA Annual 2022.](#)
 - i. TAG recommendations voted on after being postponed twice.
 - ii. Council will retain its authority as a policy-making body, rather than handing off power to the executive board
 - iii. Added representative from Rainbow Roundtable to the proposed Executive Committee structure
 - iv. Voted to disband Council Forum

Note: Official minutes from the ALA Annual 2022 meetings were not available at the time of writing this report. All proposed resolutions mentioned above are available on the council documents webpage.

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