

American Library Association Committee on Organization Report to Council

2017 Midwinter Meeting
Atlanta, GA

INFORMATION ITEMS:

The ALA Website Advisory Committee (WAC) presented a proposal to change the name and charge of WAC.

BACKGROUND: WAC noted that all technology is web-enabled in some fashion now and proposed that the charge of the Committee be expanded to include all ALA technology services and products, whether used by ALA members, staff, or the public. In addition, WAC proposed that the name of the Committee be changed to the ALA Information Technology Advisory Committee, while keeping the current composition structure.

The proposed name and charge changes are as follows:

Recommended Name: ALA Information Technology Advisory Committee

2016-2017

COO approved the following minor editorial revisions to the composition of the Committee on Accreditation and to the charges of the Committee on Diversity and the Committee on Literacy.

a. Committee on Accreditation

The current composition of the Committee on Accreditation is as follows:

Twelve (12) Members, which includes a chairperson appointed annually and drawn from the continuing membership of the Committee:

- Two (2) Public Members with two-year, staggered terms (may be renewed once);
- Eight (8) ALA Members with four-year, staggered terms (non-renewable);
- One (1) Canadian Member with a four-year, staggered term (non-renewable), who is appointed in consultation with the Canadian Library Association;
- One (1) designated Dean/Director position with a four-year, staggered term (non-renewable) made by the ALA appointing officer from a list of recommendations made by the ALISE Council of Deans and Directors

Due to the dissolution of the Canadian Library Association, the Committee on Accreditation's Canadian Member will now be appointed in consultation with the Canadian Federation of Library Associations. The new composition is as follows:

Twelve (12) Members, which includes a chairperson appointed annually and drawn from the continuing membership of the Committee:

- Two (2) Public Members with two-year, staggered terms (may be renewed once);
- Eight (8) ALA Members with four-year, staggered terms (non-renewable);
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b. Committee on Diversity

The current charge of the Committee on Diversity is as follows:

To provide a forum to research, monitor, discuss, and address national diversity issues and trends. To analyze and address the impact of diversity issues and trends on the profession, and the relevance and effectiveness of library leadership, library organizations and library services to an increasingly diverse society. To provide to Council and ALA membership information, needed for the establishment of ALA policies, actions, and initiatives related to national diversity issues and trends. To encourage and facilitate diversity in ALA membership

and the recruitment and retention of a diverse workforce in the profession as a whole. To encourage and facilitate diversity in ALA leadership and leadership development. To facilitate a broad awareness of how and why diversity is unequivocally linked to all ALA areas of concern such as intellectual freedom, education and continual learning, literacy and

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other ALA units, including the Washington Office, on efforts that have a literacy focus; to develop and maintain partnerships with national literacy organizations.

Due to the recent merger of the Office for Diversity with the Office for Literacy and Outreach Services into the Office for Diversity, Literacy, and Outreach Services, the new charge is as follows:

To develop and recommend the Association's policies related to the promotion of literacy; to develop and encourage the development of programs, educational opportunities, and other resources that assist librarians and libraries in promoting literacy; to raise the awareness of literacy within the Association; to work cooperatively with the Literacy Assembly, the ~~Office for Literacy and Outreach Services~~ Office for Diversity, Literacy, and Outreach Services and its Advisory Committee, and other ALA units, including the Washington Office, on efforts that have a literacy focus; to develop and maintain partnerships with national literacy organizations.

Respectfully submitted to the ALA Council, Sunday, January 22, 2017.

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