



**Resolutions Committee (RC) Report to Council (CD10.1)  
Midwinter Conference 2020—Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
January 26, 2020**

**Recent work by the Resolutions Committee**

In addition to robust email and ALA Connect communication, [the Resolutions committee held one online meeting between the Annual 2019 and Midwinter 2020 conferences.](#) Discussion highlights and subsequent actions included:

- Review/debriefing of 2019 Annual Council Orientation resolution role play and decision to continue it at the 2020 Midwinter meeting
- RC landing and guidelines web pages: difficulty Locating via complex URL, research into tiny URL and improve visibility of these pages in general
- Review of various training materials, including orientation slides and handouts, sample resolutions, and training documents
- Online Hours
  - Review of RC 2019 office hours online pilot chat function using the libraryh3lp software.
  - Decision to utilize Zoom Conferencing for RC office hours online component beginning at MW 20.
  - Decision to move RC Table location away from ALA Office and to Council Chambers. Resolutions Table hours are provided to Council each conference.
- Review of initial Conclusions of ALA Task Force to Explore Online Deliberation and Voting
- RC Mentoring program: Mentoring responsibility will encompass more comprehensive Council focus (more than just crafting resolutions) and shift to Council Orientation Committee

Note: In addition to allowing Council and other membership to interact with the Resolutions Committee online the Zoom component is designed to untether Committee members from the Resolutions Table, therefore when convenient to enable them to host online office hours from other locations such as near the Exhibits area. Consensus to continue a physical presence will mean dual in-person and online office hours at MW2020.

The following clarification first appeared in the RC 2019 MW Report to Council:

“Clarification of Fiscal Implication provision of the ALA Policy Manual”

The Resolutions Committee may forward resolutions with fiscal implications to BARC prior to or during conference. Communication between BARC, RC, and the resolution's movers should be a routine practice. To mitigate against past concerns that these resolutions may lack timely responses, BARC has added a second optional meeting on Monday afternoons to ensure that resolutions with fiscal implications will be addressed during the conference from which they emanate.

As a reminder, the following was added to ALA Policy Manual A.4.2.3 at the 2018 Annual Meeting:

- a. At a Council meeting, a resolution which the Resolutions Committee has deemed to have fiscal implications is moved and seconded by its proponents.
- b. The proponents of the resolution open the debate on the resolution they have initiated.
- c. Council members are then invited to briefly debate the resolution.
- d. After a brief debate, BARC Chair (or designate) moves to refer the resolution to BARC and then explains the potential fiscal implications that necessitate the referral.
- e. Other members are then invited to debate the motion to refer.
- f. The motion to refer to BARC is then put to a vote.

### **Special Thanks**

Huge thanks to Bill Sudduth for stepping in as RC acting chair at this conference while RC chair Mike Marlin continues his recovery at home from back surgery. Mike will be monitoring submitted resolutions virtually and looks forward to seeing everyone in person at 2020 Annual in Chicago. Vivaldi sends his service canine greetings.

The committee would like to thank Ed Sanchez, ALA Resolutions Committee Chair from 2016-2019, and commend him for his hard work and dedication spearheading the revamping of Council orientation materials and online resolutions training documents and videos.

### **In-person and online Office Hours**

Location: Pennsylvania Convention Center, Terrace IV Ballroom (Council Chambers)  
Online: Zoom Online (hours same as schedule below)

#### *Saturday, January 25*

- 9:30 –11:00 am
- 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
- 1:30 - 2:30pm (Resolutions Committee Meeting)

#### *Sunday, January 26*

- 1:00 - 2:30 pm
- 2:30 - 4:00 pm

Monday, January 27

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Join Zoom Online Office: <https://ala-events.zoom.us/j/272833140>

Meeting ID: 272 833 140

Information about the Zoom Online Office Hours Feature can also be found via:

[http://www.ala.org/aboutala/governance/council/resolution\\_guidelines](http://www.ala.org/aboutala/governance/council/resolution_guidelines)

Note: Eli Mina, ALA Parliamentarian, will also be available at the ALA Resolutions Table (Council Chambers) for consultation as his schedule permits.

- Information about the resolution process

An online training series for resolution preparation is available at:

[http://www.ala.org/aboutala/governance/council/resolution\\_guidelines](http://www.ala.org/aboutala/governance/council/resolution_guidelines)

Proposed resolutions can be submitted to the Resolutions Committee at:

[alaresolutions@ala.org](mailto:alaresolutions@ala.org)

Questions, comments and/or feedback re: the resolution process can be sent to:

[ala-resolution-feedback-request@ala.org](mailto:ala-resolution-feedback-request@ala.org)

For further clarification on the resolutions process, please refer to the latest version of Robert's Rules of Order.

Respectfully submitted,

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