**Executive Board Liaison Update to Staff and Member Leaders**

**February 2022**

**Submitted by Larry Neal, ALA Executive Board Member at Large and PLA Liaison**

This monthly update is for information only to provide consistent talking points across association leadership and to facilitate communication between you and your Executive Board (EB) liaison. Please contact me at any time with any questions, comments, concerns or matters you would like to share with the EB.

Key highlights from the February 15, 2022 Executive Board meetings:

* **Executive Director Update**
  + Equity, Diversity, Inclusion Social Justice (EDISJ) Update on four major priorities:
    - adoption of the [Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Scorecard for Library and Information Organizations](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/2021%20EQUITY%20SCORECARD%20FOR%20LIBRARY%20AND%20INFORMATION%20ORGANIZATIONS.pdf) created by the Committee on Diversity and Office for Diversity, Literacy and Outreach Services
    - adopt a maximum three-year cycle for comprehensive EDI training and education for all staff.
    - identifying and implementing strategies that will strengthen equitable and inclusive hiring practices
    - launch the Institute for the Study of Race in Libraries and Information Technologies as part of the Center for the Future of Libraries in FY22
* **ALA Executive Board Spring Meeting** - the Board decided to meet in person for their Spring meeting and provided topics to be placed on the agenda.

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| **Board Approved Action** | **ALA Office** | **Responsible Person** |
| ALA Executive Board directs the Executive Director to adopt an EDI focus in the evaluation of LIS programs conducted by the Committee on Accreditation, including consideration of curriculum, faculty, and student composition. | Executive Office | Tracie Hall |
| ALA Executive Board approves the Annual Conference 2022 Health Protocols. | Conference Services | Earla Jones |

The ALA Executive Board adjourned into closed session.

*Note: The EB goes into closed session to discuss matters that should not be discussed publicly for legal reasons, may be sensitive in nature, or are not yet ready to be announced.*

The next EB meeting is Tuesday, March 15, 2022. The full EB meeting schedule can be found [here](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/ala-governance-meetings). For more information on any of the listed reports above, please visit the Executive Board Document (EBD) site available [here](https://www.ala.org/aboutala/executive-board-document-inventory-2021-2022).