

**REPORT TO ALA COUNCIL OF THE  
ALA POLICY MANUAL REVISION WORKING GROUP**

**ALA LLX 2024  
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**TO:** ALA Council  
**FR:** Brian E. C. Schottlaender, *Co-Chair*  
ALA Policy Manual Revision Working Group  
**RE:** Information Report

INFORMATION REPORT

In July 2023, following the affirmative membership vote to approve the General Revision of the ALA Bylaws in the first half of 2023, the ALA Executive Board constituted the ALA Policy Manual Revision Working Group (APM/RWG)—with representation from the Bylaws Committee, the Committee on Organization, and the Policy Manual Review Committee—and charged us with revising the ALA Policy Manual to include recommended policy insertions from the adoption of the General Revision of the ALA Bylaws. We were asked to complete our work by LibLearnX 2025 and have been meeting monthly ever since.

In August 2023, the ALA Executive Board revised our charge via housekeeping, as follows:

*Move that the Council approve the creation of a joint working group of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, the Policy Monitoring Committee, and the Committee on Organization to carry out a general revision of the ALA Policy Manual, including recommended policy insertions from the adoption of the General Revision of the ALA Bylaws.*

After reviewing the structure of Part A of the ALA Policy Manual, Appendix A to the General Revision of the ALA Bylaws, and a document prepared by Working Group member Aaron Dobbs (“Policy Manual (2021) to Bylaws (2023) Connections”), the Working Group moved all of the insertions recommended in Appendix A to the General Revision of the Bylaws into a working copy of Part A of the Policy Manual in order to create a single working document. Then, in order to begin harmonizing and updating the language in the working document, we solicited and received Working Group volunteers to lead the work on individual chapters as follows:

**ALA Policy Manual Revision WG  
Chapter Assignments**

1	BECS
2	Robison
3	Smith
4	Pace
5	Pace
6	Pace
7	Dobbs
8	BECS
9	Pace
10	Robison
11	Rzepczynski
12	Carrillo
13	Pace
14	Negro
15	BECS
16	Harvey
17	Dobbs
18	Negro
19	Negro

We are now systematically making our way through the document, continuing to maintain our monthly meeting schedule. While we have not yet settled on a mechanism, we do plan to share the results of our work as they become available.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian E. C. Schottlaender, *Co-chair*

**WG Members:**

- Elena Carrillo, *Co-chair*
- Brian Schottlaender, *Co-chair*
- Aaron Dobbs
- Carl Harvey
- Toni Negro
- Andrew Pace
- Mark Robison
- Mary Rzepczynski
- Daniella Smith
- Steven Yates, *Executive Board Liaison*

**WG Staff Support:**

- Marsha Burgess
- Sheryl Reyes
- Holly Robison
- Adrian Stratton