**TO:** PLA Board of Directors

**RE:** Meeting with Public Library Councilors

**DATE:** June 14, 2022

**SUBMITTED** Mary Hirsh, PLA Deputy Director

**ACTION REQUESTED/INFORMATION/REPORT:** Information

PLA invited councilors from public libraries to a virtual meeting on June 7. This was in keeping with recent past practice to engage councilors prior to Midwinter and Annual meetings as a way to share PLA perspective on key issues coming before Council. The June meeting covered Transforming ALA Governance (TAG) and the Operating Agreement Work Group (OAWG). Melanie Huggins, Stephanie Chase and Clara Bohrer spoke on behalf of PLA, with staff moderating.

PLA reiterated the position to stated at Annual in June 2021 regarding TAG. PLA supports:

* Direct elections to the ALA Board of Directors
* A smaller, purely advisory Council
* Improved two-way communication to tap broad expertise
* Changes that have understood and responsible fiscal impact

While the Operating Agreement is not up for a vote at Annual, it is on the agenda for an update and discussion. PLA reiterated its support for a revised Operating Agreement that emphasizes:

* One ALA to support financial stability
* Simplified financial reporting
* Aligning financial, budget and strategic planning to Pivot Plan
* ALA resourced to cover shared infrastructure costs, support mission work
* Preserve Division and RT autonomy
* Encourage innovation

At the request of Councilors, PLA developed a set of talking points for use in Council meetings.

Stephanie Chase and Erica Freudenberger will keep the Board updated on Council actions. Clara Bohrer will do the same for any activity on the Operating Agreement Work Group.