

TO: Core Board of Directors

TOPIC: Division Councilor Report December 2023

ACTION / INFORMATION / REPORT: REPORT

ACTION REQUESTED BY: Rachel Fleming, Core Division Councilor

SUBMITTED: November 11, 2023

SUMMARY

Council activities from September through November 2023 including Division Councilor's meeting and Virtual ALA Council Meeting, November 30, 2024. Reminders about ALA Membership and Governance meetings during LibLearnX 2024 in January.

BACKGROUND

Division Councilors gathered virtually October 17th. Discussion included topics covered in the October ALA and ALA-APA Board Meetings, and the meeting schedules of Division Boards. Division Councilors found the gathering useful and plan to continue to have informal monthly gatherings.

PLA Councilor Deb Sica forwards a **request from the LGBTQIA+ Library Workers Taskforce AD Hoc Council Committee**, whose charge is to determine a strategy for addressing and tracking retaliatory employment cases against LGBTQIA+ library workers and develop a communications plan that highlights ALA's available resources specific to the LGBTQIA+ library worker community. A collection of our Division's Resources is requested for the report which is due to be delivered at ALA Annual.

A **special meeting of ALA Council** was called for November 30th, 2023. The purpose of this special Council Meeting is to receive an update from the Committee on Accreditation to vote on adoption of a further revision of the Standards for Accreditation of Master's Programs in Library and Information Studies. Programs seeking accreditation from the ALA have responded to revised Standards drafts in the past two years and are indicating readiness to begin applying a revision for reviews. Two other items were added to the agenda, Executive Director Search Update, and Election Rules for Executive Board Election.

LibLearnX will once again feature a Governance institute on the afternoon of January 19th, as well as Council Meetings. Access the full schedule on the [ALA Governance Meetings website](#).

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

NA

ACTION REQUESTED

Charge the Access and Equity Section to gather available resources specific to the LGBTQIA+ library worker community offered through Core for inclusion in the LGBTQIA+ Library Workers Taskforce AD Hoc Council Committee report.